To Ladner Yacht Club’s Executive elected in November 2013

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Executive Board of LYC

I remain somewhat perplexed about the acceptance of membership applications when the applicant does not have a boat in the marina.

As I understand it, the members of the previous bridge (2013) have decided that Bylaw 9 does not prohibit acceptance of membership applications when no boat is present in the marina. (This assumes the members of the bridge were consulted and offered their opinions.)

 As By-Law 9 neither states acceptance nor rejection of applications when the applicant does not have a boat in the basin, then the Board under the provisions allowing them to make any decision that a general assembly can make, must have decided to allow such applications. However I have reviewed minutes of meeting, with the exception of October 22nd meeting which were not available on the net. As yet I have failed to find a board resolution allowing acceptance or rejection of membership applications from people not moored in the basin. I do however refer you to the ordinary resolution of 2010 regarding the 3 years moorage which states the applicant must have a boat moored in the basin and this is the last standing resolution on the subject of applicants. I think it noteworthy that the members voted on the 2010 ordinary resolution however seem to have been denied a vote now on the acceptance of membership applications.

It appears to me, assuming the information I have provided herein is correct, the a few members have capriciously decided that it is OK to accept membership applications from anyone.

My main concern is twofold. First it contravenes the resolution passed by the members in 2010 and second and most importantly the members were not provided the opportunity to vote to accept or reject the proposition of membership applications when no boat is present in the basin.

The next item I am bothered by is the assertion by our previous Commodore that the only directions available to the members are the By-Laws and ordinary resolutions passed by the members are not valid if they are not printed in the By-Laws.

The 2007 Commodore reviewed and recorded decisions made over 50 years. All the minutes since 1958 were reviewed and many decisions made by AGM, EGM & Executive meetings are recorded in the Compendium (available on the LYC members only site and I recommend each board member review the data) .

 It has been common for LYC to have not only the By-Laws but Policy and Procedure guidance which steer us in the administration of the society. Certainly the By-Laws are the first level of reference but decisions made over the years either by members or boards have greatly assisted the administering P&P’s compliant with the By-Laws. Some of these include decisions made when Mr. Piters was Commodore in an earlier time. As a result, my opinion is that By-Laws are not the only source of valid guidance in the continued success of LYC.

I will leave it to the present board to guide us through the year. You are a capable group and will do well.