

# **Burrard Civic Marina Community Association**

## **Annual General Meeting - Minutes**

June 2, 2014, 7 PM, at the Billy Bishop Legion Pub, 1407 Laburnum St., Vancouver.

**Attendees:** Grant, Trish, Floyd, Mike & Sharon, Ken C., JC, Sean.

### **1. Call to Order:**

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:15 PM

### **2. Proof of Quorum:**

Per the Association bylaws, which are based on the Society Act Schedule B, (without modifications), Part 4 (Proceedings at General Meetings), article 16(3) states that:

“a quorum is 3 members present or a greater number that the members may determine at a general meeting.”

There being 8 members present, the quorum requirement had been met.

### **3. Proof of Notice:**

Proof of Notice is covered under the Society Act Schedule B under Part 11 (Notices to Members), as follows:

58 A notice may be given to a member, either personally or by mail to the member at the member's registered address.

59 A notice sent by mail is deemed to have been given on the second day following the day on which the notice is posted, and in proving that the notice has been given, it is sufficient to prove the notice was properly addressed and put in a Canadian post office receptacle.

60 (1) Notice of a general meeting must be given to

- (a) Every member shown on the register of members on the day notice is given, and
- (b) The auditor, if Part 10 applies.

(2) No other person is entitled to receive a notice of a general meeting.

Notice of the AGM was given by e-mail to all members with e-mail addresses registered with the association, on June 18, 2014. While the bylaws as found in Schedule B do not explicitly state it, it was considered that a minimum of two weeks notice would be considered an acceptable practice in keeping with how most other societies operate.

It was also noted that per the Society Act Schedule B, article 14:

The first annual general meeting of the society must be held not more than 15 months after the date of incorporation and after that an annual general meeting must be held at least once in every calendar year and not more than 15 months after the holding of the last preceding annual general meeting.

The group registered as a Society under the BC Societies Act by sending a cover letter, all necessary documents, and filing fee, dated June 11, 2013. A Confirmation of Service was received, certifying the incorporation of the Burrard Civic Marina Community Association on **June 14, 2013**. As such, the first annual general meeting of the society was well within the 15 month limit.

#### 4. Financial Report:

Treasurer Peter V. could not attend, but asked JC to report that the group had approximately \$450 in the bank, (including fees received ahead of the opening of the meeting), and expected to bring in more money as members renewed for the new fiscal year.

#### 5. Old Business:

This being the first AGM of the Burrard Civic Marina Community Association, there was no Old Business.

#### 6. Agenda:

Per the notice of AGM issued on June 18, 2014, several amendments to the standard Schedule B bylaws were proposed:

##### **AMENDMENT No. 1: Part 2 – Membership**

###### **PRE-AMBLE:**

To better reflect the boat-based nature of our association, it was desired to change the basis of membership to one based on a “per-boat” basis, where membership dues are charged only per boat, not per boat owner, spouse, family member or other method whereby multiple users or owners of the same boat would be asked to pay for membership in order to have representation in the group. Once any owner of a boat has asked for membership in the association, paid the dues, and been accepted, any and all other users of the boat, be they co-owners, spouse, family members, etc., would be free to join the group’s online discussion forums, and represent the boat at meetings.

###### **RESOLUTION:**

Change line 4 from “a person may apply to the directors for membership in the society and on acceptance by the directors is a member” to "**Membership dues shall be charged on a per-boat basis. A person representing a boat may apply to the directors for membership in the society and on acceptance by the directors is a member. Any co-owners, or spouse of an owner who so wish to become members shall be granted membership upon payment of the annual per-boat fee and upon acceptance by the directors.**"

###### **DISCUSSION:**

It was proposed to drop the last sentence, as it seemed to be confusing. The revised amendment was presented as follows:

###### **RESOLUTION:**

Change line 4 from “a person may apply to the directors for membership in the society and on acceptance by the directors is a member” to "**Membership dues shall be charged on a per-boat basis. A person representing a boat may apply to the directors for membership in the society and on acceptance by the directors is a member.**"

A **MOTION** to present the resolution as amended, was **MOVED** by Grant, **SECONDED** by Mike.

