

Jericho Sailing Centre Association
DRAFT Board Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2014

19:07 meeting convened

Present: Chris Stairs - Chair, Andy Hunt, Kevin Wilder, Haakon MacCallum, Dan Wallace, Craig Hennessey, Benoit Sonrel, Jeri Griffiths, Tony Martin, Roger Middleton, Ian Upright, Jennifer Wetterings, Brian Hunt, Mike Cotter, General Manager.

Director regrets: Mark Daigle and Sean Gibson

Approval of agenda

- Motion to accept agenda with the amendment that new business be moved up to facilitate guests. (Benoit, seconded Jeri) - Carried

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to accept minutes (Brian, seconded Benoit) – Carried

President's report – Chris Stairs

- There is a movement afoot between government and certain groups in the private sector to enhance emergency preparedness for such catastrophic events as earthquakes, tsunami, etc. JSCA members would represent a potential pool of volunteers to assist in the event of such a disaster response.
- Tony asked whether Jericho Rescue was already registered with the Rescue Coordination Centre in Victoria. Mike answered that he isn't sure how they would task/interface with us. Currently, Jericho Rescue are "officially" nothing more than a "vessel of opportunity" for them.
- Mike Cotter and Chris Stairs are working on a "letter of interest" and answering the committee's survey to express Jericho Rescue's interest to participate in the process.

Treasurer Report –Brian Hunt

- At this point in the year, we are running pretty much like clockwork, tracking right on budget.
- Benoit asked if there was a way we could easily view how monthly actual compare with the monthly plans. Mike answered that we don't have any such documentation.
- Chris pointed out that actual expenses are well below budget, but Mike responded that some bills are outstanding and will be paid in later months.

Motion: "To approve the May budget report statement as presented." (Andy, seconded Benoit) – Carried.

Fund Raising Committee Report –Jeri Griffiths

- We did get two roundtrip tickets from Harbour Air in support of our 40th anniversary celebrations.
- We have someone who is still committed to be a sponsor of our webcam site. We intend to install another web cam at the east end of the compound and may, for the first month, orient it to face the MEC paddle fest. MEC turned our application for sponsorship this year down, but footage of their paddle fest may help convince them to sponsor us in subsequent years.

Safety Committee Report – Benoit Sonrel

- A few things to work out for Jericho Rescue Team equipment.
- Season is well underway, we have a lot of volunteers.
- We have had good turnout at our safety seminars and rescues are down, despite the Kitsilano Coast Guard Station being closed and Jericho Rescue's presence on the water being increased.
- Ian suggested putting together a safety document that describes things to try in certain situations, to help sailors help themselves when things aren't going as planned on the water. Maybe this could help avoid callouts of Jericho Rescue and other emergency responders in the area when they may otherwise not need to be involved.

Planning Committee Report – Dan Wallace

- Dan mentioned that low tides are a concern when launching Jericho Rescue vessels, but feels that a new DSA dock may provide an opportunity for launching Jericho Rescue boats from a crane into deeper water.
- The parks board is concerned that building a new dock at the east groin may not be supported by the general public. The DSA dock may have to be incorporated into the existing Jericho pier.
- Planning committee hasn't had any further meetings since the last board meeting.
- Dan would like to suggest a motion that we accept the list of priorities that was discussed at the May board meeting as the basis for a 10 year plan.
- Chris and Jennifer suggested that the priorities be written out and included in the minutes. Several members of the board agreed that the motion should wait until the next board meeting.
- Roger Middleton mentioned that the long term plan should include an item to improve access for ambulances to the Jericho Pier. This met with some opposition by the board members present because the access is not on the Jericho Sailing Centre compound. It may still be prudent to mention it to the Vancouver Parks Board, however.

Programs Committee Report – Andy Hunt

- We had three successful regattas this past month. The weather cooperated and a good time was had by all.
- Andy was contacted by the president of Companionway club about hosting a more "Sunday racing" style racing session on Tuesday July 1st, because that Tuesday is a statutory holiday (Canada Day). Andy said that the planning for that type of event is ongoing.
- Mike Cotter advised that our first Wave Chaser Paddle Series happened last Thursday evening under fantastic conditions. Turnout was modest (17 paddlers) compared to typical turnouts at Deep Cove and Big Chop.

Operations Committee Report – Mike Cotter for Mark Daigle

- Painting will be complete this week
- Are almost complete with the wiring project, adding wiring out to the east end of the compound.
- \$15000 was budgeted for ramp repair, but the ramps are in really good shape and we may not need to spend the money this year.

General Manager's Report – Mike Cotter

- Mike received an invitation from the Parks board about non motorized vessels usage in the city of Vancouver. A new community centre is being considered to house rowers and dragon boaters in False Creek.
- Jeri noticed that there was all new signage on the fencing and mentioned that it was great to see. Jennifer Wetterings suggested that we should have our daily launch fee on the board along with our yearly membership rates.

Other business

- Roger Middleton mentioned that new regulations are coming into effect on July 1st about contacting members of the public. People need to “opt in” rather than “opt out”. Default position is that people have “opted out” until they “opt in”.

Adjournment – 20:30 July 14, 2014

Motion to adjourn (Roger, seconded Brian) - **Carried.**

Next Meeting: July 7, 2014.