

SPYC Board of Directors Meeting

July 25, 2022 - 6:30 p.m. at Clubhouse and via ZOOM

Meeting Called to Order: 6:31 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Board Members Present: Bill Tschohl; Mike Patten; Lynn Adler; Barbara Haake; Troy Janisch; Nathan Schumann; Brett Cummings; Andy Ristrom; Annie Stone; Diane Scovil; Greg Jorgensen.

Staff Present: Kristina Cummings

Guests: Tom Marrone, Carol Janisch; Andrea and Bruce Johnson; Mary Rossi; Jerret and Marcia Seebart; Janeice DeLisle Jeff Schwab

Approval of the Agenda: Bill added River City Welding Co/Services used to move boats under Old Business.

Comments from the Floor - None made at this time.

Flag Officer Reports:

Commodore Bill Tschohl: 13 days over 100 degrees this month. Good to get out on the water. Gas pump credit card works. Dredging in the upper harbor may take longer than usual. Lots of big garbage under the water. We are back to normal pool. In May the river was up 13.4 feet (about ten feet above normal pool - where we are now).. Half of the floods have happened in the last 30 years. Flood brings in sediment. High flows, slow backwaters. To email the board use: board@stpaulyachtclub.org.

Commodore's report 7/25/2022 Play like a Pirate! Cool off on the River!

Aye Mateys,

The past month has been really perfect for getting out on our boats! Thirteen days above 90 degrees so far which matches the average that we typically see all season. If you need to cool off there are plenty of beaches and anchor spots to stop at and dip your toes in or do the fool cool-down with an invigorating swim!

The gas dock is open and ready for regular use again! The fuel dispenser is readable, and easy to use anytime of the day. Kristina will be working from the gas dock Thursdays and Fridays for the remainder of the summer. (She may not always be on the dock as there are other things to get done, but the goal is to be there as much as possible.)

Dredging is underway in the upper harbor currently. While disruptive, we have to get the depth back in the harbor and slips. Our crew will likely be on that project until it is time to move docks, etc. for phase two of the lower harbor COE project. We are awaiting details on timing for phase two of the lower harbor dredging, but expect to have a 5-week advance notice.

The mighty Mississippi is on its lower side now and likely will remain there for the rest of the year. The river crested at 13'4" on Saturday, May 28th.

We have increasingly seen flooding on the Mississippi river over the past three decades. Interestingly, the frequency of these flood events being in the top 20 on record is increasing. In

the 90's we had two. In the first decade of this century, we had another two. Over the last twelve years we've had six, including two years the crested twice. Outside of the 60's we haven't had two major flood events in a typical decade. It is now easy to see that this will be more common.

2010-2022

- (7) 20.19 ft on 03/31/2019 (8) 20.13 ft on 06/26/2014 (10) 19.02 ft on 03/29/2011
- (12) 18.71 ft on 04/10/2011 (13) 18.38 ft on 03/24/2010 (16) 16.70 ft on 10/02/2010

2000-2009

- (3) 23.76 ft on 04/18/2001 (4) 23.20 ft on 04/30/2001

1990-1999

- (5) 22.37 ft on 04/13/1997 (9) 19.15 ft on 06/26/1993
- (1) 26.01 ft on 04/16/1965 (2) 24.52 ft on 04/15/1969 (6) 22.02 ft on 04/16/1952
- (11) 18.79 ft on 04/16/1951 (14) 18.00 ft on 04/06/1987 (15) 16.80 ft on 06/02/1908
- (17) 16.68 ft on 06/29/1957 (18) 16.60 ft on 04/06/1916 (19) 16.10 ft on 05/16/1986
- (20) 16.00 ft on 04/08/1917

<https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?gage=stpm5&wfo=mpx>

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That's all captain's, first-mates and pirates! Have a fabulous month on the river!

Your Commodore,

Bill Tschohl

Vice Commodore Mike Patten: Someone lost \$3,000/\$4,000 tools taken from their car. Need to park in the lot; don't leave anything visible in your car.

Treasurer Lynn Adler: Will be included in the Finance Report (Kristina's report)

Secretary Barbara Haake: No Report.

Marina Manager Report: Kristina Cummings:

Financial

\$96,040 in open invoices with QuickBooks

Checking Account - \$354,026

Mud Cat Loan - \$209,854

Completed

Canceling Scribble Software – Cancelled as of May

You can text the office at 651-292-8964

Fuel dock is up and running – upped credit amount to \$500

In Process

New signs at gas dock, entrance and office

Ice Dispenser is on its way 2-4 weeks out

Dredging is underway – Slow going with rubbish in the way

We need to work on boaters and those unaccustomed to commercial waterway to understand the no wake zone. We are working on larger NO WAKE signs. Signs on the bridge piers get dirty during floods, so they are not looked at. Kristina has tried using an air horn to stop fast boats. Tom Marrone: He has something for the pilings that move with the wind and have the NO WAKE written on it. They were donated to the club 12 years ago. They never were installed but you do have to reach high to get them installed.

