

# Saint Paul Yacht Club

Board Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2020

Virtual: via Zoom Meeting

Board Members Present										
Commodore	Vice Cmdre	Secretary	Treasurer	Board	Board	Board	Board	Board	Board	Past Cmdre
Steve Nelson	Greg Jorgensen	Bill Tschohl	Jeff Tentinger	Peter Kramer	Brett Cummings	Kevin Goodspeed	Mike Patten	Bill Gibbs	Annie Stone	Dennis Sando
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7/27/2020 Minutes Approval										
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Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

**Guests:** Daniel DeLude, Carol Pine, Ruby McKusick, David McKusick, Bonnie Jean Mackay, Bruce Johnson, Tom Suprenant, Maria Johnson, Bryan and Angi Bedessem, Troy Janisch, David Nelson, Brenda Skarda Kristina Cumming, Craig Frethem, Jane Fretham, Bobbi Daly, Truman Howell, Barb Haake, Colleen Velo, Marc Denn, Thomas Marrone, Teresa Muckala, M J Babcock, Carol Janisch

**Determination of Quorum:**

yes, there is a quorum.

Open forum:

Dave Nelson: Dave was designated as the live-aboard waterline chairman. Goal is to place water lines that are efficiently utilizing water rather than trickling thousands of gallons each winter. To run efficiently they've discussed putting a diagonal dock from about the Janisch's boat to about where Will Steger's boat is. Need further discussion and review on what is feasible and the best plan. Discussion on past, present and future of where some discussions have occurred and how the river may change what is workable.

Kevin Goodspeed: Talked to a couple with their boat on the Dahlgren dock that feels they are being underserved. The fees are not reflective of the isolation and distance from the general marina facilities, clubhouse, pump-out, etc.

Ruby McKusick: Group met several times and submitted a grant request. (Ruby, Dave M. and Annie.) We will see how that goes and what follow-up is necessary.

M J Babcock: Sound issues from racers on Raspberry Island bridge. Can we get a group together to brainstorm ideas for a solution? MJ will put together a group to come up with ideas.

Maria Johnson: Dredging equipment discussion? A: We will get to that discussion later this evening.

**Agenda items:**

**Reports:**

**Finance:** No formal report this evening. Last year at this time we had about \$17,000 in the bank. Today we are at around \$210,000 in the bank. We refinanced the long-term loan, but are saving the savings in the hopes to still retire the debt if all goes well, but we have a plan to have a viable amount of cash on hand if things swing south. Daniel is working Dockwa and is still in process with cleaning up outstanding general and utility billing.

**Operations:** Dock Wheels need to be ordered. 10 cost \$1,700. Agreed that Daniel should purchase them to install as has been requested. These will be charged to those who want them installed. Pump-out plumbing is on track to be done through to the Dahlgren docks in the next couple weeks, end of August at the latest. Gas line materials will arrive shortly and work will begin in September to replace the existing gas utility plumbing.

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**Harbor Maintenance:** We have received materials regarding where we can place materials. We can remove a small amount of material with a notification as outlined. Most of this small-scale work would only last about a year and isn't an investment to get us out of the situation where we still need to dredge regularly. The permitting process has questions, testing, how long a permit is good for are, etc.

Discussion on next action:

Bill Gibbs will contact L&S marine and get an estimate from them to dredge a cut from the mouth to the end of the lift well. Roughly 20' X 100'. An additional estimate for the area from the end of the previous cut plan to the end of the fingers on slip 10-15. Cut to be 4' or 5' at normal pool levels.

## **Problem:**

The Lower harbor silting is typically sand. The Upper Harbor silting is typically sand just outside of the mouth and fine muck silt inside the harbor.

## **High-level solution list:**

A small pump with hose was propositioned recently, but wouldn't be of a size/ capacity to make progress. It would cost about \$3-5k + the cost of disposing of dredged materials .

A medium sized, purpose designed dredge pump like one available from Piranha, runs around \$13k plus \$7k for accessories and spare parts. We'd also still have the cost of disposing of dredged materials .

Hiring a dredging company has cost \$40-60 a yard with dredging and disposal. We've spent \$90 on this type of dredging in the past, but it's hard to target since the bigger equipment has to dig its way in to the area we need dredged. It's difficult to get equipment in for a small job so these tend to be 1800+ yards at a time. It's also proven difficult to get commitments as the COE has larger contracts the main dredging companies all have contracts with.

## **Actions:**

We need to reconstruct the spoils lagoon.

We need to finalize the dredging permit.

We need to determine if we get equipment or a contractor in that can take a foot or two out of the harbor mouth so we can move when there is low, close to normal pool.

Agreed to meet next week to discuss specifics on individual leads/ideas. Such as cost, equipment break-down, dredging companies schedules, etc.

Motion1 : Proceed with getting the necessary testing necessary for permits done as quickly as possible. Approximately \$6,000 per estimate.

Dennis Sand motion, seconded by Brett Cummings.

Aye: Greg, Denny, Annie, Kevin, Steve, Bill G., Bill T. Nay: none.

Motion passed.

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## Old Business:

**LH gas lines** - We will be postponing the LH sewer extension to the Dahlgren and instead redo the gas lines. Each liveaboard will have their own meter on their boat and that will allow us to get a proper reading of usage. The current system is such a tangle of lines so as to be unreadable.

5/26/2020 update: Dan, Brian and Dan Todora reviewed and determined we should increase the main line coming down to the docks. Right now, it isn't properly sized for our future needs. Life expectancy on the mainline is really past and should be replaced this year. We will have a project budget by the next board meeting for review and approval. Meters will be connected to each boat rather than residing in groups on dock panels.

6/22/2020 update: deferred.

7/27/2020 update: see update above in operations.

**WIFI** - We will be terminating the WIFI throughout the marina.

5/26/2020 update: Working to discontinue service, but Comcast is proving challenging to work with on this and would 'prefer' to possibly lower our rate.

6/22/2020 update: deferred.

7/27/2020 update: Wi-Fi is shutdown except for office and SPYC business use.

**Gate E (Miller Dock)** - The cover that protects the stairs is in bad shape. We are going to gather a cost estimate to replace the frame and the cover. Dave Nelson agreed to put the cover on. We would be the fabrication of the frame as a rainy day project or after the season as a late fall project and then the new cover would be installed. More to come on this.

5/26/2020 update: No new update this month, future slower day project.

6/22/2020 update: deferred.

7/27/2020 update: deferred for fall

## New Business:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Attest: Bill Tschohl

## Attachments:

Current SPYC Standing Rules and By-Laws



SPYC-ByLaws2019.pdf



SPYC-StandingRules2  
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