

Jericho Sailing Centre Association

DRAFT Board Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2011

Present: Chris Stairs, Chair; Mark Scott, Karen Ann Mott, Jeri Griffiths, Brian Hunt, Russ Brown, Sean Gibson, Andy Hunt, Tim Wright, Dan Wallace, Ray Douthwaite, Lillian Zaremba, Tony Martin, Ian Upright, Mike Cotter, General Manager

Guests: Andrew Porritt, Commodore UBC Sailing Club; (Attendees on behalf of UBC Sailing Club: Megan Himmel, Kris McFarlin, Maryam Moghaddas, Dan Giroday, Anne-Marie Lagois, Nick Chow, Anton Pitts, Alex Harvey.) Jen Weterings, Commodore Locarno Sailing Club, Benj Rummen.

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from March 8, 2011 and March 14, 2022 approved.

2. President's Report – Chris Stairs

Motion:

“To amend the agenda to bring forward Item 11 (A) UBC Sailing Club Hanger Party Proposal forward”
Carried

Chris thanked everyone involved for all of their time and thoughtful discussion regarding the proposal noting that the JSCA Board had spent the better part of 2 previous meetings considering it. JSCA's primary concerns are the safety and functioning of the Jericho Sailing Centre for all users and the legal liability of the JSCA.

Andrew Porritt introduced the draft proposal and circulated a petition letter with 83 respondents asking the JSCA Board to approve the event. Andrew believes the revised proposal has addressed the JSCA's concerns noting that the insurance has been increased to \$5 million.

Jen Weterings –Commodore of Club Locarno spoke in favour of the proposal. Benjamin Rummen, JSCA's former Facility manager, pointed out the importance of party organizers following through on the written plan.

Chris reminded those present of what the Board's mission actually is. “We, as a Board, are required to revisit policies as they relate to these changing landscapes to ensure we are fairly protecting the interests of not just our entire membership, but all community partners, the Parks Board, multiple governments, and Vancouverites at large who are granted access to the site as a publicly available community centre. The Board most certainly recognizes the contributions of the UBCSC to the fabric of the JSCA Society. And while the UBCSC's membership numbers represent a not insignificant portion of our Society, the Board must weigh the positive/negative impact of a single event which caters to roughly 300 members and guests against the larger,

more diverse interests and requirements of a 3,000+ JSCA membership base, multiple business partners who help to ensure the Society's financial livelihood, the Vancouver Parks Board, all visiting, non-member Vancouverites, and numerous other stakeholders. Just as UBCSC may well be one of the largest university-based sailing clubs in North America, JSCA is believed to be the largest aquatic centre of its kind in the world. Consequently, the Board takes quite seriously its duty of care in protecting all stakeholder interests, regardless of nature, scope or leanings. And the Board is also equally mindful of the fact that its primary responsibility is to ensure all energies, effort, resources and funding go towards sustaining the Society's mission of **providing low-cost ocean access for small naturally-powered water craft**. All other activities, and most especially land-based "special occasion" activities, are secondary and tertiary to this primary mission."

Chris also clarified some points that had been brought up during the discussion: The UBC SC hanger party proposal is a SOL event catering to a small number – and should not be confused with a "large scale community event" such as the 3,300 participant "Day of the Longboat". A hanger party event involving 300 guests is not a reasonable comparison to the Jericho Galley operation which serves tens of thousands of patrons each year.

The Board approved the following items as part of the UBCSC document

1. Guest attendance limit 300.
2. Guest registry required- copy issued to JSCA 1 hour prior to event.
3. Guest to JSCA member overall ratio 2:1
4. JSCA Staff liaison cost \$250 – not part of first aid crew.
5. Refundable Damage deposit \$550 (cleared cheque or cash)
6. First Aid Attendants -- 6 security guards with Level 2

Andrew outlined the plan for adherence to the JSCA and Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation "No Smoking Policy".

Motion:

"To approve/accept the document as amended" Carried

Andrew thanked the Board for approving the UBC Sailing Club Hanger Party proposal and hopes that it becomes a standardized plan.

3. Treasurer's Report – Karen Ann Mott

Karen reviewed the March budget statement.

4. Planning Committee Report – Dan Wallace

Dan reminded board members of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation Open House to present a concept design for the ecological restoration of Jericho Beach tomorrow, April 12, here at the Jericho Sailing Centre.

5. Programmes Committee – Andy Hunt

Andy reported that 7-8 racers competed in the first Penguin Cup of the season on April 10. BC sailing fees can be paid through the JSCA office. Andy will be the PRO for the Flights of Spring Regatta.

6. Safety Committee – Ray Douthwaite

Ray reported that JSCA's boats are ready to provide support for racing programs and other on water activities based from the Jericho Sailing Centre. The Jericho Rescue Team Training Course is coming up on April 30/May 1. Throughout the season the Jericho Rescue Team will be creating a new HD training video which Mark Scott has offered production assistance for. The Royal Lifesaving Society award presented to the Jericho Rescue Team recently is now proudly displayed in the JSCA office – congratulations to all Rescue Team members past and present.

7. Operations Committee – Mark Scott

Mark reported on ongoing preparations for the busy season. Repainting of the deck steelwork requires warmer weather. Upper floor windows have replaced with "Low E" glass. MacSailing flood protective ceiling is ready to be installed next week. Men's shower room divider will be installed the following week. Plans are still being developed for improvements to the garbage/recycling area (including a trash compaction system) which will be installed by the end of July.

8. General Manager's Report – Mike Cotter

Mike reported on summer staffing of the Jericho Sailing Centre which will commence on May 1.

9. Adjournment

Next meeting, Monday, May 9 @ 1900H