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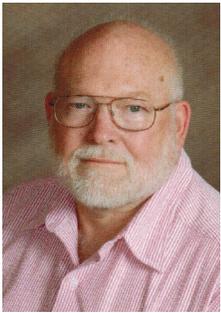
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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Greetings to all Yacht Club members.



We have been quite busy this Spring. We had the cleanup and a number of club members, family, and friends helped with yard cleanup. We raked and cleaned, filling an impressive number of trash bags in the morning. Then a few Sunday's ago it was a beautiful day, appropriate for services for Clint Kehoe. We will all miss him.

It was impressive that so many of his friends from Owatonna came up to send him off.

Earlier we suffered several equipment failures. First, Old Reliable Yellow, the fork truck, ate its starter motor, and the

replacement didn't fit. (One tractor down.) Then, the JCB went lame with a broken motor mount. (Two tractors down.) We were able to use the John Deere forklift to collect the yard waste, so all was not lost. As you know, the JCB is the prime mover for most of the boat launches, so our splash schedule took a hit until was fixed. Thanks for being patient with the staff, they did the best they could to work around the problem.

We are still waiting for the houseboat that sank last December to be removed. It caused extensive damage to the end of the lower harbor docks and the walkway down to the Dahlgren docks. We will be unable to repair until the boat is removed. Part of the damage affected the Wi-Fi in part of the lower harbor, and we will not be able to fix it until the docks are repaired.

The boatyard is getting busy with cover removal, scraping and painting, and repair work going on. Let's continue to be careful to properly dispose of waste and keep the yard clean. Looking forward to seeing you all on the river. — Denny Sando



Courtesy of Jim Daly

ROGER'S ARTICLE

I'd like to speak to what I see as an alarming level of discord and interference at some of our recent board meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to conduct the club's business in an orderly and free manner with unimpeded interchange between officers, board members, and staff. The bylaws of the club infuse the board with a wide latitude and authority of action.

It is important to remember from our bylaws that the board has COMPLETE AUTHORITY for all actions and decisions in this club as follows:

"The Board shall manage all the business and affairs of the SPYC and shall have complete authority over all matters pertaining to the care, conduct, and control, of all assets, all finances, and all appropriations for the SPYC. It is the Board's duty to carry out all business in accordance with the By-Laws, Standing Rules and Operating Procedures of the Club."

Individual members, or groups of members have NO AUTHORITY above, or beside the board.

It has been suggested that we've held improper committee meetings. In terms of committee operations, the bylaws make ONLY the following mention:

"The Board may, at its discretion, delegate the authority for management of specified activities, property or affairs of the SPYC to individual members of the Board, committees, individual SPYC members, to the SPYC staff or a combination of these.

The Commodore: shall appoint special committees in support of functional areas of the SPYC, including, but not limited to: Finance, Membership, Operations, and Social Committees;"

You will note that there is NO specification for ANY committee as to who or how many members it has to have; when (or even IF) it meets; what requirements there are for publication of meeting dates and times. NONE whatsoever.

Speaking of meetings, the bylaws specify that meetings of the board can be held under a wide range of circumstances and that NO NOTICE of the meeting is required whatsoever:

"Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any time as determined by the Commodore or any three members of the Board, upon giving 48-hour notice to each member of the Board of Directors. Such notice, containing time, place, and purpose, may be given in writing or by telephone or other electronic communications. At any Board meeting, six Board members shall constitute a quorum."

It has been implied that we have misused the executive session ability to have closed meetings. Reading the specific bylaw excerpted below, you can see that the board has a wide latitude – and since the board has complete authority it therefore has the authority to determine what constitutes "other business of a sensitive nature."

"Executive sessions of the Board of Directors may be called to discuss and vote on personnel matters, litigation in which the SPYC is or may become involved in or other business of a sensitive nature. Minutes shall be recorded and kept confidential for these meetings. Executive sessions must have a quorum in person to be official."

People are fond of quoting vague "open meeting" laws implying that it is somehow against the law to hold less than completely public board meeting. I've excerpted the Minnesota statute that governs meeting situations below and you will see quite clearly that they apply ONLY to Governmental agencies NOT private institutions (non-profit included):

"Entities covered by the law. The law applies to state and local multi-member governmental bodies, including committees and subcommittees, and nonprofits created by political subdivisions."

