

Saint Paul Yacht Club

Board Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2021

In-person in SPYC Clubhouse

Board Members Present										
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
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Minutes Approval (N/A for general meetings if no motions are made.)										
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Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Guests: Kristina Cummings, Troy and Carol Janisch, Bruce Johnson, Tom Suprenant, MJ Babcock, Stephanie Stoessel, Jeff Tentinger, Jared and Marsha Seibert

Determination of Quorum:

Yes, there is a quorum

Open forum:

Jeff – Dredge – Are we planning to purchase a structure/ cover for the dredge before winter.

A: plans are for it to be shrink-wrapped this winter.

Robin slipped and broke her ankle on the Gate A ramp. The ramp is better than bare wood, but the angle, lack of solid texture makes it so it's not really solid enough to make it so our members don't slip and possibly get hurt.

- A- The crew is in the process of turning the expanded steel which seems better, but it takes time and there are competing priorities.
- B- The history of the gate a and G ramp should be revisited and see if there is a way to make the ramps better overall.

Agenda items:

7-26-2021 Minutes approval – completed and approved

Staff: Kristina Cummings

- Harbor security/ incidents
 - Kristina met with the Central District Commander, Park and Greg. A report was provided for incidents in 2020 and 2021 with a report of incident types each month.
 - 137 incidents in 2020 and 2021. 74 in 2020, 63 in 2021.
 - There is a camera that the city can install, but it would cost 12k+ and then there would be a \$1,500 annual fee for maintenance, etc.
 - The city representatives were supportive of a camera/ system. If we paid for it we could definitely make it happen it faster. Kristina asked for feedback from officers on which non-city camera system seems to be best for providing information to officers.
 - Greg has been looking into this with Pete Johansen. There are a number of brands and a lot of different location possibilities. Some of the newer technology is definitely better, but there are other use cases such as how many can view notifications to look at as well.
 - Troy had a group look at camera locations/ costs. The non-city cameras run about \$10k and they recommended 4. There are more discussions and reviews to be had.
 - Lighting in the lower harbor has been upgraded with brighter bulbs. Some live-aboards have added motion detectors. It's possible that live-aboards could also use Ring cameras as an interim solution to

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keep an eye on their boat and surroundings. They are also looking at costs/ installation of fencing mounted to the docks so it moves when the river rises and falls.

- It may be possible to submit a STAR grant request to assist with the purchase of a city camera and maybe even adding fencing.
- Put up lighting that will light up dark areas of the dock. Lighting will have to be up high enough so that it isn't removed or disabled easily.
- Barbara noted that the liveboards met right after the killing of a person on Raspberry Island and the theft of Tom Surprenant's pick-up truck, plus car windows smashed in and catalytic converters stolen and the conclusion that something needed to be done immediately. At the 9/27 board meeting Barbara reported that
- **Truman Howell purchased air horns for liveboards/slip holders in the lower harbor and he gave them to those who wanted one. The idea is to blow your air horn if someone boards your boat and then go outside your boat and blow it again so your neighbors can call the police. BTW, make sure when you call the police you mention you are in the SPYC harbor that is UNDER the Wabasha Bridge so the police do not go to the upper harbor.**

Club will provide \$500 to get initial lighting updates, etc. as necessary as a jump start.