One boat is currently hard aground in its slip. Dredging was done in the Upper Harbor mouth. August 1st, dredging is being paused to use the well and lift out boats needing service. Get on the list - let Kristina know. All assistance with boats needs to be coordinated with the office, not Brian directly.

MJ asked - wants to know who does coal tar - the work done last year was not the best. Otherwise people do it for themselves. Talk to Mark Sauer of St Paul Shipwrights a SPYC member, was suggested. All other contractors have retired. Please remember all contractors must have \$1M in liability insurance to do work here.

Committee Reports:

Social Committee: Bill Tschohl. We have an event on August 26th, National Hotdog Day. August 13,14,15, is the Irish Fair that will be held on Harriet Island. Irish Fair will have security at our yard gate. Some vendors will use our parking lot for staging and storage. To get into the lot, have your hanging pass. The vendors store their trailers in our boatyard parking lot. Some vendors may stay in their RV's overnight.

Social Committee Report 7/25/2022 (Bill Tschohl):

To date we have held fourteen events, including general meetings, yard party, season kick-off, Captain's breakfasts, Steak Fry, Commodore's Ball, Beach and Dance Party. We budgeted \$8,100 for these early events and our actuals were \$10,631. We have improved from last month in that we reduced our over budget amount by \$670. We dropped from \$3,200 over budget last month to \$2,531 currently.

We had a short break for the 4th of July and then held two of three planned events, a beach party at Pike Island and a Dance Party at the Clubhouse. We have canceled the July 30th themed party as we need to get closer to budget for the year.

We do have a list of events remaining for the year and are working really hard to get our plans and budget closer to the black.

Canceled Saturday, July 30, 2022 7pm Party at the Club (Themed) Canceled

Friday, August 12, 2022 6pm TGIF Irish fest warm up

Irish Fair 13th, 14th, 15th All Weekend Irish Fair 13th, 14th, 15th

Saturday, August 27, 2022 4pm National Hot dog day Party

Saturday, September 10, 2022 4pm Giant Chicken Feed

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 7pm General meeting

Friday, September 23, 2022 6pm TGIF and Movie Night

Saturday, October 8, 2022 6pm Halloween Party TGI

Clubhouse Committee: Bill Tschohl. Had first meeting. On budget, maybe under budget, end of year could have money left over. Clubhouse pays for propane, cleaning supplies, cleaning, etc. Social Committee pays for general staple supplies, paper plates, etc. which come from Social funds.

Clubhouse Committee Report 7/25/2022 from Bill:

The clubhouse is in really great shape. We do have some questions on some events members have had that weren't scheduled in advance with our Marina manager. Kristina is looking into that further and Bill will help with calls as needed.

Brian installed safety chains to cover the gap in the railing by the K-dock. (Kitchen/ Koskie dock)

In the fall of 2021 the Clubhouse committee presented our 2022 budget.

Our scheduled or fixed items are falling within expectations for the year.

Total Annual Expenses budgeted \$13,000 (actuals are close to or as expected.)

Utility/Insurance: \$8,700/yr (est)

Supplies/repairs \$900/yr (\$620 actual, \$280 remaining)

Repairs: (included above)

\$200 expansion tank replacement

Interior Cleaning Monthly - \$200 a Month - \$2,400/yr.

Carpet Cleaning – Annually - \$500/yr.

Heavy Cleaning/ Power washing – Annually - \$500/yr.

We also had several items approved for 2022, but have held off or delayed a few of them to balance with Social.

Purchased - Outdoor Furniture \$840 , budget was \$320

(We planned on 15 @\$20, but purchased 40 because that style was discontinued and newer adirondacks were \$30,\$120 or higher so we have a couple years supply to keep the same style.)

Delayed - Classroom (skinny) tables for veranda seating \$350 for 6 plastic for lower maintenance and to match current tables.

Delayed - Outdoor Natural Gas Fire Pits \$2,000 for 2 (est)

Purchased - Traffic rugs – eliminate rental charges and pays for itself \$1,377, (budget was \$560, but we purchased a much better quality rug that will last longer.)

6 entrance mats (clean with our carpet cleaner)

Delayed - Laundry machine in office – \$2,500 est.

Eliminate rental/ service charges for kitchen towels. Kristina and Bill have washed these at home.

Quoted/ ordered - Ice machine – \$3,409.99 with delivery (2 year warranty)

Non-clubhouse - Speed bumps \$486

Budgeted: \$9,402

Actual spend: \$5,626.99

Delayed purchases: \$4,850

We expect to end the year roughly \$3,000 below budget.