The entire statute can be found here:

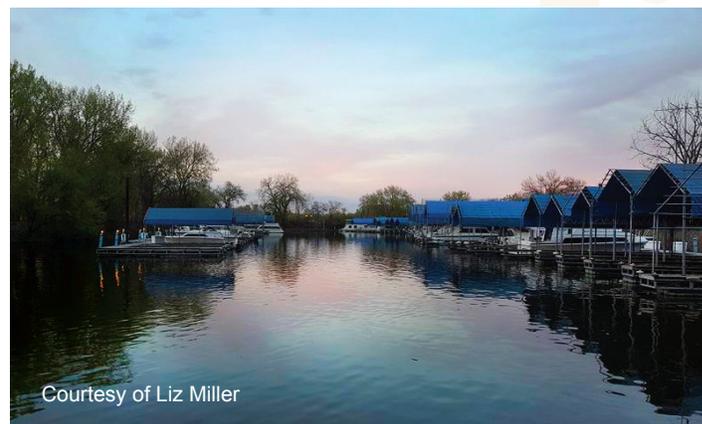
<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=13D>

Members may attend any board meetings, HOWEVER they have privilege to speak ONLY on items submitted in a formal manner as specified below. They have NO right of comment or interrogation other than the Open Forum section of the meeting:

"SPYC members may attend any Board of Directors meeting. Items they want to address must be submitted to an Officer of the Board at least four days prior to the meeting to be included on the agenda. Questions to the Board may be addressed to the Board during Open Forum."

I think it's time to exercise our Bylaws as they are written.

— Roger Anderson



Courtesy of Liz Miller

DOCKSIDE GRILL -

Grilled Chicken & Pineapple Quesadilla

6 Servings - Prep Time: 15 Minutes Cook Time: 25 Minutes

Ingredients:

- 8 Whole Flour Tortillas
- Butter Or Margarine
- 2 Cups Grilled Pineapple, Sliced
- 3 Whole Boneless, Skinless Chicken Breasts
- Salt And Pepper, To Taste
- 3 cups Monterey Jack Cheese, Grated
- 1 Whole Jalapeno or Banna Pepper, Sliced
- Cilantro
- 3 Tablespoons Barbecue or Teriyaki Sauce



Directions:

To Grill Pineapple: cut wedges, stick on skewers, and grill over low heat. Cut into slices.

To Pound Chicken: Place inside a Ziploc bag and pound with a mallet or large can to flatten to uniform thickness.)

Sprinkle with salt and pepper and Cajun spice (or cumin/cayenne, etc.) Drizzle olive oil on a grill pan and grill on both sides until done, brushing with barbecue sauce. Set aside and slice into very thin slices.

Warm griddle over medium heat and put sizzling butter or margarine in the pan. Slightly warm and toast tortillas on both sides, then remove from griddle and set aside.

To assemble, sprinkle four browned tortillas with grated Monterey Jack. Arrange chicken slices evenly over the surface. Add pineapple slices and jalapeño slices. Sprinkle on cilantro. If desired, drizzle extra barbecue sauce over the top. Add second browned tortilla on top of each one. (You'll have four complete quesadillas at this point.)

Add to oven to warm, or back to skillet to warm, until cheese is melted. Cut each quesadilla into six wedges. Serve with sour cream, pico de gallo, and lime wedges.

WET YOUR "BOAT" WHISTLE - Strawberry Gin Smash

Cocktail

Serves 1

Ingredients:

- 1/2 Teaspoon Sugar
- 1 Lime Wedge
- 3 Fresh Strawberries, 2 Hulled and Sliced and 1 Reserved for Garnish
- 3 Ounces Gin
- Club Soda
- Fresh Mint Sprig, to Garnish

Directions: In a tall glass, combine the sugar and a squeeze of juice from the lime wedge. Muddle with the back of a spoon to dissolve the sugar.

Add the sliced strawberries and lightly muddle.

Fill the glass with ice and add the gin. Top with a splash of club soda and garnish with the last strawberry and a sprig of mint.

Pitcher

Serves 8

Ingredients:

- 2 Tablespoons Sugar
- 2 Limes, Juiced, about 4 Tablespoons
- 1 Pound Fresh Strawberries
- 2 Cups Gin
- 3 Cups Club Soda
- Fresh Mint Sprigs, to Garnish

Directions: Muddle the sugar and limes in a pitcher that holds at least 8 cups (64 ounces). Set aside 6 to 8 small strawberries and make a small slice in their tips. Hull and slice the remaining strawberries and muddle the slices lightly with the sugar and lime juice. Stir in the gin and club soda and pack the pitcher full of ice. Add mint sprigs to garnish. Pour into ice-filled glasses and garnish with a strawberry, slotted onto the edge of the glass.

