

Squamish Windsport Society
Thursday, October 25, 2006
West Vancouver Yacht Club
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Minutes

Directors Present:

Gary Smith, President
Jean-Michel Trembley, Treasurer
Christie O'Krainetz, Member at Large

Chris Glazier, Member at Large
Jamie Martin, Member at Large

Committee Members Present:

Approximately 35

1. Agenda Approval

It was moved and seconded

THAT the meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of 2005 Annual General Meeting be Approved

It was moved and seconded

THAT the meeting minutes of the Squamish Windsport Society Annual General

Meeting on

November 2nd, 2005 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Presidents Report

The year 2006 was a year of success and frustration. We had great weather and the winds were wonderful, with an extension of the season well into the fall. More members joined this year and day users were up, at least until the oil spill at the beginning of the August long weekend.

We purchased a new Sea Doo, had more rigging mats than ever and Michelle returned for a second year as our site manger.

A committee has been formed under the direction of Marcus Hooper and there is a very good chance the 2007 Canadian Windsurfing Championships will be held in Squamish.

The SWS continues to grow and prosper. This is due to all our members who are friendly and supportive and those who have generously donated their time to keep the Society moving ahead.

4. The Spit Expansion Project – Jamie Martin

The Spit Expansion Project is currently underway. The expansion costs have been approved by the District of Squamish for \$120,000.00. Final negotiations with The Department of Fisheries are taking place in an effort to get the work completed this year.

The purpose of the expansion is to widen the surface area to make safer landing and launching areas as well as a safer spectator zone. Following the expansion, a new fence will be installed. Members had concerns of the type of fencing that will be installed. Members recommended that trees be used as barriers versus a solid concrete, chain link or solid wooden fence. There was also concern of the surface material. At this (TIME) cobble rock or river rock (similar to the launch site at Harrison Lake) is being suggested.

5. **Report on Liability and Insurance – Chris Glazier**

• • • **Proposed amendment to the Squamish Windsport Society**

Constitution:

The existing reads “The purposes of the Society are (a) To organize and promote the sport of windsurfing in the Squamish area.” Recommended change “The purposes of the Society are (a) To organize and promote the sports of windsurfing and kiteboarding in the Squamish area and the Greater Vancouver area.”

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Squamish Windsport Society's change the constitution to read “The purposes of the Society are (a) To organize and promote the sports of windsurfing and kiteboarding in the Squamish area and the Greater Vancouver area.”

CARRIED

6. **Treasurer's Report – Jean-Michel Tremblay**

Jean-Michel noted that he is not an accountant and requested additional support from members that may have accounting backgrounds.

Due to a break-in to the container late in season, membership numbers and day fee users cannot be confirmed. Currently, there are 209 recorded members registered with the Squamish Windsport Society.

There is currently \$5,146.00 in the balance of the bank account. It is anticipated that the Squamish Windsport Society will be reimbursed for the damages of the oil spill.

7. **New Business**

• • • **Ed Dubois Photography Display**

Once again Ed Dubois provided an excellent 25-minute display of photographs of sport, culture and camaraderie of the 2006 season at the Squamish Spit. Ed Dubois thanked Jenn Lewis for her technical support, wife Gwen for her input, photography and support and Chris Glazier and Paul Sabiston for their additional photographs. The DVD is available at Airtime Boardsports for \$20.00 with \$10.00 of the proceeds going to the Squamish Windsport Society. Thank you Ed Dubois and Philippe Cabanne. It was suggested that the Dubois family be granted a lifetime membership in honour of their support and dedication to the Squamish Windsport Society.

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Ed and Gwen Dubois be granted a lifetime membership to the Squamish Windsport Society.

