

**Saint Paul Yacht Club**  
 Board Meeting Minutes  
 October 28, 2019  
 St. Paul Yacht Club Clubhouse

Board Members Present										
Commodore	Vice Cmdre	Secretary	Treasurer	Board	Board	Board	Board	Board	Board	Past Cmdre
Steve Nelson	Greg Jorgensen	Bill Tschohl	Ralph DeLong	Lynn Adler	Brett Cummings	Bruce Johnson	Mike Patten	Stephanie Stoessel	Annie Stone	Dennis Sando
X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	

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

**Guests:**

Barb Haake, Dave Nelson

**Determination of Quorum:**

Yes, there is a quorum.

**Open Forum:**

No comments

**Minute Approval:**

9/23/2019 minutes were approved and sent to the board.

Minutes were distributed on the SPYC website after approval.

**The board meeting minutes will be posted to the website here:**

<https://www.stpaulyachtclub.org/members> The new board has made it a priority to approve and post the minutes in as timely a fashion as practical.

**Electronic Voting Results:**

Minute approval for 10/28/2019.

Steve Nelson- approve, Bruce Johnson- approve, Bill Tschohl- approve, Annie Stone- approve, Greg Jorgensen- approve, Stephanie Stoessel – approve, Brett Cummings – approve, Lynn Adler – approve, Denny Sando- tbd, Ralph DeLong- approve, Mike Patten – approve

10 approve, 0 nay, 1 no responses. Minutes are approved.

**Meeting Minutes approval process**

The Board has 48 hours to review, comment and vote electronically. Votes will be tallied by the secretary at the end of the 2nd day after draft minutes are sent. (So, this Monday's meeting minutes were sent this Monday evening. Any corrections and any votes should be received by the secretary before end of day Wednesday. Vote tally would be added and included in the Electronic voting section of that month's meeting minutes if approved. If not approved or if fewer than six votes are received, the minutes would be reviewed, commented, corrected and voted on at the next scheduled board meeting. (There would not be two electronic/email votes.))

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Reminder:

Board agreement on early committee reports:

Committee chairs should setup a pattern where committee reports are summarized and submitted to the board at least the day before the board meeting. (Submissions shouldn't be deemed an early opportunity to discuss or vote on requests, but get materials in front of us so we can spend time on actions at the board meeting rather than summary reports.) It would be good to have an idea what is going on and planned for discussion before the meeting. It will also help us keep track of what we do want on the agenda.

**Treasurer's Report– Ralph DeLong**

Because of the change in management and the addition of a new bookkeeper, the normal treasurer's report is not available. Based on the data from January 1, 2019 to October 28th, 2019, the Club's net income is \$606,325.71, which is \$71,792.16 larger than at the same time last year. The 2019 data has an irregularity in that the income includes \$224,576.60 for winter storage compared to \$98,792.35 in 2018. This is unusually high and probably is incorrect. Expenses to date are \$269,174.52, which is \$117,830.41 less the for the same time period last year. These numbers imply a net ordinary income of \$337,151.19 compared to \$147,528.62 for last year at this time. If we assume that the winter storage is incorrect and use the 2018 value the net ordinary income at this time would be \$211,336.94. This implies an increase of about \$64,000 over last year, which is good. Cash on hand is \$63,915.43 compared to \$79,238.29 last year at this time. Accounts receivable is \$199,493.00 compared to \$89,485.92. This difference is mostly related winter storage.

**Staff Report:**

We plan to hire someone to start around mid-February. We intend to start looking in early December. We will have a bookkeeper as well as a marina manager.

Dave N. Have we considered running without a manager? Discussion of history from Ralph about what members contributed then and what the plan is for next year. Further discussion on planning for taking charge of process to define and hire an individual.

**Committee reports and action items for approval:**

**Social/Marketing –Chair: Lynn Adler** Members: Kristina Cummings, Bobbi Daley, Denise Jorgensen, Andrea Raffaele, Linda Kelley, Annie Stone, Paul, Diane Scoville

**Marketing Committee Report**

Need to work on reaching out to members with no Facebook, email, etc.