Make-ahead note: To make this ahead; mix everything except the club soda and ice, then refrigerate overnight. A night in the fridge will also help the strawberries add more flavor and color to the drink.



Board Members Present At Board Meeting										
Commodore	Vice Cmdre.	Secretary	Treasurer	Board	Board	Board	Board	Board	Board	Past Cmdre.
Dennis Sando	Lynn Adler	Terri Meredith	Ralph DeLong	Bill Gibbs	Troy Janisch	Tom Marrone	Mike Patten	Jerry Quaal	Sue Walters	Dave McKusick
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BOARD MEETING NOTES - APRIL

Call to Order: 6:35PM; Pledge of Allegiance

Attest: Terri Meredith, Secretary

Guests: Barb Haake, MJ Babcock, Stephanie Stoessel, Kevin Goodspeed, Batia AHava, Mark Mosby, Mary Rossi, Thomas Surprenant, Christian Gould, Dave Nelson, Bruce Johnson, Andrea Winbush, Steve Meredith, Bill Tschol

Open Forum: Dave Nelson requested further assurance that the board is not intending to prevent all steel hull boats from being in our harbors. He also expressed that he thinks live a-boards are not wanted by the board.

Denny confirmed again that the board is not planning to prevent all steel boats from being in our harbors. Further discussion included the following: Barb Haake – internal piping has caused boats to sink so perhaps we should be paying more attention to that instead of steel hulls and apply surveys to all boats; Denny – we do need to consider other things like bilge pumps and we are in the process of talking to other surveyors to get a variety of opinions before we decided to take any action; Mark Mosby – are we looking at all boats? steel boats? live a-boards? Denny – we are concerned about safety of all boats and primarily about boats that stay in the water year round – these boats don't get pulled on an annual basis so the bottom of those boats aren't being looked at and evaluated on a regular basis to address potential problems.

Mark Mosby – he has served on the board and has been a live a-board for many years and has never felt that board wanted to get rid of live a-boards and he disagrees with Dave on that item; Bill Tschol – his insurance company requires inspection every 5 years and we might want to reach out to insurance companies to get their requirements; Tom Surprenant – insurance companies have different requirements and his is more concerned about slip failures (like water lines) rather than hull failures; Batia – several people knew there were problems with the boat that sunk – it was leaking and that boat wouldn't have sunk if it had been fixed; Jerry Quaal – DNR has advised us that it would cost about \$50,000 to lift the sunken boat and would charge 3 to 5 times the cost – they estimate that the final charge to the owners could be \$150,000 – however we would pay for our dock repairs; Dave McKusick – this issue comes down to personal responsibility – he has had his own boat sink before and had it brought out within two days - we all have a responsibility for our own boat – there has been an erosion of

that over the years; Dave & others agreed that the water current was extremely strong and loud that day the boat sank; occasional sewer discharge is also really strong and has caused line damages before; Bruce Johnson – asked about liability insurance; Roger – we don't insure our docks, no insurable liability for this event according to insurance company – it was an act of God and they are not accepting liability for our damages. Barb Haake asked for list of when meetings will be held so they can be attended by other members if they would like to; she would like to know specifically when Operations meetings will be held; Denny said they are typically at 3:00PM the Friday before board meetings. He apologized for needing to move the time of the last Operations meeting.

Christian Gould (non-member seeking live a-board approval) is working on a steel boat and trying to get approval for coming to SPYC. He would like to find out if we will accept his boat if he builds the boat as he described in the plans he submitted and whether it meets our standards; he realizes what we are trying to work through now, but would like better direction. Denny agreed that the plans he submitted for re-building his boat were very complete but at this time, we are still working on what our requirements are for accepting a rebuilt boat in our marina. He said it would be brought up with board in closed session and will try to provide a clearer answer. Barb Haake inquired why it would be a closed session and by what authority.

Denny responded that the board needed to be able to freely discuss the matter and did not want the topic to become a point of rumor. MJ Babcock suggested that it might be helpful to allow Christian to attend that meeting. Denny said he would give that consideration and let him know if it was needed. Dave McKusick stated that the board is not against steel boats but we are in a period that we need to evaluate the safety and protection of all our members and our club; we are not specifically trying to prevent him from coming to our marina but we want to be very careful going forward. This is more about our standards than it is about his boat. Mark Mosby added that we have always required a set of drawings for a rebuilt boat that is not direct from the factory; we must follow our rules.

