

LAKE CHAMPLAIN YACHT CLUB
Annual Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2023

1. LCYC Annual Meeting began at 11:55am on October 14, 2023.
2. Commodore's Report
 - a. Highlights
 - i. Membership
 1. As of this date, we welcomed 9 new member units in 2023 with more to come. New membership interest continues to be healthy.
 2. A new volunteer tracking system as of last year is now gaining traction and has been very successful. A reminder to members to enter their hours into the form on the LCYC website.
 - ii. Stewards
 1. We had a fantastic year. We had 5 Stewards and 1 Steward-in-training
 2. Appreciation to the Volunteer Stewards. We had 6 licensed individual volunteers and they covered more than half of the hours at the end of August and through September.
 3. Will continue to recruit Stewards and volunteers. Requires 100 hours. See John if you are interested in getting certified.
 4. 2024 we plan to hire 3 new stewards, 3 returning and a few part-time. If you know of anyone, reach out to John.
 5. Stewards-in-training must be 16 years old by May, and full Stewards must be 18 years old by May.
 6. Reminder for folks to donate to the Stewards gratuity fund
3. Elections
 - a. Nominated to serve as a member of the Board of Governors for a term of 3 years commencing with the Change of Watch in 2023:
 - i. Motion to approve Ben Durant and Kevin Hawko as a member of the Board of Governors, 1st: Doug Merrill, 2nd: Paul Boerman, Motion approved.
 - b. Auditors
 - i. Motion to approve Les Velte for re-election as Auditor, 1st: Gunner Sievert, 2nd: Paul Boerman, Motion approved.
4. Proposal to amend By-Laws
 - a. Arguments regarding proposal to amend By-Law regarding dues increase.
 - i. 162% increase in house costs. A lot of that is taking away the waste water.
 - ii. Need to compensate our Stewards with a fair wage

- iii. Insurance has increased
- iv. Would it make sense to align with inflation
- v. Senior dues would increase
 - 1. $\frac{1}{3}$ of the full member dues
- vi. Full Member Dues will be \$1100
- vii. Question of how long dues will stay at \$1100
 - 1. Do not expect it to go up next year, but we can't predict
 - 2. It is not the intention to raise year over year
 - 3. We need to be able to cover our expenses
- viii. This does not include the mooring fee, it does NOT include the 4 year cycle of changing the chains
- ix. Mooring fee will not change this year
- x. Based on the change, what's the projected surplus over operating costs
 - 1. % going into the capital fund will be 10%
 - 2. The additional dues will cover the deficit for the year
- xi. Started discussing separating our gray water and non-gray water, which could be a cost reduction
- xii. Our dues and fees are still the best deal on the lake
 - 1. Board did research around other areas on the lake
- b. Motion to increase the dues to an amount not to exceed \$1100, 1st: Chris Leopoldl, 2nd: Doug Merrill, Motion approved.

5. BOG and Volunteer committee chair Introductions

- a. BOG members (and those who work closely with the BOG) were recognized for their efforts:
 - i. Drew Hamilton - Boats - second year of a three year term
 - ii. Chris Leopold - Social
 - 1. Thankful for all of the volunteers. We did not use caterers other than for pizza night.
 - iii. Paul Boerman - Harbor - second year of a three year term
 - 1. Not a single boat came loose in the harbor this year. Safe is the top priority
 - 2. It is members responsibilities to care for their pennants
 - 3. Members please put your number on your ball
 - a. This is critical to manage the field
 - b. Stewards needs this information as well as for general mooring field management
 - c. There will be a fee if the number is missing in the future
 - d. Recommend painting, stickers may only last a year
 - iv. Jay Heaslip - second year of his second, three year term!
 - v. Ben Durant - House - third year of a three year term
 - 1. Appreciation to all of the volunteers today
 - 2. The club is looking great these days
 - 3. Reach out with any suggestions for changes

4. A lot of the changes are inspired from the Bitter End Yacht club a few years ago
 - vi. Betsey Dempsey - Membership/Secretary - fourth year on the BOG
 - vii. Jill Burley - Jr. Sailing - first year of a three year term
 - viii. Bob Turnau - Regatta - completing his three year term - thank you Bob
 1. Award ceremony is November 3rd at 5:30 at the St. John's Club
 - ix. Gene Cloutier - Docks - first year of a three year term
 1. Dock crew was amazing today! Great organizers!
 - x. John Stetson - Stewards - first year of his second, three year term!
 - xi. James Kurfis - one year of a three year term
 1. Appreciation to all of the volunteers
 2. Reach out with any suggestions or changes
 - xii. Doug Merrill - Communications - completed 3 year volunteer term - willing to continue on - thank you Doug
 1. Reach out if you are not getting membership emails
6. Other Business
- a. Water system winterized after Nov 1st
 - i. Contact Wes Daum if anything critical comes up
7. Adjourn - the meeting adjourned at 12:18pm
- a. Motion approved