

**Sail Nova Scotia
2024 Annual General Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, February 5, 2024
via Zoom**

Voting Delegates

Armdale Yacht Club (Jeff Nelson), Barrachois Harbour Yacht Club (Terri Byers), Bedford Basin Yacht Club (Philip Burchinshaw), Chester Yacht Club (Jennifer Chandler), Dartmouth Yacht Club (Kevin Hurd), Hubbards Sailing Club (Ben Davis), Lunenburg Yacht Club (Erinn McCarty), Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron (Jeff Courish), Shearwater Yacht Club (Alex Harvey), Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club (Herb Locke). Sail NS Officers: Eric Hill, Rebecca Swan.

Meeting Chair: Eric Hill, President of Sail Nova Scotia

Recording Secretary: Frank Denis

Observers: Saraha Flanagan, Jim Carwardine, Mike Evans, Pat Jones, Gale Fullerton, Barbara Pike, Colin Campbell, Keith Davidson, Eric Siegel, Grace Flemming, Andrea Edwards.

Regrets: Petpeswick Yacht Club (Tom Mitchell), Antigonish Boat Club (Sean Day).

Frank Denis conducted Roll Call and confirmed that quorum was present.

Eric Hill called the meeting to order at 7:03pm and asked if there were any conflicts. None were declared.

1 – Approval of the Agenda

Motion: To approve the Agenda as circulated and presented.

Moved: Jeff Nelson, Seconded: Herb Locke. Carried.

2 – Approval of the 2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes and the February 28 General Meeting Minutes.

Motion: To approve the Minutes as posted.

Moved: Ben Davis, Seconded: Erinn McCarty. Carried.

3 – Business Arising

Eric Hill noted there was no Business Arising from the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

4 – 2023 Financial Report

On Treasurer Omar Hassan's behalf Frank Denis presented and reviewed the Financial Statements which

had been posted for three weeks. The Financial Report (YE October 31, 2023) that was compiled by the accounting firm of Levy, Casey, Carter, & MacLean.

There were no questions.

Motion: To approve the 2023 Financial Statements as posted and presented.

Moved: Jeff Courish, Seconded: Herb Locke. Carried.

5 – President’s Report

Eric Hill highlighted changes over the past 4 years “to unlock the potential of directors”. Implemented a new Governance structure and strategic planning process. Said lots of work to be done including developing our own race coaches. Social media presence to recruit new people to the sport will increase membership numbers. Eric thanked the Commodores for their support.

6 – 2023 Year in Review – Executive Director Report

Frank thanked outgoing President Eric Hill for his support and guidance over the past 4 years. He presented the statistics from 2023 when it comes to membership and programming.

7 – Amendments to Sail Nova Scotia By-Laws

There were 4 By-Law amendments presented to Membership. These amendments were considered and approved by the Board.

Amendment #1

7.3 The Board will add an Audit & Finance Committee to its list of standing committees.

Motion: To approve the By-Law Amendment to 7.3.

Moved: Jeff Nelson, Seconded: Jennifer Chandler. Carried.

Amendment #2

11.3 Officers and Directors shall be eligible to serve only two (2) consecutive, three year terms unless recommended by a 2/3 majority vote of the current Board of Directors at any meeting having a quorum.

Motion: To approve the amendment to By-Law 11.3.

Moved: Jeff Courish, Seconded: Kevin Hurd. Carried

8- Increases to Membership Dues and CANSail Participant Fees

Motion: To set the 2024 Sail Canada / Sail Nova Scotia membership dues at \$40 per member unit.

Moved: Jeff Nelson, Seconded: Herb Locke. Carried

Motion: To set the 2024 CANSail Participant Fee at \$30 per participant.

Moved: Alex Harvey, Seconded: Erinn McCarty. Carried with 1 abstention.

9 – Nominating Committee Report

Eric Hill thanked the 4 “retiring” board members, Mike Evans, Keith Davidson, and David Clark.

Eric Hill also thanked the Nominations Committee for their work.

Mike Evans, Chair of the Nominating Committee presented the report.

Motion: To elect Sarah Flanagan as President of Sail Nova Scotia.

Moved: Jeff Nelson, Seconded: Jeff Courish. Carried

Motion: To elect Grace Flemming and Omar Hassan as Directors at Large.

Moved: Ben Davis, Seconded: Jeff Courish. Carried.

9 – New Business

There was no new business.

10 – Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Jennifer Chadler, Seconded: Jeff Nelson. Carried at 7:58pm.