

## **SPYC Board Meeting**

At Clubhouse and via ZOOM

April 25, 2022 6:30 p.m.

Board Members: Present Bill Tschohl; Barbara Haake; Nate Schumann; Lynn Adler; Diane Scovill; Troy Janisch; Brett Cummings; Annie Stone (all in person). Via ZOOM: Andy Ristrom; Greg Jorgensen. Absent board member: Mike Patten

Guests: (On ZOOM) - Tom Morrone, Bryan Bedessen, Jim Camery,

Staff: (On ZOOM): Kristina Cummings

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Commodore Bill Tschohl: Welcome to new SPYC board member, Troy Janisch. Lynn Adler moved from "member-at-large" to SPYC's Treasurer due to Pat Boulay's resignation.

Approval of the 4/25/22 Agenda as presented.

Minutes from the 3/28/22 board meeting were approved on March 30th.

General Meeting 4/12/22; No minutes taken. Notes only needed on topics that are discussed at a general meeting if a member has a question that will need future research/action.

Open comments from the guest: Tom mentioned some of SPYC's upcoming social activities. He also mentioned that the website had not posted any board minutes since the 2/28/22 board meeting. The 3/28/22 board minutes will be published ASAP.

Social Committee: Bill is working with Tom Marrone. Events for 2022 are the following:

April 30th Yard party and Bon fire (Saturday)

May 6th TGIF (Friday) Cinco de mayo! (Including FOP2 Annual Meeting at Clubhouse)

May 14th Season Kickoff party (Saturday)

May 21st Captains breakfast (Saturday)

May 28th Memorial Day Steak Fry (Saturday)

June 5th New boater orientation, Captains picnic lunch/Brunch, National Marina Day (Sunday)

June 14th General Mtg (Flag Day) (Tuesday)

June 19th Captains Breakfast (Alternate for flag day ceremony (Sunday)

June 24th TGIF (Friday) 25th Commodore's summer Cotillion/Ball

July 10th Beach party on Pike Island (Sunday Funday)

July 16th Dance Party at the Clubhouse (Saturday)

July 30th Party at the Club (Themed) (Saturday)

August 12th TGIF Irish fest warm up

12th 13th & 14th Irish Fair

August 27th National Hot dog day Party (Sweet Corn) (Saturday)

September 3rd Giant Chicken Feed (Saturday)

September 10th Full Harvest Moon Dance Party/return of the Rib Kings! (Saturday)

September 23rd TGIF and Movie Night (Friday)

October 8th Halloween Party (Saturday)

Operations: Andy Ristrom. Beavers have destroyed some of the trees on the Upper Harbor's shores. We could remove beavers when it warms up. Discussion on how to do it. Trap and release them elsewhere? Put wire mesh around the base of the trees.

Andy: No solutions yet but it will be discussed at the next Operations meeting.

Commodore's report: The weather has been interesting (colder than usual). Water level is above normal. All committees have been having meetings. Strategic planning - still working on it. Lots of activity in the yard. Not a lot of people around as yet. April 15th is SPYC's target date to start to put boats in the water but we are still waiting for checks to come into the office (need to be paid-up to have boats splashed). Bill thinks when the weather gets warmer slipholders will then be anxious to get their boats in the water. Crew is busy. Kristina is doing a good job cleaning the office. Talked to credit card processors: We will be down to one of them. Gas dock will be up and running. Slips filled in Upper Harbor. Can fill more at Dahlgren Docks.

Plans for the Environmental Learning Center at Watergate Marina are being planned. May become a pontoon boat/kayak harbor. Maybe other boats will be allowed. Want to get more people down to the river. Diane said people can go on the website and fill out a survey on what they want in the Watergate harbor. More details coming in October. Watergate does have a second harbor just a little bit farther upriver. They are spending \$3 million on the design - want to spend another \$20 million. If we want to find out more, SPYC will host FOP2's Annual Meeting and SPYC's TGIF on Friday, May 5th at the Clubhouse and/or at the firepit..

