

**JERICO SAILING CENTRE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024**

*Acknowledgement: This meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.*

**Present:** Chair-Chris Stairs, Mike Stonefield, Tony Martin, Lynn Beszant, Steve Irwin, Gordon Newell, Tom Duggan, Kevin French, Parisa Jourabchi, Benoit Sonrel, Nigel Ball, Kate Gotziaman, Brian Hunt, Bob Stewart, Mike Cotter, General Manager.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**2. DIRECTOR REGRETS**

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**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:**

“To approve minutes of September 10, 2024 with the following amendments:

“Next meeting October 8” and “Time Trials October 20”. Carried

**4. PRESIDENT’S REPORT—Chris Stairs**

Annual General Meeting Board Nominations as of today’s deadline: Lynne Beszant, Brian Hunt, Kevin French, Parisa Jourabchi, Chris Stairs, Steve Irwin, Sinead Sprigg. Seven members for 7 vacant positions. These members will be seated on the new JSCA board at the conclusion of the AGM.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT – Mike Stonefield**

**MOTION:**

“To approve the budget report for September 2024” Carried

**MOTION:**

“To approve the unaudited financial statements for September 30, 2024 year end.” Carried

Mike will be leaving the board after the AGM and Chris thanked him for his excellent contributions as JSCA’s Treasurer.

**6. PROGRAMMES COMMITTEE REPORT – Nigel Ball**

Nigel reviewed the UBCREC Day of the Longboat event, and previewed the annual fleet planning meeting scheduled to be held online on November 13 at 1900H. Discussion of potential scoring changes and the event schedule will be on the agenda. Two more Penguin Cups remaining on our annual sail racing calendar. Nigel reminded the board, and encouraged members to attend the Annual Volunteer Appreciation and Racing Awards Dinner after the last Penguin Cup on October 20.

**7. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT—Chris Stairs**

Chris reported on progress with the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation regarding a new agreement. Commissioner Scott Jensen’s attendance at our August Board meeting helped stimulate discussion at the management level in September.

**8. SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT –Tom Duggan**

Since our last board meeting on September 10 the Jericho Rescue Team has conducted 44 rescues assisting a total of 203 people. The UBCRec Day of the Longboat accounted for 20 of these rescues (176 people). This year's Longboat event was the largest ever with close to 4000 participants. This event simply would not be possible without the dedicated support of our Jericho Rescue Team volunteers for which we are deeply thankful. Two more races on our event calendar. The Albatross will come out of the water and go into the hangar October 22, we'll assess her condition and plan her annual refit accordingly. We will be putting together a Winter Training Schedule to keep our Team and boats active throughout the winter.

**9. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT –Steve Irwin**

Steve reported on progress on the Universal Washroom Project: we are still awaiting word on our grant application (\$46K) they said they would notify applicants "late Fall". We've looked at other available potential grants but have found no suitable ones which fit our current timeline. We received a 2nd construction estimate which is significantly less than the first: \$68K. We are planning to replace all of our current washroom partitions with new privacy partitions used in more modern gender neutral facilities \$25K. We are planning to have a combined Planning/Operations meeting after the AGM to consider a complete washroom renovation in the near future as our current facilities are 20 years old. We have a rat infestation in the compound and are taking steps to deal with it including working with our pest control company. The landscaping around the security trailer was home to many nests. We have dug, and are continuing to dig them out, and are removing food and water sources. We think we have significantly reduced the rat population, nests and food supply. Rats will typically try to live in our building when freezing temperatures hit. We will continue to monitor.

**10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT - Mike Cotter**

Mike reported on the 2024/25 budget development. A historic value of fee increases was requested.

Mike reported on his presentation to the Canadian Safe Boating Council's annual Symposium regarding JSCA's contribution to boating safety on local waters.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

*Next Meeting TUESDAY, November 12, 2024 @ 1900H*