Please note: occasionally the refrigerator and freezer will be locked when there is a club event or member party supplies stored in them. We will try to keep this to a minimum.

If you see anything that needs a touch of work please let Bill, Nate or Tom know.

Finance Committee - Treasurer Lynn Adler. We are working on getting another accountant.

Greg asked if we have put out an RFP. Kristina – It's harder to find an accounting firm that will work with a not-for-profit (501(c)7). Andy made a suggestion to contact someone he knows at Redfin. Greg, it will take a long time for someone to get up to speed. Current accountant has not given Kristina a current financial statement. Brett agreed it may take a while to get someone to work with us. Greg understands that Valley is still the accountant. Andy, somewhere we have to get all of the information to give a new accountant. Brett said he asked Kristina to do a quick report and Brett will then build a spreadsheet and have it ready by the next board meeting. We are going to start budget discussions and we need good information to enable that. Greg has volunteered to help. Kristina needs to run some of those reports.

Membership Committee - Lynn talked to a couple of people who are interested in becoming members. Kristina said she has someone, too. Barbara asked if we have ever done "exit interviews" with people who have left SPYC? She said not only do we want new members but we would like to keep old members, too. An exit interview can help us understand why someone leaves us and maybe what we can do better.

Bill said he has talked to most of the people who have left SPYC and he has found out what people were saying. One boater said his slip went up two hundred dollars and they left. Others left because of the money. Others left because they liked previous management styles. They felt we were going away from the way we used to operate. We are enforcing the rules established by 100 years of club management and some who left did not like that. Historically we have been pretty easy on the rules and sporadic on follow-up. Greg - we need to have a written report on why this person or that person left us. We can learn from our history.

Marketing Committee - Mike Patten. Lynn said Mike had a good idea - holding a silent auction. Mike: Some members could donate items for a silent auction. Set a start and end time for the silent auction. It would take place in the Clubhouse. It could be fun. We all have stuff we want to get rid of. We could do a fund-raiser for charity. Nate - turn it into an event, bring people down to look us over. Andrea - Call it a SPYC event. Kristina said after so many requests for swag. She can ask for recommendations for anyone who does these things. Lynn: Also took orders for something that were put up for sale in the past. Tee shirts, etc.

Strategic Plan Committee - still no meeting.

Operations Committee - Operations - Andy Ristrom.

Our dredge set up in Upper Harbor and is dredge activity is going better than last year. Harbor mouth is completed and we are getting in and out of slips. Guys are doing a great job. We will dredge problem slips until we run out of hose. We can get 2/3rds of the way down the harbor (We have 600 feet of floating dredge hose system). We will need more hose next year, we need a total of 900 feet which would get us all the way down to the end of the harbor. Last year we rented hoses that ran to the Geo- bags, and had a bit of a learning curve. We have purchased the hose sets to run to the bags so now we own them and won't have to rent anymore. The last set of hoses we need to reach the full geo-bag area will arrive Tuesday 7/26/22 and the first two bags will be close to full, so we will move over to the second set of Geo Bags. If we overfill the bags too much, not good as they could burst. 3,000 yards dredged a year is what we can do legally (based on our annual maintenance dredging permit). About 500 yards can go into each bag.

We have installed fabric and riprap up along the slope behind the clubhouse to reduce the chance of erosion and to stabilize river bank. The two small drain tiles were plugged up. We installed a new basin drain pipe to allow better drainage of the boat pressure washing water and one of the drain areas that returns dredge water back into the harbor . The crew is getting better at dredging operations. Items the dredge pulls up, like umbrellas, electrical wires and barrels slow things down. These have to be cleared from the auger when found and can be a lot of work. We all need to let the staff know we appreciate their hard work.

There was a question about the electric on the docks when they move. Kristina remarked: Taking the Lower Harbor docks away will shut down all power, gas, pump out line, waterline in

order for us to take them apart. She also reminding everyone will have to leave the lower harbor during the next round of dredging. There was some discussion on where the shoreside dock would be placed, in reference to order on the city dock.

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Old Business:

Motor discussion - Carol Pine's summary report from a meeting of Liveaboards on Standing Rules for boats required to have operating motors was discussed. It was pointed out that Liveaboards are different from "boaters" - they live on their boats and do not move their boats. Different topics were brought up: Residency, approved vendors to help move boats when the need arises, moderate the language that a boat has to move under its own power, safety if an emergency occurs: Addition/changes to the Standing Rules. It was agreed we would only talk about boats being capable of moving under its own power. Bill said he has been talking to the city (Tyler McKean) about our lease with the city that will be coming up for renewal in 2024. This matter is not urgent and does not need to be resolved right now. Our lease language is not specific enough that all boats have to run and but in our standing rules it always has said that it does. The city sees us as the marina operators and we know how to operate the marina. Lease doesn't put it all in there. There are a number of rules the city does not include in our lease because they expect us to know how to operate a marina best. Currently our Standing Rule language is messy.

