

# Okanagan Quality Life Society

## Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting

**Date:** May 9, 2024, 14:00 hours

**Location:** Army Navy Airforce Veterans Spitfire Unit #5  
2500 46 Avenue, Vernon BC

**Attendees:** **Members of the Board:** Dave Connolly, Dale Dunlop, Norm Armstrong,  
Norm McKinlay

**Captains:** Roy Adkins, Victor Blanchette, Wayne Cocking, Dan Cook, Dave Dandell, Darryl Diardichuk, Kerry Dutchak, Barry Eyres, Craig Garratt, Clem Girard, Jennifer Gleadle, John Gleadle, Dave Horsham, Don Kreuger, Colette LaPlante, Len Leduc, Judith Leon-Gallardo, Tish (Patricia) Little, Bill Lockhart, Marco Longley, Gary Morgan, Sean Phillips, Rick Pue, Bob Rinaldi, Michelle Sinclair, Darrell Spencer, Diane Spencer, Marty VanKeulen, William West, Bob Young

**Guests:** Joe Mohos, Nancy Petryshyn, Jerry Spoor

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### Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President **Dave Connolly**.

### Adoption of Agenda

Motion by **Michelle Sinclair**.

Seconded by **Craig Garratt**.

Carried.

### Adoption of Previous AGM minutes

Motion by **Bill Lockhart**.

Seconded by **Len Leduc**.

Carried.

### Treasurer's Report

**Dale Dunlop** presented the **2023 Year-End Financial Report** which is retained on file.

For their ongoing, generous support again this year, Dale expressed sincere appreciation to:

- *The Vernon Yacht Club* - who have been donating a mooring slip for our boat since 1993.

- *Blue Heron Gas Bar* - who have provided us with a portion of our annual fuel needs for many years.
- *Coldstream Women's Institute* – who, for the 10th year in a row, have donated to our Heaven Can Wait program.

### President's Report

President **Dave Connolly** welcomed the participants of the 2024 Annual General Meeting on this, *the 31<sup>th</sup> season for our Heaven Can Wait program*.

### *A Successful 2023 Season*

We had a good season in 2023, completing 185 trips, despite cancellations due to wildfires, weather, etc. (See *Heaven Can Wait Statistics*, attached.)

### New Business

#### *Succession Planning*

**Recruiting Captains** is an ongoing process. As captains retire every year, we must recruit new replacements - an average of 11 every season since

2019. With about 50 captains in our organization, this means that quite a few are relatively new.

This underscores the need for excellent training and preparation for all our captains who we depend upon to deliver our Heaven Can Wait program to our clients.

**Other Roles:** We also have other important roles in our organization that we typically draw on from our captains to help our with these roles.

- \* Day Team Leaders
- \* Maintenance Team
- \* Fundraising Team
- \* Treasurer
- \* Uniforms Inventory
- \* Event Organizing
- \* Training Captains
- \* Board of Directors
- \* Admin/Secretarial
- \* Webmaster/Media
- \* Insurance Manager

**Existing Vacancies 2024**

The following people have retired.

1. Inge Friesen (Webmaster/Media)
2. John Pettigrew (Fundraising Committee Chair)
3. Corrie vanDyk (Client Liaison Committee Chair)

**Plan for Coming Vacancies 2025**

1. Dale Dunlop – Director & Secretary/Treasurer/Media
2. Norm Armstrong – Director & Training Officer
3. Mike Pearson – Maintenance Team Lead

