

St. Lawrence Valley Yacht Racing Association

AGM-Minutes

April 14, 2022 By Video Conference

1. Call to Order:

- Paul Baehr acting as Chairman, called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

- The agenda was adopted.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2021 AGM:

- The Minutes of the previous AGM were approved.

4. Introduction of the Current Executive:

Paul Baehr introduced the current executive.

- Past President: Jin Frati
- 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: Anne Desjardins
- Interclub (GNS) Scoring Coordinator: Wendy Herron
- Social Coordinator/Association Historian: Bob Andre de la Porte
- Member at Large: Tof Nichol Griffith

5. Treasurers Report (Michael Anderson)

- Healthy balance sheet.
- Minimal expenses in F2021

4. Marks and Buoys (Bill Strath):

- All was in order.

5. Handicaps (Pierre Marois):

- Pierre reported on an evaluation of the current ORC handicap system as a possible replacement for PHRF and recommended against any change.

6. Scheduling:

- The GNS clubs have all posted their schedules.
- The GNS website does not have a calendar (although all the dates are contained in the NORs). It would be good to consolidate the dates and produce a master calendar for SLVYRA website

7. Website (Brendan Remenyi):

- Everything in order.

8. Membership Coordinator (Anne Desjardin):

- Nothing to report.

9. Trophies & Competition:

- Discussion was held on suggestion that SLVYRA create a trophy to recognize the contribution of Sid Deakin to the formation of the SLVRA.
- Proposal by TNG to repurpose the Gable Court Trophy since Sid and his family were the developers of Gable Court. This was agreed as an excellent idea rather than acquiring a new trophy.

10. Junior Sailing (Will Franklin-Thorpe):

- Clubs are reporting a robust level of registration in their sailing schools.
- Recommended we continue with the program of financial support to one or more junior sailors.

11. Other:

- Laminated Maps: The status of the laminated charts was raised. PB to follow up with Jin Frati.
- Code of Conduct: During the 2021 GNS season it was noted that the race committee was subjected to abuse over the VHF by a number of competitors. SLVYRA will post a notice regarding a Code of Conduct and the possible sanctions available for competitors who violate the Code. PB will also contact the GNS webmaster to suggest that such a notice be posted on the GNS website as well.

- Training of Race Officers: TNG reported that there will be a live training session in English at the BYC with an on-line version in French to follow.

13. Appointment of Officers:

- Past President: Jin Frati
- President *Pro-tem*: Paul Baehr
- Treasurer: Michael Anderson
- Chief Handicapper: Pierre Marois
- Mark and Buoy Coordinator: Bill Strath
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Tof Nichols-Griffith reported that he will not be standing for re-election. Paul Baehr, on behalf of the Executive Committee thanked Tof for his invaluable contribution to sailing in the St. Lawrence valley.

Paul Baehr reported that while he is willing to stand for re-election, he views this as an interim post until such time as a bi-lingual volunteer comes forward to replace him.

The election of the officers was affirmed.

14. Termination of the meeting:

There being no more business, the meeting was terminated.

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