

Saint Paul Yacht Club

Board Meeting Agenda

June 28, 2021

In-person in SPYC Clubhouse

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Commodore	Vice Cmdre	Secretary	Treasurer	Board	Board	Board	Board	Board	Board	Past Cmdre
Greg Jorgensen	Mike Patten	Bill Tschohl	Pat Boulay	Annie Stone	Brett Cummings	Kevin Goodspeed	Barbara Haake	Dennis Sando	Lynn Adler	Steve Nelson
Np	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	np
Minutes Approval (N/A for general meetings if no motions are made.)										
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Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Guests: Daniel De Lude

Determination of Quorum:

Yes, there is a quorum.

Open forum:

No guests.

Agenda items:

Staff and Operations: Daniel DeLude / Greg Jorgensen

- Gas line update- Main gas line is in. Crew is working on individual attachments now. The old pump-out lines that are no longer in use has been removed. The old gas line will be removed once the new gas line and connections are complete. The meters on the dock will be removed as part of that final clean-up.
- Shipping of material for dredge update, need info for insurance and lifting info of machine. Some trees were removed from the berm above the clubhouse. The 8 geo-bags will be here Wednesday, shipping from Colorado is \$1,200.
- Security/Non-boater, issue with hanging out all hours of the day and night.
 - Sub-contractors may not be on the property unless under direct supervision of the insured contractor during regular business hours 8am to 4pm. Employees of contractors may not work on boats without supervision unless they have setup their own company, hav provided proof of insurance and obtained approval from the marina manager per our current by-laws and standing rules.
 - Discussion: merits of above
 - Motion by Denny, seconded by Barb. for above or similar language: passed unanimously
- Gate code change to be changed soon. Will be changed after the 4th of July sometime. Notice will be sent out.
- Dredge should be here on July 18th. Daniel will get serial numbers, etc. so we can get it covered on our insurance.
- Utilities for the entire club: Water \$18k/ year, gas/electric \$40k/year.
- Yard check is in progress. If a trailer is here in the yard it will be accounted for and billed per our policy.
- Gordy Miller painted the Gate A dock and it looks great!
- One of our live-aboards may need to move soon. If there is enough water we will get that out, but if not he may be delayed.
- Need a new flag on the gas dock and properly retire the old flag.
- Inspections: so far 30 inspections are complete. Schedule an appointment before July 15th to avoid the CGA inspection fee.

Harbor Maintenance: Steve Nelson / Greg Jorgensen

Status of current and future plans in process.

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Brian, Daniel, Curt and Greg D. will be trained. Adding volunteers that aren't regular payroll/ workers comp covered would add \$4-5k to our insurance cost. No volunteers are to run any yard equipment, including the new dredge equipment. There is plenty of other items that volunteers can do that would assist the crew in retaining focus on the larger projects. i.e. painting gates, prepping some supplies for projects, general cleanup, etc.

Committee reports and other items:

April Committee reports

Clubhouse-Chair-Bill Tschohl

Finance: Chair-Pat Boulay, Jeff Tentinger, Daniel De Lude

- Update on Marinago install test from June 25.
 - Marinago helped to get a synchronizer setup at valley accounting. There is tweaking to be done. Information is in process of getting setup and it may be ready to have Daniel and Pat be more fully trained in on it by the end of next week.
- Sheriff Sale is July 13th. We have had three of the current owners get current on their bill so we have collected about \$15k.
- Financial update.
 - Cash on hand, \$212k
 - Long-term loan, \$47k
 - Line of credit \$0
 - Recent large / planned expenses: Dredge down payment \$21,600 City Rent \$14,164

Operations: Chair-Mike Patten, Daniel Delude

- Operations met on the 21st with Brian Koskie and Andy Ristrom. With the dredge we purchased we are getting tubing, etc., but they are checking to make sure they will have everything they need for tubing and all necessary connections. Operations checked out the disposal site and the City park crew cleared some tree/ brush that would be problematic. We're going to need to really start reviewing equipment for plans on expected lifetime left and replacement planning.

Social: Co-chairs: Kristina Cummings, Bobbi Daly

Captain's breakfast went really well. The social calendar is being reviewed and will have some updates to be distributed as soon as possible.

Community Project: Chair-Barb Haake

- Motion for SPYC's support on a bill Betty McCollum will be introducing to Congress this summer - Called the MRRRI Act to secure money and projects to be used on our Mighty Mississippi River.
 - Discussion, Motion by Barb, seconded by Annie. Passed unanimously.
 - Barb has helped Betty's office to identify other organizations that can also support/ write letters in support.
- Community project funding, submitted to congress for funding by Betty McCollum as one of her ten identified projects.

