

LAKE CHAMPLAIN YACHT CLUB
Annual Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2024

1. LCYC Annual Meeting began at 11:07am on October 19, 2024.
2. Commodore's Report
 - a. Highlights
 - i. The season turned out to be another great one. We are having great weather today for Work Day. We have had a good turnout of about 130 members today.
 - ii. We have \$261,000 in the capital fund and operated with a net surplus this year.
 - iii. Membership
 1. This season we accepted about 12 new families to the club. Thanks for helping make new members feel welcome.
 - iv. Social
 1. We had a great season of events with a few more to come.
 - v. Grounds
 1. Thanks to Matt Fisher for great work on the grounds this summer.
 - vi. Jr. Sailing
 1. Jr. Sailing had a very successful season. A big thanks to the instructors.
 - vii. House
 1. We had a great year. It was really nice to see all the celebrations that took place outside of the scheduled social activities.
 - viii. Docks
 1. Thanks go out to the Stewards who helped care for our aging docks this season.
 - ix. Treasurer
 1. A note of appreciation for Charlie Woodruff for helping with payroll.
 - x. Regatta
 1. The Regatta awards dinner will be November 2 at the St. John's Club in Burlington.
 - xi. Boats
 1. We had issues with the Nautilus but will be taking care of that. Thanks for all of the help with varnishing this year.

xii. Stewards

1. We extended Steward service an extra week this year. Volunteer Stewards offered up 156 hours this season.
2. We've determined we don't need any paid Stewards for the second week of October next season as the demand wasn't high enough.
3. The Steward in Training program is going very well.
4. The Stewards rely heavily on the gratuity that they will receive on December 1. They do a great deal for the club.

b. Lake Encroachment Permit

- i. Al Lewis has been instrumental in getting our permit application filed and followed up on.
- ii. LCYC's permit expired quite a few years ago and the application that followed was apparently never reviewed by the state. We reapplied in 2022 and filed an amendment for the new docks.
- iii. The approval is looking to be on track and a draft should be published soon. The State takes into account the impact to the lake and public good that the club provides. Once a Draft is published, a 30-day public comment period will follow, after which the permit will be issued.

3. Elections

Chris Leopold presented the report of the Club's Nominating Committee:

- a. Nominated to serve to serve as Commodore for a term of two years commencing in January 2025: John Stetson
 - i. Motion to elect John Stetson as Commodore. 1st: Gene Cloutier, 2nd: Betsey Dempsey. Motion approved.
- b. Nominated to serve as Treasurer for a term of three years commencing in January 2025: Tom Porter
 - i. Motion to elect Tom Porter. 1st: Gene Cloutier, 2nd: Doug Merrill. Motion approved.
- c. Nominated to serve as members of the Board of Governors for a term of 3 years commencing in January 2024:
 - i. Motion to elect Amy Caldwell. 1st: Gene Cloutier, 2nd: Motion approved.
 - ii. Motion to elect Erik Filkorn. 1st: Tom Porter, 2nd: Michael Kerbaugh. Motion approved.
 - iii. Motion to elect Bob Finn. 1st: Gene Cloutier, 2nd: Tom Porter. Motion approved.

- iv. Motion to elect Doug Hamilton. 1st: Gene Cloutier, 2nd: Chris Leopold. Motion approved.
 - d. Nominated to serve as an Auditor for a term of three years commencing in January 2025: John Kwiatkowski
 - i. Motion to elect John Kwiatkowski. 1st: Chris Leopold, 2nd: Whit Wales. Motion approved.
- 4. Member dues special assessment
 - a. Motion to approve the recommendation of the Board of Governors for a special assessment of \$125.00 to member dues for the limited purpose of funding the acquisition of a new main dock system. The special assessment shall be for a period of six years commencing with the dues for 2025 and continuing through 2030. 1st: Chris Leopold, 2nd: James Unsworth. Motion approved.
- 5. Discussion regarding purchase of new docks
 - a. Gene Cloutier, Docks chair, talked about how the docks are the “heart and soul of the club”, and how the docks are aging. Pins are continuously needing to be replaced. Safety and stability is a major concern, especially with the club’s demographics. The new docks will be wider, longer, much more stable, and designed to last 30 years. They are the same as the ones currently at Safe Harbor Shelburne Shipyard. The docks will be made by StructurMarine and will be delivered in March 2025. Thank you to the Docks Replacement Team, and particularly to Bob Schumacher, Dan Donegan, and Don Weaver for all their help.
 - b. Don Weaver discussed how the current docks were built by the Shelburne Shipyard in 1998. Thanks to docks volunteers for all of the maintenance they have performed due to abuse from the weather. Building the replacements have been very time intensive and took a lot of effort. The main docks are in very bad shape.
 - c. Questions were asked about the proposal for new docks:
 - i. What about the Jr. Sailing docks?
 - 1. They have been aging but can be replaced with some of the better sections from the main dock.
 - ii. What will happen to the old docks?
 - 1. We will use what we can for Jr. Sailing, donate what we can, and dispose of the rest.
 - iii. What other capital expenses are planned for in the next 6 years and will we be able to afford it?
 - 1. The awnings are going to be replaced within that time and we have planned for that in the budget.

- d. Ernie Pomerleau thanked the Dock Replacement Team's effort on this proposal.
 - e. The vote was taken by the members on the motion to approve the special assessment of \$125. The motion passed on a voice vote by a majority of the members present and voting.
 - f.
6. Moment of silence for the recent passing of longtime member, Shell Rieley.
 7. Adjourn - the meeting adjourned at 11:28am