

Beth, we will be reviewing all our programs at this weeks exec meeting. A few questions: Thanks for your anticipated cooperation.

**N.B. TO DATE, THE CLUB HAS NOT PUT ANY MONEY INTO THIS PROGRAM. THE YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM HAS BEEN SELF-SUSTAINING THROUGH GRANTS, DONATIONS, AND REGISTRATION FEES.**

1. How many boats are in the fleet and what is the estimated value?

- 8 Qubas - \$2360 or less
- 2 Zests - \$6,565 each
- 3 RIBs (Rigid Inflatable Boats) - \$10,000 approx.

2. What is the expected cost of maintaining the boats and their expected lifespan?

- We have budgeted \$5,000 for repairs for 2025. There is a very short lifespan left for the Qubas. We have not completed an inspection on the boats for 2025, but hopefully we can expect them to last another 2-3 years. They were old when we got them, and we are going into our 5th year.
- Zests should last many years because they have a kick-up rudder and centerboard, as opposed to a daggerboard, and have a nearly indestructible rotomolded hull. The weak part and damage on the Qubas were the centerboard.
- We have three coach boats (RIBs). Four years ago, the newest boat was five years old when we received it, but the other two, included in the deal with Ontario Sail, were older and will need to be replaced in a couple of years. The approximate cost for a new boat is \$4,300 Cdn each with a double aluminium bottom.

3. The parking lot was expanded last year, in part to accommodate the youth sailing program. What is your estimate of what proportion of this expansion should be attributed to youth sailing?

- The expansion of the parking lot had nothing to do with the Youth Sail program. It was expanded for more parking and more space for storing boats (Minutes of May 1/23) and the suggestion of dry sailing (Minutes of October 11/23). We are comfortable with the footprint that we have now. When we eventually add 420s, we might need a bit more room. We are not taking up any more space than when we began. Two more elements have been added to the mix - Paddle Pass and lasers.

4. What is the estimated cost of replacing boats each year? This goes to what accruals should be made for this yearly cost.

- Because our Qubas are old, it's imperative, to continue with the program, that we replace two each year with Zests for the following 4 years, including this year until we get 10 boats. For 2025, the quote for one boat is \$8595 plus HST. If we are going to grow our own instructors, which was one of our goals in our Strategic Plan approved by the membership, and provide additional programs for those who have attained their CANSail IV, we will need to purchase 420s. The timeframe will be considered in our new Strategic Plan.

5. Is there any history on any of the youth sailing program graduates or their families who have joined our club?

- We have had several take advantage of the Free Social Membership. Currently, we have two that have joined as Social Members and one Free Social Member that is presently active on committees.
- As a result of the Youth Sail Program and in line with our original Strategic Plan, we have two of our graduates that have their CANSail IV and are Assistant Instructors and in the process of becoming our first home grown instructors.

6. What grants from the town or any level of government are expected to run this program now or in the future?

- This is our last year for the Town grant of \$2,500. If there are grants that are available through the Town in the future, with your support, we will apply. In the meantime, we will rely on them for publicity and supporting us through the Rec for All Program.
- At the present time, we are not looking to apply for a Trillium Grant because of the cost of the accountant's report, \$3,000, and the unlikelihood of us getting the grant.

7. Is there any chance of local businesses sponsoring this program? Thinking greenhouse operators.

- As soon as our Strategic Plan is completed, we plan on approaching Nature Fresh Farms for assistance. Rachel has suggested we approach Peter Quiring, and we would appreciate her assistance in making this contact.

8. How many work hours from members are used to run this program?

- This past year, our volunteers assisted in providing a safe environment for the kids as well as cleaning the clubhouse, washrooms, disposing of garbage, and recycling. The person In charge of work hours would have the figures for 2025.

We are looking to reducing the number of hours from 8 to 5, (10 a.m. - 3 p.m. instead of 8 a.m. to 4:00 pm) with only 1 volunteer. Safe Sport does not allow us as volunteers or instructors to be alone with a child, so if a child is brought in from the lake because of sickness or injury, etc., an instructor will have to stay with the volunteer until the parent arrives. That would leave only two instructors on the lake and only one during the two-week course. We are still working out the logistics to accommodate the Safe Sport Policy.

- Question for the Executive - What are your plans for cleaning the clubhouse and grounds this year during the summer months?

Respectfully submitted

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