



Minutes of 2020 Annual General Meeting

February 09, 2021
1700 PST 2000 EST

Zoom Meeting called to order by President Marie Gendron. The agenda for the meeting having previously been sent to the members invited to participate.

Item #1: Roll Call

Participants: 28

Marie Gendron	Evan Jennings	Charles Hansen	Cynthia Des Brisay	Chris Gillies
Paul Place	Renka Gesing	Marek Balinski	Brent Beninger	Reto Corfu
Fred Grimm	Robert Bartlewski	Dave Adams	Jeff Boyd	David Browne
Rich Mundell	Steve Loveshin	Ian Plumbley	Michael Wonnacott	Shonna Weldon
Phil Cragg	Deb Ashby	Shonna Moss-Lovshin	(Regrets: 1 - Robert Tennant)	

Item #2: Approval of Minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting held on 17 February 2020.

- The minutes of the previous meeting had been provided to members by way of attached document to the meeting invitations. There were no comments on the minutes. It was moved by Chris Gillies and seconded by Cynthia Des Brisay that the minutes be accepted as written. There being no objections. The motion was passed.

Item #3: Fleet Reports

The Covid19 Pandemic affected greatly all sport activities in all regions of Canada in 2020. Most provinces did not allow for formal sailing regattas and training camps to take place. Consequently, it had an impact on the activities of the different fleets.

- Fleet 14 Toronto – Marek Balinski; there were some club races. Ali Meller made a few appearances and facilitated some informal training. The fleet is now up to 5 boats in the Toronto area and there may be a couple of more boats coming.
- Fleet ## Kingston – Jeff Boyd; nothing really happened in 2020. The training clinic was cancelled and is being planned for 2021
- Fleet 1 Vancouver – Evan Jennings; no racing for 505, a bit of recreational sailing going on. The closed border prevented Fleet 1 from getting together with the growing Bellingham fleet.
- Fleet 4 Ottawa/Gatineau – Paul Place; the fleet is based at Nepean Sailing Club. There was a short season of Wednesday night racing. One regatta (FANFARE) was held in September, in which 8 boats participated. There is some growing momentum with some new members acquiring boats.

Item #4: Administration Update

- Membership Update: there is no change in membership from 2019 to 2020. In light of the Covid19 situation, in early summer the executive decided to waive membership fees for one year and to renew all 2019 memberships for 2020. Any costs including international association and Sail Canada fees were to be funded from current association contingency. According to the records from the International Association, 2019 was Canada’s highest membership tally (2020 will equal that figure – 32 memberships/40 sailors).

2021 membership renewal notices will be coming out soon. **Fleet representatives (and members) should encourage their local 505 sailors to join the association.**

- **Financial Review:** 2020 Year-end Financial Report was attached (Attachment 1) to the meeting notice and invitation. Cynthia Des Brisay quickly went through the financial information, noting previous deficit years are mainly due to sponsorship of significant events. Cynthia acknowledged that the Association’s current balance is largely due to funds left over from when the 1990 World Championships were held in Kingston. The 2020 accounts are incomplete in that invoice for fees to the international association has not yet been issued. It should be noted that the only revenue source of our Association is membership fees which were waived in 2020. Cynthia further noted that issues with the Association’s BMO and PayPal accounts have all been resolved and services are operating effectively. Marie Gendron opened the floor for discussion of the financial information. There was no further discussion. Marie called for a motion to accept the financial report. It was moved by Fred Grimm and seconded by Shona Weldon that the financial report be accepted. There were no objection noted. The financial report is accepted.
- **By-Laws:** Cynthia Des Brisay explained that Associations By-Laws had not been up-dated for at least 20 years. Proposed amendments were sent to members as an attachment to the meeting invitation. The main amendments adjust the timing of the AGM to reflect current practice and clarified that the By-Laws are subject to the International Class Rules while other minor changes were made to improve clarity and align with the International Class Constitution. There was no discussion on the proposed amendments. It was moved by Chris Gillies and seconded By Marek Balinski that the proposed amendments be accepted. No objections were noted. The motion is passed. (See Attachment 2 for the updated By-Laws)

Item #5: 2021 Schedule

- A draft schedule of events was reviewed. A correction was required where the dates for the training regatta should be shown as July 10-11 (see Attachment 3 for updated schedule) Marie is working on recruiting a coach for this event and is soliciting input from members (Ali Meller and Richard Mundell were proposed). The Canadian Championships are being organised for September 25-26 as part of CORK Fall Regatta in Kingston. Efforts are being made to ensure that Rabbit Starts are included in this competition. Jeff Boyd offered to contact CORK to work this out.

Item #6: Election/Appointment of Canadian Officers/Directors

- A slate of nominations for the 2021 Executive and Officers was presented. Marie Gendron reminded everyone that Associations such as ours depends on members volunteering to help run and operate its administration and asked if there were any other members who would like to step forward to serve on the executive. No members beyond the slate of nominees expressed interest. It was moved by Rich Mundell and seconded by Michael Wonnacott that the slate of Nominees be acclaimed for 2021. There were no objections noted. The New Canadian 505 Class Association executive and officers are:

Elected: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ President – Evan Jennings▪ Vice President – Paul Place▪ Secretary – Marie Gendron▪ Treasurer – Cynthia Des Brisay▪ National Measurer – Brent Beninger▪ Communications Director – Paul Place	Appointments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Regional Measurer – Charles Hansen▪ Fleet 1 Representative - Evan Jennings▪ Fleet 4 Representative - Paul Place▪ Fleet 14 Representative - Marek Balinski▪ Fleet Kingston Representative - Renka Gesing
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It was noted that Evan and Paul have agreed to continue as regional fleet representatives as well as serve on the national executive, however they will be seeking for others to take on the regional roles. Paul would also welcome anyone to help out with the website management and other communication activities. Any volunteers or interested folks should feel free to contact them directly.

Item #7: Other Business

- Officers/Directors Position Descriptions: included with the invitation to the meeting was a document that described the roles and responsibilities of the officers and directors (See Attachment 4). This should help streamline the management of the business of the association and help with recruiting volunteers. This document will be uploaded to the website.
- 2021 World Championships: It appears that 3 Canadian teams are planning to participate in the 2021 World Championships in Bermuda.
- From the Floor: Evan Jennings, on behalf of the membership, expressed thanks to Marie for her leadership over the past two seasons. Cynthia Des Brisay, on behalf of the membership, expressed thank to Chris for his many years of service as National Measurer. Marie Gendron, on behalf of the membership, expressed thanks to Cynthia for the work that she has done putting together this successful meeting.

There being no further business, it was moved by Rich Mundell and seconded by Fred Grimm that the meeting be closed. Noting no objections, at 1810 PST, 2110 EST, the meeting ended.

Attachment 1:	2020 Financial Report
Attachment 2:	Association By-Laws (updated 9 February 2021)
Attachment 3:	Preliminary 2021 Event Schedule
Attachment 4:	National Executive / Officers Descriptions