*Strengthening Teams*

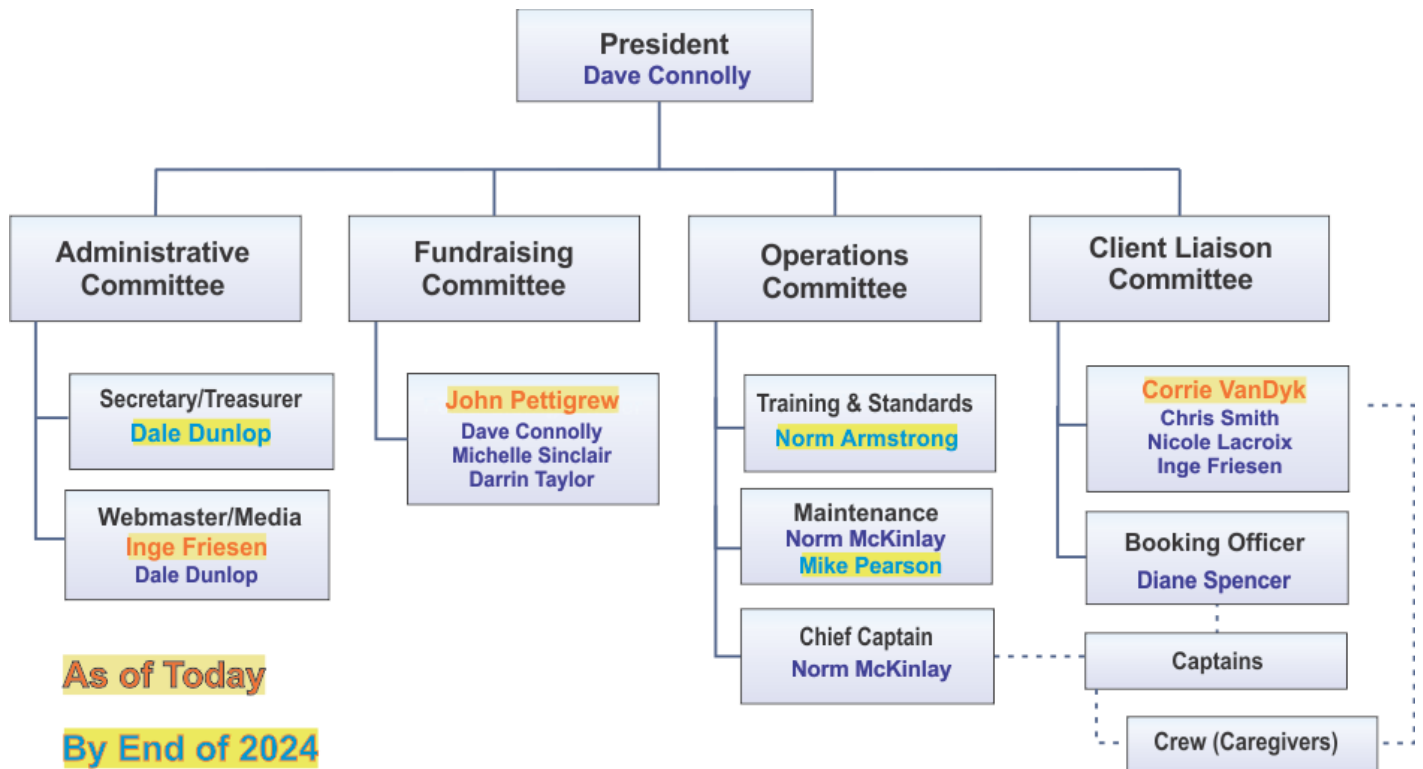
**Training and Standards**

**Norm Armstrong** - resigning as *Director of Training and Standards* at the end of this season. We have recruited **John Gleadle**, a certified marine surveyor and designer, and **John Rithaler**, a marine biologist - two very experienced boat captains to help take over the reins.

**Maintenance Team**

Team lead, **Mike Pearson** will be taking a year off next season. **Norm McKinlay**, **John Gleadle** and **John Rithaler** are part of the team.

We would like to add more members to this team. If you would like to join them, please contact Mike (604-790-0678 or mikepearsononsafety@gmail.com).



## Chief Captains' Team

**Norm McKinlay** remains as *Chief Captain*.

- **Craig Garratt** as **Assistant Chief Captain** to help Norm throughout the season. A skilled and experienced captain, Craig has been a member of the Heaven Can Wait team since 2009.
- **Bob Young**, captain since 2018, has agreed to assist as **Recruitment Officer**, bringing in new recruits and helping get them started with the organization.