**Social Committee Report**

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Christmas Party is December 7<sup>th</sup>. Working with hotel to give us a rate for rooms.

**Sustainable Harbor Committee – Chair: Dave McKusick** Members:, Andy Ristrom, Mark Mosby, Charlie Evans

No report this evening.

**Government Relations - Co-Chairs Bruce Johnson and Brett Cummings.** Members: Diane Scovill, Andy Ristrom, Barb Hake, John Senglaub, Dave Nelson, Troy Janisch.

Representatives are stuck on language appearing to be a need for an ear-mark, which isn't allowed in the congressional budget vs. what the Corps. of Engineers needs to do operations. Contacted a maritime attorney who will provide an opinion on budget vs. ear-mark and what our path forward might look like. Attorney, Brian Toder, is expected to deliver that opinion in the next week. This is being delivered in a fixed fee arrangement.

Motion by Stephanie Stoessel, seconded by Lynn Adler: St Paul Club will pay up to \$750 for attorney's opinion.

Discussion laying out process and if this commits us to anything further along with what will the legal opinion get us. Benefits are that we could use an opinion in our discussions with city, county, state representatives if it's in our favor. We're not going to force the discussion, but it would serve to inform our representatives.

Votes: Ayes 9, Nays 0, Abstain 0. Motion passed unanimously.

**Operations – Chair: Greg Jorgensen.** Members Denny Sando, Pete Johannsen, Andy Ristrom

Pump out pipes to the Dahlgren dock are complete, not hooked up yet. Discussion on pump-out operations over the winter when live-a-boards use Richard and Paul to pump-out their systems.

Old Yeller has been repaired. We have built a shed to house it. Repairs cost a little under \$2k.

75% of the winter storage invoices have been sent out.

Our bookkeeper started in late September.

Prices set for yard work our crew does and will be communicated consistently now. Attached below:

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SPYC Yard Price  
List.pdf

Looking at winterizing the office. Work to be done in that regards with planning and setup.

Gas pump is planned to be replaced next year with a pump that accepts the new chip cards. The current one was a replacement for the one that was bumped over and is better than the previous, but not a permanent fix as it needs too much maintenance. Will be getting a plan together.

**Finance Committee – Ralph DeLong** Members: Jerry Quaal, Bill Tschohl, MJ Babcock

Initial work was started on setting the budget for 2020. This process has been put on hold until the bookkeeper has finished reviewing the books and invoices are finished. It is also necessary to know any significant items from the Operations Committee that need to be included in the 2020 budget. Hopefully, this can be completed by the next board meeting.

**Clubhouse Committee – Bill Tschohl.** Members: Richard Felscheim, Paul Glynn, Steve Meredith, Mark Mosby

We will be looking to cover winter cleaning with a member or hire it out again.

Need to look at a wi fi programmable thermostat.

**History - Chair Ruby McKusick.** Members Mark Mosby, Charlie Evans, Maria Johnson.  
Committee report attached as submitted by Ruby. Nice work being done!



History Committee  
Minutes August 2019.

**By Laws - Chair Mike Patton.** He will gather a committee if issues arise requiring the group.

Discussion around election coming up in February.

**Gardening – Stephanie Stoessel**

We had a garden party October 5<sup>th</sup> to put the gardens to bed.

**Old Business:**

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Covered in earlier minutes notes where applicable.

**New Business:**

Notice – For those in the lower harbor you need to put your post office box number on your mail because if you don't, your mail goes to the office/upper harbor and accumulates there. Need to review mail boxes for lower harbor.

Deliveries: As of Friday, we won't have anyone here regularly. Lower Harbor needs to review how deliveries get to them.

Previously from Truman: Executor for the Lange estate called and offered some old photos and memorabilia that was part of the estate. The executor will bring them to SPYC for Truman to take a look at and see if we are interested in. Asked Truman to get in touch with Ruby, history committee, as well. Update: Charlie, Colleen and Truman looked at them. Pending further review.

New discussion. Some lower harbor boats may have to move down-river next year. We have dock parts and can extend fingers as needed.

Adjourned: 7:59 p.m.

Next board meeting: November 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Attest: Bill Tschohl