Other items

Membership – Motion to approve Colleen Velo's application for membership as a SPYC member. (This was passed on a voice vote at our June general meeting, but not recorded properly.) Motion by Lynn, Seconded by Bill. Motion approved unanimously. Daniel will follow-up with Colleen.

Meeting adjournment: adjourned at 8pm

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Upcoming planned events and meetings:

Sunday, June 27, 2021 10 am Captains Breakfast
Monday, June 28, 2021 SPYC Board Meeting 6:30pm
Friday, July 9, 2021 6pm TGIF in the Clubhouse
Sunday, July 18, 2021 10am Captains Breakfast
Saturday, July 24th 6pm TGIS at the Lower Harbor party dock
Monday, July 26, 2021 SPYC Board Meeting 6:30pm
Saturday, July 31, 2021 Steak Fry

Proposed letter from SPYC supporting the MRRRI Act

TO: Congresswoman Betty McCollum

FROM: St. Paul Yacht Club aka St. Paul Small Boat Harbor

DATE: June 28, 2021

RE: Support of the Mississippi River - its Restoration and Resilience (The MRRRI Act)

Congresswoman Betty McCollum will be introducing a bill before the US Congress asking for funding and support of the United States most important river/waterway in the United States - the Mississippi River. It will be called the Mississippi River Restoration and Resilience Initiative Act (MRRRI).

The intent of this MRRRI bill is “To establish the Mississippi River Restoration and Resilience Initiative to carry out projects for the protection and restoration of the Mississippi River Corridor, and for other purposes”

PURPOSE. —It is the purpose of this Act to establish the Mississippi River Restoration and Resilience Initiative to protect and restore the ecological health and resilience of the Mississippi River for current and succeeding generations of Americans and for the fish and wildlife that rely on the Mississippi River and its floodplain. The MRRRI is a non-regulatory initiative that will build upon existing efforts and provide funding for projects and activities to protect and restore the nationally significant resources of the Mississippi River.

The benefits of a healthy and resilient Mississippi River are many - enumerated in the proposed MRRRI Act. They are:

The Mississippi River flows more than 2,300 miles from its source at Lake Itasca through the center of the continental United States to the Gulf of Mexico. The main stem of the Mississippi River flows through States that collectively are home to 55.4 million people as of 2019.

The Mississippi River provides drinking water to more than 20 million people in 50 cities.

The Mississippi River drives a vibrant natural resource and recreation-based economy that generates nearly \$500 billion in annual revenue and directly employs more than 1.5 million people.

The Mississippi River and its 30-million-acre floodplain provide an ecological lifeline for all of North America, supporting more than 780 species of fish and wildlife and providing a vital migration corridor for 60 percent of all North American birds and 40 percent of the migratory waterfowl in the United States.

The Mississippi River serves as a major transportation corridor for grain and cargo.

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Congress has designated the Mississippi River System as a nationally significant ecosystem and a nationally significant navigation system and is the only inland river system to receive both designations.

Despite its critical value to the United States, the Mississippi River is in a severe state of ecological decline, as documented by the United States Geological Survey, the Army Corps of Engineers, and other Federal and State agencies polluted runoff has drastically reduced water quality and created a massive dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico.

Invasive aquatic species threaten the ecological integrity of the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico, and the fisheries and recreation that rely on a healthy ecosystem.

Ecological degradation of the Mississippi River has resulted in— (A) more flooding; (B) less wildlife; (C) fewer jobs; (D) reduced recreational opportunities; and (E) higher costs for keeping communities safe and ensuring that communities have clean drinking water.

Existing Federal programs lack sufficient coordination, funding, and participation with States, Tribes, local governments, and nongovernmental organizations to address these ongoing challenges and reverse the decline of the Mississippi River.

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$300,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023 and such sums as may be necessary for each fiscal year thereafter.

After months of work with many stakeholders in the river states, Congresswoman McCollum is announcing that legislation to establish the Mississippi River Restoration and Resilience Initiative, or MRRRI, will soon be introduced in the U.S. House.

Congress has already approved language in this year's omnibus funding bill to establish a national strategy for the MRRRI — and this new legislation will formally authorize the EPA to get started.

The Mighty Mississippi means so much to so many of us. It's time for us to give back, and work together to restore America's river.

We, the St. Paul Yacht Club /St. Paul Small Boat Harbor, support the effort to restore and protect the Mississippi River corridor, asking Congress to pass the MRRRI Act in 2021.

Commodore Greg Jorgensen Date

(For St. Paul Yacht Club Board of Directors)