

**Sail Nova Scotia
2025 Annual General Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, February 10, 2025
via Zoom**

Voting Delegates

Armdale Yacht Club (Jeff Nelson), Bedford Basin Yacht Club (Philip Burchinshaw), Chester Yacht Club (Jennifer Chandler), Dartmouth Yacht Club (Angela Chisholm), Hubbards Sailing Club (Ben Davis), Jonathan Verbuyst (Indian Point Yacht Club), Pictou Yacht Club (Brian Hughes), Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron (Robinson Manson), Sail Able Nova Scotia (Grace Flight), Shearwater Yacht Club (Alex Harvey), Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club (Herb Locke), St. Margaret Sailing Club (Matthew Hilchie), Sail & See School (Robyn Wiltshire). Sail NS Officers: Sarah Flanagan, Omar Hassan.

Meeting Chair: Sarah Flanagan, President of Sail Nova Scotia

Recording Secretary: Frank Denis

Observers: Barbara Pike, Pat Jones, Eric Siegel, Tara Macaulay, Sarah Simpson, Kevin Stover.

Regrets: Antigonish Boat Club (Sean Day).

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

Sarah Flanagan called the meeting to order at 7:02pm 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: Phil Burchinshaw. Carried.

2 – Approval of the 2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes and the February 28 General Meeting Minutes.

Motion: To approve the Minutes as posted.

Moved: Phil Burchinshaw, Seconded: Ben Davis. Carried.

3 – Business Arising

Sarah Flanagan noted there was no Business Arising from the 2024 Annual General Meeting.

4 – 2024 Financial Report

Treasurer Omar Hassan presented and reviewed the Financial Statements which had been posted for

three weeks. The Financial Report (YE October 31, 2024) that was compiled by the accounting firm of Belliveau Veinotte.

There were no questions.

Motion: To approve the 2024 Financial Statements as posted and presented.

Moved: Jeff Nelson, Seconded: Alex Harvey. Carried.

5 – President’s Report

Sarah Flanagan highlighted that 2024 was an exciting year for sailing and boating in Nova Scotia highlighted by the SailGP event in June. Sarah spoke of the success of fundraising, Communications on Social Media, and looks forward to 2025.

6 – 2023 Year in Review – Executive Director Report

Frank Denis presented the statistics from 2024 when it comes to membership and programming. He thanked the Board and Clubs for their continued support.

7 – Strategic Plan Objectives & Initiatives

Sarah Flanagan noted items that have been identified as potential items to be developed in the new (2026-2030) Strategic Plan. Items identified were;

Communications

Bringing the sailing and boating community together

Strategy for attracting world class events

Support of the Power Boating community

Building partnerships with organizations servicing under-represented communities.

8 – Nominating Committee Report

Nominating Committee Chair Eric Siegel presented the report and discussed the Committee’s process. Noted that there is a need to improve geographic diversity. The two candidates introduced themselves.

Motion: To elect Sarah Simpson and Kevin Stover as Directors at Large.

Moved: Robinson Manson, Seconded: Matthew Hilchie. Carried.

9 – New Business

There was no new business.

10 – Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Jeff Nelson, Seconded: Angela Chisholm. Carried at 7:44pm.