- Fall haul-out planning
 - Storage contract for winter – need to change insurance requirement to match Standing Rules.
 - Jack stands – 50 new jack stands needed for efficient haul-out. Cost \$208 or \$160. We could get them by Oct. 2nd.
 - Motion to approve purchase of 50 jack stands at no more than \$8,000.
 - Motion by Barb, seconded by Lynn.
 - Motion passed unanimously
- Marinago setup and conversion
 - -billing plan – we are still working to configure Marinago. There is only a possibility to bill slips on an annual rate, vs. summer and winter storage. There is ongoing conversations to resolve this so we can get our billing sent out.
- Yard prices – corrections
 - Crew and Kristina will review with Greg.
- Minneapolis boat show
 - We are relocating to a spot by Treasure Island for the upcoming boat show.
- yard requests
 - Can we have a member place a 8'x20' storage container for storage.
 - A member would like to put up a Quonset hut to store their inflatable. Not something we can do. We agreed with the city years ago that no boat storage buildings would be erected going forward.
- rotating the metal on the ramps for winter for slip prevention - covered in open forum
- shovel – Club will purchase a push shovel for the lower harbor to help live-boards keep the docks clear.
- Four applications for membership
 - Evan Fox
 - Nathan Schumann
 - Kathy Christison
 - Bonnie Jean Mackay
 - Motion to accept all four membership applications. Motion by Barb, passed unanimously.
- MJ's boat plan for finishing welding and getting her boat to it's next step.
 - MJ talked about the current status of her boat repairs.
 - There is welding left to be done, which she's hoping to get done this week.
 - She has plans to have it coal tarred immediately once the welding is done.
 - If this gets done, can she be put in on the Miller dock. Gas and water lines would be needed.
 - She would splash and hold in the well to make sure there are no leaks.
 - Obviously, she would maintain proper insurance and get a sea-worthy survey.
 - MJ plans to pull the boat again next spring to continue with other necessary projects on her boat.

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- Motion to approve MJ's plan. Motion by Annie, seconded by Lynn. Seven vote to approve, 1 abstain. Motion passed.

Committee reports and other items:

April Committee reports

Commodore – Staff report

- marina manager job description – will be working to build that out in the coming weeks.
 - Employee handbook is in process as well
- Nominating Committee – Steve, Denny: progress on recruiting nominees for 2022
 - Steve and Denny will reach out to Colleen Velo to see if she's interested in being a part of the nominating committee.
- Can we look into T-shirts, club paraphernalia that we can have a vendor setup so members can purchase?
 - Lynn will help looking into getting that setup.

Clubhouse: Chair-Bill Tschohl Clubhouse is in great shape and well maintained.

We ordered a couple stainless steel shelves to be mounted in the two bathrooms. These will be installed this weekend 9/25

We need to review a request for clubhouse use for training by SPFD.

SPFD is a good partner to the marina. The SPFD does have a boat here they pay for. Rate would normally be for three days and we will discount it and only charge for two of the days.

Finance: Chair-Pat Boulay

- Update on Sheriff Sale results, next sale plan – We expect to have a boat for sheriff sale later this year. A couple other boats are interested in putting their boats up for auction that same day.
- Financial update: No report
 - 2022 budget planning process – this should be starting soon so we have a plan and can set rates for 2022.

Operations: Chair-Mike Patten

We aren't pulling many boats yet, but we will be in full-on haul-out mode very soon.

Gas line update. Gas line is up on the priority list to make sure everyone has gas for this winter.

Fall haul-out equipment prep, staffing, etc. – We are ready for Haul-out and awaiting boats to be ready to be pulled.

Gas pump purchase – installation plans (Discussed earlier in meeting, but noted here.)

We have four proposals for a new fuel pump. We don't need to purchase them this month and do have other priorities.

Pump-out plan: We are waiting for the pump we ordered to arrive.

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Social: Chair – Kristina Cummings. The new Social chair will be Bobbi Daly. The chicken feed which was September 25th went very well, took in \$500 at a cost of \$300. The Halloween party is October 9th at 6pm. The Christmas party will be December 18th at the St. Paul hotel. We will need a new social chair for next year.

Community Project: Chair-Barb Haake Barbara updated the board on the fact that she had Director Josh Straka from Congresswoman's Betty McCollum's office along with St. Paul City Councilwoman Rebecca Noecker at TRUBADOR for lunch on Thursday the 23rd. She wanted to thank them for helping SPYC get money from Congress to have the lower harbor dredged in 2022.

Other items

Moved to executive session at 8:25pm

Executive session – Employee performance

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

Upcoming planned events and meetings:

Saturday, October 9, 2021 SPYC Halloween Party 6:30pm

Monday, October 25, 2021 SPYC Board Meeting 6:30pm