

Canadian 2.4-Metre Class Association

Annual General Meeting Minutes

15 October 2020

Members Present: Peter Wood, *President & chair of the meeting*, Audrey Kobayashi, *Secretary*, Aaron Wong-Sing, *Webmaster*, Bruce Millar, *National Measurer*

Brian Peckover, Debbie Reinhart, Doug Bell, Aaron Wong-Sing, Peter Eagar, Janice Graham-Foscarini, David Fosarini, Louise Anstey, Wendy Frazier, Brian Robinson, Allan Leibel, , Stacie Loutit, Joe Gerlinsky, Audrey Kobayashi, Paula Stone, Rodney Mack, Darrell Suderman, Erick Poirier, Christopher Anstey, Alain Dubuc

Guests in Attendance: Tony Pocklington *President, United States 2.4mR Class Association*, Tim Ripley, *Secretary International 2.4mR Class Association*

Call to Order

President Peter Wood called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm EDT.

Regional Reports

The following are brief notes of reports from across Canada:

Victoria: Stacie Louttit reported that Victoria has 17 boats and the 14-member group is very active, with group sailing every Sunday. They have held three training camps this year. Members are looking for boats to buy.

Alberta: There are two boats, and a couple of new sailors.

Saskatchewan: Joe Gerlinsky reported that their group sailed on Saturdays and Sundays all summer, and they enjoyed a new coach,

Toronto: Janice Graham-Foscarini and Peter Eager reported that the group sails out of National Yacht Club every Saturday, with six sailors showing up on a regular basis.

Ottawa: Peter Wood reported that the group got a late start because the club was shut down early in the season, but sailed regularly during the latter part of the summer. Debbie Reinhardt spoke about her experiences as a new sailor.

Kingston: Kingston Yacht Club was not accessible until July. Able Sail Kingston owns two Gavias (one in very old and other in good condition), available for occasional sailing, and we have several people sailing them. We have only one private boat.

Montreal: Sailors at Pte. Claire Yacht Club have a total of three private boats, and Able Sail owns another. Several sailors have shown an interest, but it has been a quiet summer.

President's Report

President Peter Wood presented the report attached. The major issues are 1) there will be an International Class meeting soon at which issues on the status of the Norlin Mark 3 will be discussed; 2) we have issues with paying the International Class dues. The International Class requiring wire transfers rather than PayPal; 3) it is disappointing that the 2020 Worlds scheduled for Davis Island, Tampa FL had to be cancelled but is rescheduled for 2022

Secretary's Report

Audrey Kobayashi reported that there was little to report. We have 31 individual members who have renewed their memberships for 2020, but there are more boats than members, so we should reconsider the status of memberships (see agenda item below).

Measurer's Report

Bruce Millar reported that there has been less activity than expected because of the cancellation of the World Championship in Tampa. He reminded that all boats require a buoyancy test every five years. All the current certificates are in a Dropbox file to which Peter Wood also has access. In Eastern Canada, David Foscarini is happy to go to other cities to conduct float tests.

Financial Statements

The financial statement was pre-circulated and attached to these minutes. Net revenue is approximately \$1500, expenses approximately \$1300, and current cash approximately \$2500.

On motion by Peter Wood, the financial statements were unanimously approved.

Membership Fees

Peter Wood pre-circulated a motion (attached) proposing a new fee schedule. Moved:

- Full members: A Full Member is a 2.4mR boat owner and or seasonal charterer of a 2.4mR sailboat. The annual membership fee for a full member in 2021 is \$40.00 Canadian

- Associate Members: An Associate Member is a person who has an interest in the affairs of the Canadian 2.4mR Class Association but is not a boat owner. The annual membership fee for an Associate Member in 2021 will be 50% of the Full Member fee.
- Club or Association owning multiple boats: A sailing club or association which owns multiple boats shall pay an annual membership of \$40.00 Canadian for the first boat and \$20 per boat for each additional boat.

There was discussion of the need to convey to sailors the benefits of membership, especially as it would increase the number of votes at the international level (currently 3 votes for countries with 31 to 60 members and 4 votes for countries of more than 60 members). It was proposed that those who sail in national events should be members, and pointed out that this requirement is usually written into the NOR. Currently, only the Saskatchewan Sailing Club has an association membership, although there are five other sailing associations.

The motion was approved as amended: 14 for, 1 against.

The discussion regarding owners of multiple boats will be deferred to a future meeting.

International Class Association Activities

Tim Ripley reported that the international executive met to consider the licensing of the Norlin One Design Mk III. Since it is an older design, there are no property rights and no builders' licenses. There has been considerable discussion concerning the One Design vs an Open Metre Class. It was suggested that a survey be taken to find out which members are sailing boats as delivered from the factory and which have modified their boats. It was also suggested that the Canadian Class Association join with the American Class Association to make a presentation to the International Class Association promoting the One Design requirement.

Canadian Championship 2021

Louise Anstey provided an outline of the proposal. One Toronto member was concerned that not enough time was given to other fleets to provide alternate locations. Louise Anstey asked for input on dates chosen. One Toronto member was concerned about the date just after Labour Day as they were planning to go to the Worlds on Norway and thought it would be a strain on travel. Tony Pocklington asked about possible boat transport via yacht club trailers from the east. Victoria members will look at this and keep people informed

The motion was approved for the 2021 Canadian Championship to be held at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Victoria BC, Sept 10 – 12th 2021, one week after Labour Day: 11 for, 1 against.

Eastern Sailing Schedules

The Toronto and Montreal groups will provide dates and events as they become known.

Mid Winter Class Zoom Meeting

After the above schedule was discussed, Doug Bell from Victoria suggested that a mid winter ZOOM meeting could be called with class members to discuss upcoming events and other business. All agreed that was a good idea. Peter Wood will schedule end of January or beginning of February.

Executive Positions

Brian Robinson will take over position as Canadian Class Secretary and Aaron Wong-Sing will act as Treasurer, in addition to Webmaster. All other positions remain.

Canadian Class AGM via Zoom

Peter Wood moved that future Canadian 2.4mR Class Annual General Meetings be held by ZOOM.

The motion was approved unanimously: 14 for, 0 against.

Canadian Class Bylaws

Discussion was held to determine if the Canadian Class should adopt a more formal set of bylaws and or constitution. Members felt that this was not needed at this time but class execution would instead write a set of Guidelines that class can follow. This issue to be revisited at the next AGM for additional discussion and adoption if members feel it is needed.

Allan Leibel thanked Peter Wood for organizing the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30pm EDT