

# Saint Paul Yacht Club

## Board Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2020

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 Cummins	Kevin Goodspeed	Mike Patten	Bill Gibbs	Annie Stone	Dennis Sando
X	X	X	X			X		X	X	
5/26/2020 Minutes Approval										
X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.; Pledge of Allegiance

Guests: Danny Delude

**Determination of Quorum:**

yes, there is a quorum.

**Open Forum:**

No attendees due to COVID-19 and guidance from MDH (MN Dept. of Health) to avoid meetings of 10 or more.

**Agenda items:**

**Old Business:**

**Delinquent accounts** - Our rules state that a \$25 monthly fee be charged to past due accounts plus 1.5% of the outstanding balance. Beginning July 1, we will be enforcing this rule.

5/26/2020 update: This is in place on all accounts with outstanding balances going forward after July 1st. Further discussion on clarification on communications and details surrounding policy.

From Standing Rules Credit Policy: (For complete details please refer to the attached by-laws and standing rules)

All statement amounts are due by the designated due date. A \$25.00 per month late fee will be added for each month that that the balance remains unpaid and a 1 ½% interest will be charged on the outstanding balance. Partial payments will be accepted.

**Capital loan** - We have about 17 payments left at \$5K per month. To prepare for the fact that cash may get tight later this year we going to refinance this into a 4 year loan and save \$3K per month. That money will be held in savings and if we don't need it will go to repay the capital loan faster. This motion was made Denny S and seconded by Jeff T. All were in favor.

5/26/2020 update: Information was sent to bank and this is being followed up on. In process.

**Dockwa** - We moved forward and contracted with Dockwa for some marina management tools. It will take some time to implement and learn all features and capabilities.

5/26/2020 update: We have moved forward with contracting with Dockwa and starting to get it setup. Jeff, Pat and Dan met with Dockwa and are working on the initial marina member and billing setup. There is further setup to be done and we will be communicating this new tool to our members, i.e. what it means and how to use it. In the coming days. SPYC staff will meet with Dockwa again in June. Note: we expect to be able to use dockwa for all of our marina billing purposes including electric and gas utilities. Dockwa also has credit card swipe technology that can be used with an ipad.

Jeff and Greg : Motion to purchase an Ipad with a budget of no more than \$2,000 including accessories.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion passed unanimously.

**Water department** - In years past we have been able to get a rate reduction because of winter water isn't equal to our sewer usage due to "trickling". Trickling sounds benign but it is costing the marina thousands each year. Kevin G agreed to look into our options.

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5/26/2020 update: Kevin is working on gathering information that the City needs to process a request for a reduction in our water/sewer rate. Dan has information on past sewer reductions.

**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.

**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.

**Work boat slip** - We have decided to keep the work boat in a covered slip by gate A. That slip needs a new tarp and needs to be raised by 8" or so. A motion made by Greg J and 2nd by Annie and passed by all was made to order a \$1,500 cover to protect the boat.

5/26/2020 update: Cover was ordered, delivered and setup. Cost was \$1,700.

**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.

### **New Business:**

**Gas and electric bills:** We have \$37,600 in outstanding electric bills, \$14,030 in outstanding gas bills. \$51,631 is the total outstanding to be billed / collected. Invoices will be sent out in the coming days if not sent already.

**Harbor Communication:** Annie will be working to gather the LH community and specifically the liveaboards to discuss issues such as winter water, slips migration down river, the removal of the dock from E Gate (Miller) to the first spud pole below the stone wall for security purposes and the adopt a security camera project.

**Slip rates:** SPYC rate sheet on the website has 2019 rates. Steve will have Lynn update.

### **Covid-19 and SPYC**

**Dredging:** Dredging application was filed with the Corp. of Engineers. This will be setup so that we can dredge if the need arises. Exploring contractors to do the work / availability.

Capital reserves: Infrastructure, docks, equipment and buildings will need to be replaced soon. We need to get our infrastructure reviewed and understand our future costs so we can plan on replacing infrastructure.

**Crew equipment:** We have a need for a new chainsaw for marina cleanup, expected to cost just around \$500.

Motion to purchase a chainsaw for the purposes of cleaning up harbors and shoreline around \$500. Motion by Steve, seconded by Greg. Motion passed unanimously.

**Virtual meetings:** SPYC will setup a professional zoom account that we will use for our Tuesday, June 9th 7pm General meeting.

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**Mailboxes:** Our SPYC lower harbor mailboxes were destroyed by vandals overnight and will likely cost around \$5,500 or more to replace and install. A police report was filed. Steve and Dan will look into our insurance policy while we determine next steps. All lower harbor live aboards will need to pick up mail from the post office for the time-being.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

Attest: Bill Tschohl

Attachments:

Current SPYC Standing Rules and By-Laws



SPYC-ByLaws2019.pdf



SPYC-StandingRules2  
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