

## **St. Lawrence Valley Yacht Racing Association (SLVYRA)**

Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

Held via Zoom videoconference on March 31, 2021.

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1. Role Call: Jin Frati, SLVYRA President opened the meeting with a role call.

- Fifty-three members signed up to attend the meeting.
- Thirty-two members attended, each introducing themselves and their club affiliation.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

- The Agenda was approved without modification.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Preceding (2019) Meeting.

- The 2019 AGM having been cancelled owing to the COVID 19 situation, there were no minutes to present.

4. Introduction of the Current Executive. Jin Frati introduced the current (2020) executive.

- Past President: Tof Nichol Griffith
- Treasurer: Michael Anderson
- Chief Handicapper: Pierre Marois
- Mark and Buoys Coordinator: Bill Strath
- Event Scheduler: Pierre Charbonneau
- Trophies Coordinator: David Bowen
- Website & Communications Manager: Brendan Remenyi
- Membership Coordinator: Sara Greenspan
- Interclub Scoring Coordinator: Wendy Herron

Mr. Frati thanked them for their work during the year and noted that all had volunteered to serve again in 2021 except for Sara Greenspan. He thanked Sara for her efforts of behalf of SLVYRA.

5. Presidents' Report (Jin Frati): The President observed that despite the cancellation of most events in 2020, a number of initiatives continued:

- Since the Lac St. Louis racing was able to continue under modified rules, the marks and buoys were deployed as usual, and the scoring and website reporting continues as usual.
- The production of the new SLVYRA burgee was completed and the burgees are now ready to be awarded when racing commences again.
- The production of laminated charts containing the coordinates of the SLVYRA marks for Lac St. Louis and the Lake of Two Mountains was designed and made ready for printing, however printing was delayed owing to COVID-19. It is expected that they will be printed this season.
- The website was maintained with added features.

6. Treasurer's Report (Mike Anderson): Although unable to attend the meeting, Mike submitted the Treasurer's report, a full copy of which is available for review on the SLVYRA website. The highlights of the report being:

- Revenues: It was decided not to invoice clubs for membership dues as there was limited organized racing allowed in the province.
- Assets: Although the marks are still useable, and in good condition, they have been fully depreciated as of this fiscal year end. They are currently stored at BYC in a shipping container and are available to any of the member clubs for events.
- Prizes: Awards purchased in 2020 are still available for future events and year end-awards.
- Accounts Receivable: Venture Sailing club has not paid its 2019 dues and since being absorbed by city of Pointe Claire will probably not pay. This amount will be written off in 2021 if SLVYRA is unable to get a firm commitment going forward.
- The Association ended the year with a bank balance of \$7,248.89.

7. Mark & Buoys Report (Bill Strath):

- Marks and buoys were deployed as usual.
- A work-party planned for the spring of 2020 to maintain the buoys was cancelled owing to COVID-19 restrictions.
- There were no expenses charged to the Association budget in respect of marks.

The Marks and Buoys Committee was commended for being to maintain the buoys with little cost to the Association, however agreed that the Marks and Buoys committee should not be shy about asking for funds from the Association to replace or improve buoys when needed.

The subject was raised at to whether some of the buoys deployed by the Beaconsfield YC could not have more robust anchors as one of them had a habit of wandering around the lake.

8. Junior Sailing (Will Franklin-Thorpe):

- There were no SLVRA-coordinated events in 2020.
- While many clubs cancelled their junior sailing programs, some clubs were able to continue in a limited fashion.

9. Website (Brendan Remenyi):

- Traffic on the site was driven mainly by the interest in the GNS racing results, although there was a significant uptake following the announcement of the ZOOM AGM meeting.
- The site was updated to include new pictures which followed an initiative to track down a number of trophies which had gone missing.
- The Google calendar was updated as necessary.
- The scoring was updated as it came in and coordinated with the GNS Racing site.

10. Trophies (David Bowen):

- There were no trophies awarded in 2020.

11. Election of Officers for 2021. Jin Frati presented the slate of officers for the new year, which were approved, specifically all returning members who had agreed to serve again plus:

- Paul Baehr as incoming President
- Anne Desjardins to replace Sara Greenspan as Membership Coordinator
- Bob Andre de la Porte as Social Coordinator along with the added role as Association Historian.

12. Remarks by the New President (Paul Baehr):

- Association Constitution. Paul Baehr presented a Power Point presentation summarizing the Constitution of the Association (which is attached hereto) along with several recommendations.
  - That the member clubs become more engaged in appointing representatives to the Association Council
  - That the Association's Constitution be amended to permit Council Members to serve on the Executive.

These recommendations will be addressed separately with the executive of the member clubs during the year.

- Recognition of the Contribution of Peter Kelly. Paul Baehr addressed the significant contribution that Peter had made to SLYVRA, his club, and his friends over the years and he will be sorely missed. In recognition of his contribution, it is the intention of SLYRA to dedicate a trophy in Peter's name. This will done after consultation with the family and with the plans of his home club, the Pointe Claire Yacht Club

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated.

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