MJ the motor issue is what we want to discuss. Everyone (OK with Liveaboards) liked the wording you had that was/is Bill's suggested compromise quoted here:

Addition to Standing Rules: vii. Live-aboard Exception: our live-aboard members' boats, as defined elsewhere in our standing rules, will not be required to demonstrate their boat is capable of moving under its own power. Members will each have a movement plan for their boats in written form and available to the SPYC Marina Manager.

Diane asked: "Are we violating our lease with St. Paul?" Bill - No, Liveaboard boats having motors is not required by St. Paul but it is an unspoken expectation. Tom: We need motors on boats with the expectation that they work. Some have not moved for a long time. Tom recognized that MJ Babcock and Tom Wellna/Anne Hunt's old boats were "grandfathered" in and didn't need operating motors until their boats were/are sold.

Barbara made a Motion that we temporarily accept Bill's Standing Rule addition "**vii**" for the upcoming Phase 2 dredging of the Lower Harbor and that we review the Standing Rules within the next year before the 2024 new lease with the city of St. Paul. Said Motion died for lack of a second.

Bill said to the liveaboards that "You came to the board to have a plan and now you don't want it?" Andy - We should not allow new boats to come into the harbor that are not running. If we make an exception, it could be a problem. Some of these boats are too big for SPYC's workboat to move. Bill said River City Welding can move liveaboards at any time. If you don't have a motor or a motor that works, you have to pay for the moving. MJ asked if she had to have a motor? That she will never take her boat out of the harbor. Diane - we are at the point that you personally have to pay for the moving of your boat. Lynn: Boats don't have to run but they are responsible to move their boats at no expense of the marina. (Suggestion: Board can approve exceptions - we need to define how to get exceptions. Perhaps you don't have to be running but you have to have a motor.)

Action Item: Bill reiterated the "Liveaboard Exception" (**vii**) as follows :

1. Live-aboard Exception: Our Live-aboard members boats, as defined elsewhere in our standing rules, will not be required to demonstrate their boat is capable of moving under its own power. They will need to have a movement plan documented and available they can share with SPYC Marina Manager.

Bill went on to say that Brett, Andy and Greg will determine language on clarifications that would be acceptable. They will meet and come up with some compromise language that should be acceptable.

River City Welding moving boats to dredge Lower Harbor on June 1, 2022.

Bill opened the discussion on SPYC using River City Welding to move four boats on June 1, 2022 so Phase One of the COE/LSM dredging project in SPYC's Lower Harbor could commence.

With the river at high water stage, the wind blowing at 40 mph and the fast current, SPYC's workboat could not be used and help was needed to move the boats.. This was a one-time cost. It was pointed out that when flood waters threaten the safety of boats stored during the winter in SPYC boatyard, they have to be moved due to floodwaters and everyone in both harbors is assessed \$100 to help pay for the evacuation of SPYC's boatyard. Bill said he wanted the board's approval of the expense of hiring River City Welding to move the four boats on June 1, 2022. He said right now, we are comfortable (referring to the budget). This time, when the boats need to be moved for dredging Phase 2, it will be done during normal pool and under good weather conditions so SPYC's workboat can be used. Motion was made by Bill, Seconded by Annie that the boats we moved on June 1, 2022 will not be charged for the movement. Motion passed by 9 ayes and 2 abstentions (abstaining Troy Janisch and Barbara Haake).

New Business:

Plans on Lower Harbor Phase 2 Dredging; Timeline: Moving docks and boats

Kristina: Dredging - Core samples have been started to be taken - the COE is waiting for the results and will let us know when they can dig. COE will give us 4-5 weeks heads up. As discussed before there will be 2 weeks for boat owner to move their boats. Then 2 weeks to move all the docks in the lower harbor including Miller dock, the crane wall dock and the shore side dock. The COE will give us 4-5 weeks' notice, Dahlgren docks have separate power so they are not affected but will no longer have water or pumpout. All facilities will be disconnected in the Lower Harbor (middle harbor). We have to figure out who will be on the water. Dredging will take two weeks. Need to put the docks back together. May not be done by the end of September - The COE needs to dredge the main channel first.

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Upcoming Dates for 2022:

August 12, 13 & 14: Irish Fair, Harriet Island

August 26: National Hotdog Day

August 29: SPYC Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Clubhouse

September 3: SPYC Chicken Feed

September 13: SPYC General Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Clubhouse

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Lynn Adler; Seconded by Nathan Schumann. Motion Passed at 8:13 p.m.

Minutes taken by Barbara Haake, Secretary