

Burrard Civic Marina Community Association

Annual General Meeting - MINUTES

June 15, 2016, 7 PM, at the Billy Bishop Legion Pub, 1407 Laburnum St., Vancouver.

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 10 members present, the quorum requirement had been met. (attendance reached 14 shortly after meeting started).

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.

Note that sending notice by e-mail is considered an acceptable alternative to sending notices by mail, and while not explicitly stated, two weeks notice is considered standard practice. Notice was given by e-mail on Wednesday June 1th, to all members subscribed to the BCMCA e-mail forum.

4. Previous Minutes (attached)

The previous minutes were approved.

5. Old / Ongoing Business

- a. Shoreline Cleanup (Sept 2015)

The membership agreed the Shoreline Cleanup was a great success, and we should do it again this September.

- b. Swap Meet (May 2016)

While Swap Meet was held at short notice, the hot dogs still attracted 7 new members. We should do another one in the fall, perhaps October.

- c. Kids Life Jacket Kiosk

Agreed this is still a good idea, JC is willing to help build one. However it will need to be in a secure area. JC will do some research into a suitable site.

- d. Replacement of Founding Plaque

After many months, many emails, some setbacks due to requirements to test for asbestos and lead paint, and an attempt to bill the BCMCA for the plaque, the bronze plaque commemorating the founding of the marina has

finally been replaced, and is fastened by tamper-proof fittings, so hopefully it won't get stolen by metal thieves again

e. Update on boat thefts of winter of 2015/16

After this hit the news with theft reports from many marinas, and break-ins to cottages on Gambier Island, and reports of stolen guns and explosives, the police finally dedicated some resources to catching these criminals red-handed, in which they succeeded. Two suspects were named in the press, they have lengthy records on the BC Court system website. Whether they will serve any time or be released onto the streets again remains to be seen. Attempts to contact the VPD for a status update have not been returned. We have to thank the members of the BCMCA for being vigilant in watching out for each other's boats over the winter, and in pressuring police to take action.

f. Caretaker's Suite / Members Lounge

No real action on this item so far. We should write a business case for what we would like to do with this space, and ask to make a presentation to a Parks Board meeting (with Powerpoint slides). Lorne suggested a letter of support from the Power Squadron for using it for training courses would be a good idea. Marie Anne suggested asking for the layout plans from the Parks Board would assist in planning what uses we could make of the facility.

g. Marina Renewal Project

i. BCMCA Priorities Survey Results

The results of the Survey conducted online in January 2016 were reviewed by Sean. This survey had also been forwarded to the Parks Board and Advisian Engineers. Results of the Survey are also posted on the BCMCA website.

ii. Progress to date

After almost a year after the project was awarded, the Parks Board finally organized a public meeting to inform customers of the status of the project to date, this was held on June 2/2016 at the West End Community Centre. Approximately 40 people turned up, including many non-BCMCA members who had not heard of our organization before, some of whom have now joined us. The meeting was chaired by Sev Araujo, who is new to the Parks Board and takes over Ken Maguire's position, and Robert Dullanty of Advisian Engineers.

A presentation was given on the research progress so far, and two options for moving forward. This presentation is available on the BCMCA website. The vast majority present at the June 2 meeting favoured "Option B", which was to replace the head floats in the east basin. There are some concerns with narrowing space along the slipway between G and H, hopefully this can be resolved.

iii. Upcoming work phases

A schedule was included in the presentation, which is available on the BCMCA website. Design work will continue over the summer, the project should go to public tender in the fall, be awarded by February, and work to take place from March thru August 2017.

iv. Future action – Capital Plan funding

Currently there is \$3.75M allocated for this project, including the Engineer's fees. This will only be a starting point for eventual replacement of all docks. As pointed out repeatedly by many people at the public meeting, the 4-year Capital Plan system hampers the ability to commit future budget money. This makes it difficult to believe that the Parks Board is truly committed to this project. While it seems we cannot change this flawed system, the best we can do is to continually lobby loud and hard for more money in the next Capital Plan, which will be up for renewal in 2018.

6. Financial Report

The financial report was presented by Treasurer Peter Vandergugten:

	Income	Expenses	Total
Opening Balance as of April 30/2015:			\$747.70
Membership fees collected:	\$425.00		\$1172.70
Club cards		\$74.14	\$1098.56
Ministry of Finance (Annual Society Registration Filing Fee)		\$25.00	\$1073.56
No Frills (groceries for event BBQs)		\$57.59	\$1015.97
Independent Grocer (groceries for event BBQs)		\$26.03	\$989.94
Cheque Book from bank		\$115.65	\$874.29
Balance as of April 29/2016			\$849.64

7. Membership Update

Note that membership is by boat, not individual, so generally one could consider that each boat represents 2 persons. However for voting purposes, the policy is "One boat – one vote".

JC reports that our membership continues to grow, with membership well over 40. We can also make payments online using e-transfer now. It was suggested we should do another round of leaving flyers on boats promoting the BCMCA.

The Google Forum was discussed, in regard to "privacy" and comments posted on the forum. While the forum is "by invitation only", this does not mean that everything posted here is private. Several members have in the past made derogatory comments naming employees of the Parks Board, and the Directors had not given thought to whether these comments needed to be edited.

We had an incident earlier this spring where a subscriber did not like the tone of several e-mails, and shared them with the Parks Board and marina staff. This could have had serious repercussions for us, the Directors had to attend a meeting with Parks Board staff and agreed to monitor and if necessary, delete any derogatory comments.

We hope that this does not put a damper on free speech. We believe it is still OK to be critical of the political process, and voice opinions, but we must be careful not to name specific individuals.

8. Election of Directors

There are five (5) Director positions to be filled. If there are more than five volunteers for Director positions, an election will be held.

Directors for 2015-2016 were:

- JC d'Almeida
- Peter Vandergugten
- Marie-Anne Alward
- Ken Christie
- Sean Smith

The current Directors all agreed to stand again for 2016-17, and there being no others wishing to stand for Director, the five above were acclaimed for the positions.

9. New Business

- a. Shoreline cleanup 2016 (September?)

As noted previously, we will look into organizing another Shoreline Cleanup in September.

- b. Safety / Security Issues

It was noted that new, higher fences have been installed around the west perimeter of the parking lot, and cameras have been installed. How they are monitored is not known.

- c. Diver hull cleaning

This has also been a popular activity, organized by the BCMCA. We should continue to promote this each spring.

- d. Dinghy cleanup

Several derelict dinghies have been removed by Marina staff, which has resulted in tidying up the dinghy floats and making more space available. We should suggest to the Parks Board that any unclaimed dinghies be auctioned off.

- e. Marina Financials

It was mentioned that the new Parks Board staff may be willing to share with us the latest marina financials. The last financials we had access to dated from about 10 years ago.

- f. Boat Fires

There was another boat fire recently, this time on N dock. Apparently the boat had a fire suppression system on board, and the fire was self-extinguished.

- g. Sanitary Pump-out

It was noted that the pump-out station is turned off in the winter. However portable pump-out stations can be bought for about \$10,000. It was suggested the Parks Board should find a way to make the pump-out station available year-round.

- h. Thoughts on use of BCMCA funds

As the BCMCA is a non-profit society, some discussion was made on what should be done with any extra funds we have in the bank. Ideas included:

- *T-shirts*
- *Burgees*
- *A dinghy to be shared, or rented, amongst members*
- *Buying a polisher (or other tools) for use by members*

In regard to tools, it was suggested perhaps the Parks Board might be willing to donate the use of a locker to store the tools. The Google forum should be used to start a thread on further ideas of what to do with extra funds.

10. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 PM