The **MOTION** was called:

**In Favour (8) Against (0) Abstained (0). MOTION CARRIED.**

##### **AMENDMENT No. 2: Part 4 – Proceedings at General Meetings**

###### **PRE-AMBLE:**

Following on the aims of the change in membership to a per-boat basis, it was recognized that when a vote is called, the vote should also be on a per-boat basis, therefore only one person can represent that boat. This is similar to how strata meetings are conducted, where multiple people can be co-owners or

occupants of a strata, and are free to attend meetings and receive correspondence, but at meetings each strata unit has only one vote, and someone from that unit must be chosen to represent the unit.

**RESOLUTION:**

Change 22 (1) from "A member in good standing present at a meeting of members is entitled to one vote" to "**Voting privileges are on a one boat, one vote basis. If more than one co-owner or spouse of owner of a boat is present at a meeting, only one person may vote to represent the collective views of the membership(s) of that boat. The voting member must be in good standing to be entitled to vote.**"

**DISCUSSION:**

It was proposed to drop the "(s)" following the word "membership", as it seemed to be confusing. The revised amendment was presented as follows:

**RESOLUTION:**

Change 22 (1) from "A member in good standing present at a meeting of members is entitled to one vote" to "**Voting privileges are on a one boat, one vote basis. If more than one co-owner or spouse of owner of a boat is present at a meeting, only one person may vote to represent the collective views of the membership of that boat. The voting member must be in good standing to be entitled to vote.**"

A **MOTION** to present the resolution as amended, was **MOVED** by Sean, **SECONDED** by Ken.

The **MOTION** was called:

**In Favour (8) Against (0) Abstained (0). MOTION CARRIED.**

**AMENDMENT No. 3: Part 4 – Proceedings at General Meetings**

**PRE-AMBLE:**

It was felt that not allowing proxies was not equitable to members who could not attend meetings in person, especially as some members live far away in the winter months, or might be on extended boating trips from time to time, but may wish to express their views on important items at upcoming meetings. Instituting a proxy system would be in keeping with how many societies and also strata meetings currently operate.

**RESOLUTION:**

Change 22 (3) from "Voting by proxy is not permitted", to "**Voting by proxy is permitted**".

**DISCUSSION:**

The merits of allowing proxies was discussed, as well as current practices, but there was no desire to change the wording of the proposed amendment.

A **MOTION** to present the resolution as amended, was **MOVED** by JC, **SECONDED** by Ken.

The **MOTION** was called:

**In Favour (8) Against (0) Abstained (0). MOTION CARRIED.**

## **7. Election of Directors:**

The list of current (and first) directors was given as:

Kenneth George Christie, Peter Vandergugten, Sean Sebastien Smith, Grant Phillips, and Joao Carlos d'Almeida.

The current directors were asked if they would like to stand again as directors for the 2014 year. All agreed.

The Notice of AGM asked that if any member would like to stand for director, to please make their intentions known. A call for anyone wishing to stand as director was also made to the floor. None came forward. There

being no others wishing to stand for director, the above members were acclaimed as directors for the 2014 year.

## **8. New Business:**

### **a. Green Marina Initiatives:**

A suggestion was made that the association should participate in some “green marina” initiatives, such as best environmental practices and encouraging better awareness. The annual Shoreline Cleanup was also suggested, it was noted that this event is organized through the Vancouver Aquarium and normally takes place the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September. It was agreed that some research should be done on the subject.

### **b. Swap Meet and BBQ:**

Plans were made for the June 14 Swap Meet and BBQ. Trish volunteered to make up some posters, JC offered to bring a BBQ, and pick up some smokies, buns, and condiments, Grant offered to purchase some waterproof paper and print the In Case of Emergency (ICE) cards, to be made available at the swap meet. Sean offered to design the forms for the ICE cards.

### **c. Tide Grid Depth Markers:**

It was suggested that some kind of depth markers be affixed to one of the pilings of the tide grid, which would make it easier for boaters to know if there was enough depth to move their boats into the tide grid. This suggestion will be brought up at the next meeting with Parks Board staff.

## **9. Meeting Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.