Minute Approval: 3/27/2017 meeting minutes: Motion to approve by Mike Patton; seconded by Jerry Quaal; none opposed.

Staff Report: Roger – The JCB is being sent in to repair a motor mount and to fix leaks. The spare fork lift was used today to move a 25 foot boat and can be used for boats up to about 30 feet while we wait to get the JCB back. The JCB is 17 years old and we

may need to think about getting a newer one while this one still has some trade in value, but was not sure what the trade in value would be. A newer JCB might cost around \$65,000 and the trade in might be around \$5,000 - \$10,000 but wouldn't know for sure without actually checking into it further.

Roger advised that the Ramsey County attorney is currently in control of the sunken boat removal. He checked with a contractor that would likely be asked to remove the boat and was told that they are now scheduled into August and have not been asked to handle this boat at this time. There are a few other contractors that could handle this job but for now we aren't aware of anything being scheduled and it looks like it could be awhile before it does get handled. Roger sent Brian & Dan to look at the damaged dock area to determine if there was something we could do in the meantime and they determined it would not be safe to do anything until the boat has been removed. This was also the area that we had planned to adjust the slips to be in an angled position but we are unable to proceed with that until the boat is removed. There are approximately 14 - 18 slips that are now unavailable until this is fixed.

Boats are being launched Mondays and Thursdays. The gas dock is in and running. We sold another slip today and another one under consideration now.

Operations: Denny reported that the Wi-Fi & water systems in the lower harbor have been damaged from the sunken boat and they are working on a solution to provide those services for boats that are located beyond the damaged dock areas. Mark Mosby suggested running a water hose past that area. There is some concern for other boats located near the damaged. There was some general discussion on a potential lawsuit to recover our ongoing costs from this damage but there are no specific plans for this right now. Dave McKusick stated that it is important that we do all we can to prevent something like this from happening to us again.

Mark Mosby asked if there was any further information on the new requirements for CO detectors and if we had heard anything on when the required stickers would be available. Denny said that he had no news on when the stickers would be available. He said that we could be stopped and issued a warning. He also said that these new requirements would not cause anyone to fail the safety inspections we conduct in our marina since they are unrelated to the potential of explosion or water leakage.

Finance: Ralph reported that we have \$168 thousand on hand, which is \$40 thousand over last year at this time. This is more than we thought we'd have at this point. Spending is currently about normal but we must still repair our docks and consider the cost of replacing the JCB equipment.

Bruce Johnson asked about his water bill and if it might have been double charged. Roger advised that the bill was correct and that the reason for a high water bill is that we must keep the water trickling for live a-boards during the winter months so that the lines don't freeze up.

AHOY SPYC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!

Thanks to those who came to the Commodore's Ball – what a great venue, great food and great company!! We have the steak fry coming up fast – June 3rd at 6:00!

Check the social calendar below, in the Clubhouse or on the website for any added events.

Looking forward to seeing everyone this summer!

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Lynn Adler – Slip UH63
Board member and Social chair.
Skipper of the good ship *Living' La Vida Loca*

SOCIAL CALENDAR

FRI, MAY 26TH 6:00pm *At the Clubhouse*

• **TGIF POTLUCK**

SAT, JUNE 3RD 10am - Noon *At the Clubhouse*

• **NEW BOATER ORIENTATION**

SAT, JUNE 3RD 6:00pm *At the Clubhouse*

• **STEAK FRY**

SAT, JUNE 10TH

• **ALL BOATS LAUNCHED**

TUE, JUNE 13TH 7:00pm *At the Clubhouse*

• **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

SUN, JUNE 18TH 10am *At the Clubhouse*

• **CAPTAINS JAZZ BRUNCH**

FRI, JUNE 23RD 6:00pm *At the Clubhouse*

• **TGIF POTLUCK - Roger Anderson Host**

MON, JUNE 26TH 6:30pm *At the Clubhouse*

• **BOARD MEETING**

SAT, JULY 1ST *Lower Harbor Gazebo*

• **STIR FRY - Tom Marrone Host**

SUN, JULY 16TH 10am *At the Clubhouse*

• **CAPTAINS JAZZ BRUNCH**

MON, JULY 24TH 6:30pm *At the Clubhouse*

• **BOARD MEETING**



Social, Membership, Marketing: Tom Marone stated that we held an event yesterday in honor of Clint Kehoe who recently passed away; the Commodore's Ball at the Rowing Club is on May 20th; there is a TGIF this Friday; Captains Breakfast on May 7th.

