

Coalition Navigation

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF COALITION NAVIGATION
JANUARY 12 2018, AT 10 :00AM
CHALET PAULINE-VANIER, 33, AVENUE DE L'ÉGLISE, ST-SAUVER (QUÉBEC)

Present:

Denise Cloutier, Richère Déziel, Carmenza Granados, Johanne Gauthier
Will Dubitsky, Daniel Piché, Claude Britt, Paul Isabelle (par téléphone)

Absents:

Yvon DesRochers, Stéphane Cherpit (Peggy Varner)

1. START OF THE MEETING

Once a quorum was attained, the meeting began at 10:10AM

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The adoption of the agenda was proposed by Johanne Gauthier, seconded by Will Dubitsky and adopted as is.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

The adoption of the minutes of September 13, 2017 was proposed by Daniel Piché and seconded by Claude Britt and adopted as is.

4. MEETINGS WITH TRANSPORTS CANADA DECEMBER 6, 2017

There was a big difference between the reception of Coalition representatives in Ottawa June 27, 2017 and the present case, as indicated at the Standing Committee on Recreational Boating of the Canadian Marine Advisory Council (CMAC) meeting of Dec. 6, 2017. At the CMAC meeting most of the presentations concerned Transport Canada initiatives pertaining to standards for life jackets, abandoned boats and procedures to acquire a motor boat operating license.

Will made a presentation at the CMAC meeting at 1:00PM just after that of Michele Ray on the subject of the Vessel Operating Restriction Regulations (VORR). The VORR presentation was about a multi-year process to modernize the VORR.

The Coalition perception is that Transport Canada is disconnected from the "real world" by being focused on a model that entails vast consultations and a consensus of nearly 100%, an onerous and ineffective process. The result is that only 3 new regulations were adopted in the past year for all of the thousands of thousands of water bodies in Canada.

Will's Presentation

Will began his presentation by noting that time is running out because the situation deteriorates with each boating season entailing more and more motor boats and the proliferation of powerful boats. Several examples were given to this effect. Accordingly, Will stated that a completely new model is required to replace the VORR, but Transport Canada was not responsive to this suggestion. Furthermore, since the Canada Shipping Act does not adequately address motor boat environmental impact challenges, there isn't any person at Transport Canada responsible for these challenges. Despite the ambiance, Will's presentation was applauded.

In Paul's view, the Coalition should document the dissatisfaction with the present Act, gather testimonies, approach elected officials and even contact those responsible for the television program **La Facture** which will soon be dealing with the legislative dark side of septic tanks. Eventually this program can address the issues and solutions raised by the **COALITION**. If our cause is well-prepared and thorough, there will be less effort required of the program hosts. Concurrently, the **COALITION** should look at other paths to attract public attention.

Sarah Angel of the **National Marine Manufacturers Association** Co-Chairs the **National Recreational Boating Advisory Council**. Paul proposed that the **COALITION** make a presentation to the **NNMA** in the US.

Subsequent to the December meeting, Will arranged a **COALITION** meeting with the Director General of the Transport Canada Innovation Centre and his officials concerning research initiatives.

5. MEETING WITH THE AMQ

A meeting was set up for Feb. 13, 2018 with Alain Roy, Director General of the AMQ. He wants to make AMQ members aware of the **COALITION** research findings.

6. REMAKING AND IMPROVEMENTS OF OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Paul's Proposal

There was an exchange between Paul and Yvon. It was agreed that Facebook should serve as an exchange venue for our members. We should stimulate conversations. At the moment, exchanges are almost non-existent. As a case in point, a suggestion was made to the effect that the auction for the painting is an example of the kind of event we need to highlight. We should also raise controversies that can generate comments. As well we need an images bank and ask Facebook participants to send in their own images of problematic navigation behavior.

Drive to web., teasers, etc....

Carmenza does not want to be responsible for Facebook and would like her name removed as a moderator.

Yvon will take care of web matters.

Yvon and Paul will act as « Administrators, Editors, Moderators, Announcers, Analysts and Contributors, as seen fit ». It was also recommended that administrators act as moderators for the purposes of deleting inappropriate posts.

Will accepted to be a moderator.

As well, it was proposed that we set up a You Tube chain. Paul and Yvon would take this in hand shortly.

Will spoke of the GOOGLE G-SUITE for non-profits which allows us to post ads at no cost.

A suggestion was made to set up a GOOGLE FORM survey and launch it with Facebook. Will and others would propose survey questions and Denise would take care of placing the questions on GOOGLE FORM.

Other suggestions made include paying for inexpensive ads on Facebook to enhance our Facebook page and for a protocol on the roles of Board members.

7. RESEARCH PROGRAM 2018

Financing Possibilities

Donations to win a painting: Could generate \$2000\$ to \$3000

MITACS: Hiring of a student: \$15 000/student

Canada Summer Jobs: Hire a student to refine the environmental signature device, do on-water applications of the environmental signature device and validate the device on cumulative impacts of boating activity .

Request for support to MLAs in the Laurentides and Quebec City region and Paul will guide this initiative.

Claude proposed to use Lac Xavier for our tests because it is clear and transparent.

The modifications, as appropriate, of the research devices must be designed to be easily disassembled and transported. This equipment must be transported from one water body to another. We must have a written description of the student qualifications and tasks, as per our needs.

8. TRANSLATION OF THE STUDIES

Make a request to UQAM for the study undertaken by Yves Prairie and Sara Mercier-Blais.

Make a request to the Université Laval for the study undertaken by Sébastien Raymond.

9. COMMENTS ON OUR WEB SITE

This was left to a later date

10. VARIA

No further points added.

Once the agenda was completed, Daniel Piché proposed and seconded by Johanne Gauthier, the close of the meeting at 11:50AM.

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33 AVENUE DE L'ÉGLISE, ST-SAUVEUR-DES-MONTS

AGENDA

- Adoption of the agenda
- Adoption of the minutes of September 13th
- Transport Canada, December 6, 2017 in Ottawa
 - Canadian Marine Advisory Council, Standing Committee on Recreational Boating
 - National Recreational Boating Advisory Council
 - Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations : Modernisation
 - Safe Quiet Lakes : Greg Wilkinson, survey and National Marine Manufacturers Association Canada
- Facebook: Remake (Paul)
 - Plan: Paul's proposal
 - Administrator, Editor, Moderator, Announcer, Analyst + Contributor online
- Research Program 2018
 - Research plan
 - Financing:
 - Mountain Equipment Co-op, up to \$20000
 - Donations for a painting, up to \$2000 to \$3000
 - MITACS: hiring of a student: \$12500, first come, first served
 - Canada Summer Jobs: hiring of a student at minimum wage and webinars
 - Transport Canada
 - Others
- Translation of past research studies
- Comments on our web site
- Varia
- Next steps