## Administrative Team

**Secretary/Treasurer/Webmaster - Dale Dunlop** is planning to retire at the end of this fiscal year (by March 31, 2025) and is working hard to partition off some of her duties to other people.

- **Uniform Inventory Manager – Jennifer Gleadle**, who worked previously in banking, has agreed to take over duties, responsible for inventory, purchasing, and distribution of uniforms. (Contact 778-475-4261 or [bluwatersailor07@gmail.com](mailto:bluwatersailor07@gmail.com))
- **OQLS Insurance Manager – Taryn Pue**, an HCW captain who is an expert in insurance claims, has agreed to take over negotiating our insurance renewals every year.
- **Administrative Secretary – Nancy Petryshyn**, recently retired from BC Hydro, has agreed to be trained over the next few months to take on OQLS secretarial/administrative duties.
- **Website/Media Manager: NOTE: Subsequent to the AGM, Sean Phillips, a website designer for the last 30 years, has agreed to look after our [www.oqls.org](http://www.oqls.org) website design needs.**
- **OQLS Treasurer** – We are looking for someone to train into this position in the next few months. (It is not a complicated “bookkeeper” position.)

## Nominations

### Incumbent Board Members

1. **Dave Connolly** – *President*
2. **Dale Dunlop** – *Secretary/Treasurer/Webmaster*
3. **Norm Armstrong** – *Director (Training Officer)*
4. **Norm McKinlay** – *Director (Chief Captain)*
5. **Corrie vanDyk** – *Director/Chair (Client Liaison)\**
6. **Nicole Lacroix** – *Director (Client Liaison)*
7. **Chris Smith** – *Director (Client Liaison)*
8. **John Pettigrew** – *Director (Fundraising)\**

**\*Retiring**

### Nominees to the Board

**Michelle Sinclair** – Director, Fundraising. Already a valuable member of the Fundraising Committee, she has accepted to be nominated to the Board as Director and Fundraising Chair.

**Tish (Patricia) Little** – Director, Client Liaison Committee. With decades of experience in health care, locally and around the world, she has accepted the nomination to the Board as Director and Liaison Committee Chair.

Motion to accept the incumbents and new nominees to the Board of Directors

- **Dale Dunlop**

Seconded by **Victor Blanchette**.

Carried.

### Special thanks to:

- **Diane Spencer, our awesome Booking Officer**, for her amazing work handling all the client bookings, maintaining and publishing the schedules.
- **Marco Longley and his lovely wife, Anne** who hosted the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Captains' Appreciation.
- **Roy Adkins and his wife Anne**, have already offered to host the 2024 Captains' Appreciation event at their home!
- **To the Maintenance crew** who repaired our fire-damaged boat trailer - . – John Gleadle,

Dave Connolly, Norm McKinlay, Mike Pearson and Norm Armstrong.

- **Bill West** who organized our participation in the 2024 Vernon Yacht Club Boat Show.
- **All the Captains who manned the boat** during the 2024 YVC Boat Show.
- **And, of course, to ALL OUR CAPTAINS** who donate so generously of their time and talents to making sure we fulfill our mission of giving seniors and people with disabilities boat rides on beautiful Lake Okanagan all through the summer.

### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: **Dale Dunlop**  
 Seconded by: **Norm McKinlay**  
 Carried.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

1. Statistics Trips Completed by Month
2. 2024 Final Organization Chart

### Completed Client Trips by Month

		June	July	August	September	Total
2023	Client Trips	49	60	37	39	185
	Scheduled	70	73	73	64	280
	% Complete	70%	82%	51%	61%	66%
2022	Client Trips	41	56	60	40	197
	Scheduled	72	73	79	63	287
	% Complete	57%	77%	76%	63%	69%
2019	Client Trips	46	63	67	35	211
	Scheduled	69	82	78	60	289
	% Complete	67%	77%	86%	58%	73%

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## 2024 Organization Chart