CARRIED

• • • **2007 Fees**

There was Discussion regarding the annual membership fees and day fees. Membership fees and day user fees are in place to provide access for windsurfing and kiteboarding sports at the Squamish Spit. Most members felt that a fee increase for annual memberships was acceptable and day fees to remain at \$15.00 per day. The purpose for increasing the annual membership fee is as follows:

- ○ ○ To increase staff wages
- ○ ○ Replacement Sea-Doo
- ○ ○ Preparation for poor weather resulting in a loss of revenue

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Squamish Windsport Society's annual membership fee be increased by \$5.00, which amounts to the early bird pass at \$145.00 and regular season at \$150.00 be approved.

CARRIED

• • • **Retrieval Services**

Due to the increase in gas expense and limited staff resources it was suggested that members and day users are permitted one retrieval per day and any additional retrievals would be provided at a cost of \$10.00. Though many agreed with this suggestion due to the liability and insurance policy, payment may not be accepted for retrieval services.

- ○ ○ It was noted that the Insurance Policy is available for all members to review.

• • • **Users Etiquette and Related Signage**

Concern was expressed of the lack of awareness of the rules of water etiquette and general use of the landing and launching areas and set-up areas. It was suggested that signage be posted around the spit to better inform users of the recommended site usage.

Kyle Touhey volunteered to create the wording for the signage and Robert Mulder volunteered to cover the costs of producing the signage.

• • • **Skypilot School Student Day Fees**

A request was forwarded by a member of the society that students attending the Skypilot Kiteboarding School be exempt from paying the Squamish Windsport Society day user fee. A lengthy debate was held regarding this request. Several key

points were raised such as loss of annual revenue to the society, the positive safety aspects that the school provides to new or beginner kiteboarder and the long term growth of the kiteboarding community resulting in a growth of Squamish Windsport Society's membership.

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Registered students of authorized schools of the Squamish Windsport Society not pay day user fees be approved.

NOT CARRIED

• • • **Oil Spill**

The Squamish Windsport Society is in the process of making a claim to the Shipping Company for lost revenue due to the oil spill and closure of the Spit. Jenn Lewis has volunteered to assist the Squamish Windsport Society with their claim regarding the oil spill.

It has been suggested that although the club should try to help members present their claims that we should separate individual claims and SWS claims.

Posted on Skypilot. are some general guidelines for personal claims:

What is required is, that you write down the following:

- details of the claim - who, what, why, where and when
- some justification for the loss in value of the item(s) claimed for
- any mitigation efforts made by you

Once the paperwork is done, you will need to communicate with:

Roger Day

Shipowners Assurance Management (B.C.) Ltd.

44, Georgia Wynd,

Delta, B.C.

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Phone 604 943 3387 (24 hours) Fax 604 943 3351 Mobile 604 240 9126

Email: raday.sambc@dccnet.com

• • • **Skypilot School Reserved Parking**

A request was forwarded that the Skypilot Kiteboarding School be designated the first parking space from the months of May to September. There was discussion regarding the congestion of additional cars and seating area adjacent the designated park space as well as the management of reserving the parking space.

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Skypilot Kiteboarding School be given the right to reserve the first designated parking space from May to September.

NOT CARRIED

• • • **Parking Management in the Turn-Around**

The membership had several concerns with the lack of enforcement of the "NO PARKING" signs in the turn-around. It was noted that the current operation at the Squamish Spit does not allow for staff to enforce the "No parking". Alternative options are required to effectively ensure that the turn around is only used for pick-up and drop-off. Due to the nature of this topic it was recommended that a sub-committee be formed to review the policy and appropriate enforcement.

It was moved and seconded:

THAT a sub-committee be formed to review the access and enforcement of the parking by-law in the turn around at the Squamish Spit.

CARRIED

o o o **Access and Parking Sub-Committee**

The following members agreed to be a part of the access and parking sub-committee:

- ▪ ▪ Mark Goetsch
- ▪ ▪ Greg Peake
- ▪ ▪ Jeff Kindree

8. The Board of Directors

Welcome to Jenn Lewis and Jeff Kindree as the newest Directors of the Squamish Windsport Society.

All existing Directors volunteered for another season.

9. Next Meeting:

The next annual general meeting will be in the Fall of 2007.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Committee Chair

Committee Staff Secretary