A new membership application was presented for Steve Nelson. Steve and Andrea (Andi) have been in our harbor for about 10 years. They have had two different boats here, pay their bills on time, follow the rules, are in slip 32, active in volunteering and were here on Saturday for the harbor cleanup. The membership application was sponsored by Tom Marone and Dave McKusick. Denny called for vote and there was unanimous approval. Dave will tell him to come to next meeting so we can welcome him and Andi.

Clubhouse: Dave McKusick reported that he met with Richard Felsheim, Mark Mosby, Paul Glynn, Ruby McKusick, Tom Marone and Bill Gibbs. They discussed their goals for the clubhouse and are in the process of sorting out their priorities. Their next meeting is May 6th. Dave will be discussing budget line items with Roger and working with him to define their annual budget. They are currently getting bids on additional clubhouse furniture and trying to determine the specifications for a new clubhouse stereo system. Roger mentioned that a member had donated some stereo equipment which is currently stored in the office. He invited them to come and look at it and see if it could be useful. Dave agreed that it might be a good temporary solution until we can get the specific equipment that they determine, is needed, and he will take a look at it.

Dave also reported that Ruby has indicated that several women who have worked at clubhouse events would like to see us add a stove to the kitchen area. They are looking into how to bring in a gas supply and other details associated with this, and they will bring this to the board when they have evaluated this further.

It was brought to Dave's attention that we do not currently have a supply of towels in the kitchen area. Roger said he would follow up with our vendor on this and get it taken care of. Dave said they would get better on identifying specific responsibilities for things like this going forward.

Strategic Planning Committee: Denny stated that we encountered a delay in locating an electronic copy of the strategic plan but it has now been taken care of and will be forwarded to Ralph DeLong, who is in charge of strategic planning.

Old business: The proposal to the bylaws regarding a tie vote was reviewed by the board. Ralph DeLong suggested the following edit:

- In the event of a tie for low votes received on any ballot, a new runoff ballot for that office will be conducted between the candidates tied on the preceding ballot along with the other candidates who received a majority of votes on the ballot preceding the tie for low ballot.

Jerry Quaal proposed that the bylaw be amended as suggested; Tom Marone seconded; none opposed. Dave proposed that the full proposal be approved by the board and brought to the general membership for approval; seconded by Bill Gibbs; none opposed.

Denny brought up the previous discussion about forming a transient committee and suggested that we defer this topic until Ron Hilson returns. It was mentioned that he is very interested in this topic and this was met with general agreement.

Terri Meredith pointed out that our club calendar shows that there is a board meeting scheduled for the fifth Monday in July instead of the fourth Monday in July. Roger agreed that this needed to be corrected to change the meeting from July 31st to July 24th and he will take care of it.

New business: Tom Marrone said that Dan DeLude mentioned to him that we need more dock carts again. We aren't sure what is happening to the carts but it was suggested that they might be falling into the river.

Tom also heard of a recent incident where a little girl had been running on the ramp in front of the clubhouse and fell down. The mesh on the ramp caused her to get pretty scraped up. He knows that mesh is helpful in the winter months but would prefer that we remove it in the summer months and look into other products that could help prevent slipperiness on the ramp. Mike Patton said that there is a recycled rubber product available. Denny asked if Tom and Mike would look into this further and bring a recommendation to the board. They agreed to do that.

Dave McKusick said that there have been some discussions on naming our new work boat and it has been suggested that we name it after our first dock master, Dora Macnamera. The name "Miss Dora" was suggested and the feedback in the room for that name was positive. Mike Patton motioned to accept that name and it was seconded by Tom Marone. None were opposed. Dave will work with Ruby to proceed with getting the boat named as approved.

Jerry Quaal brought up the idea of discussing some general safety items at our next general membership meeting. He mentioned the boat in Stillwater that sunk and is in the news this week, and that they did not stay with their boat, which is a general safety guideline. Denny suggested that we try holding a few one-hour safety seminars on Saturday mornings and see if there is interest from the membership in attending those. There was agreement in trying that. Denny will work on putting together a schedule for this.

Motion to adjourn: Motion by Dave McKusick; seconded by Mike Patton; none opposed.

Adjourned: 8:26PM

Next Board Meeting: Monday, May 22nd, 2017 at 6:30 PM



COMMODORE'S BALL 2017





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Courtesy of Liz Miller

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