Marketing and membership - Lynn Adler: Kristina has names to contact from the boat show plus she will go to the offices in the apartment buildings that surround our marina to put post fliers that SPYC has slips to rent. The committee is working on membership.

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### **Financial**

1. \$327,923 in open invoices with QuickBooks
2. \$174,394.55 in overdue invoices for items we have on property
3. Checking Account - \$336,833.82
4. Processing Account - \$1,261.34 – Should be closed since not longer needed
5. Mud Cat Loan - \$217,516.02
6. Refiled Sales Tax Returns for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Quart 2021 and filed 2022 Q1
7. Trash resolved- Paid trash for Paddleford for past 3.5 years
- 8. In Process**
9. In process: Canceling Scribble Software – Marina Go for Excel Spreadsheet – Annual savings \$4,100 + lower processing fees with the addition of Heartland Credit Card processing- Already working
- 10. Slips**

11. Upper Harbor- Full
12. Lower Harbor- 11 but 3 are unusable
13. Dahlgren – 16 full with 12 open
  - a. Lost 3 slip holders from the \$999 deal because they receive that deal multiple years and are upset that they didn't get it this year
14. **Membership**
15. New member applications Robert and Colleen Kautz- Signed application (No Check)
16. **Operational**
17. Wi-Fi in club house- up and going
18. New service for office phone line- Texting will be available starting May 5<sup>th</sup>
19. Change gates codes with be changed with and update going out
20. Finalizing on Gas Dock install – and learned about our fuel contract and how to prevent fuel theft
21. New Dock Boxes – ordered new dock boxes
22. Slip Cover Roll – All paid to Paul or non paid to Paul

Kristina - She has had three calls since Saturday interested in slips. Two more people would like to become members: Robert and Colleen Kautz. Motion was made by Lynn, seconded by Bill to accept the Kautz's as members. Motion passed. They will be paying their \$1,500 membership fee.

While Kristina was cleaning the office, she found an uncashed check dated 2011 in the amount of \$1,500 from a current boater who has been receiving regular voting member discounts since 2011. She has reached out to the boater and has received no response. Motion made by Barbara, seconded by Lynn that we request the boater to reissue a new \$1,500 check to SPYC. Motion passed.

There will be an email sent to everyone with a new gate code that will work for all of SPYC gates and doors. The gas dock pump is not dispensing gas - will be up and running in the next week or two. Dock boxes have been ordered.

Discussion was had on dock covers. Pauley does the work on the dock covers. The billing for his work was discussed. Should Pauley be paid directly? Should SPYC handle the billing? Diane said we should talk to Pauley and get his input. Barbara said we should find out whatever liability we might have with handling the dock covers. Kristina said we should be consistent in whatever we decide. Bill said we also have to consider our rules/lease with the city. Motion to Table was made by Barbara; seconded by Diane that a committee of Diane, Kristina, Pauley, and Brett get together and come up with a policy on how to handle billing/work on the dock covers and report back to the board at its May meeting. Motion passed.

Kristina: Strap replacement for the boat lift: Getting quotes. Wire Rope; Slings;

Kristina and Bill: Yard Price List. We are now using and publishing our old original price list. Kristina and Brian talked and broke the list down. Lynn made a Motion, seconded by Troy to approve the below listed 2022 Price List effective the date it is published on SPYC website.. Motion passed.

## 2022 Yard Price List

	Voting Member	Associate Member	Non-Member
Pull out/in alone	\$100	\$125	\$300
Blocking and loading one trailer	\$75	\$100	\$200
Hulls will be washed only in the fall when the SPYC has washer (employee) available.			
Move Boat to or from Lower Harbor to Upper Harbor			
	\$200	\$250	\$500
Pumpout (by SPYC staff)	\$200	\$200	\$300
Yard staff hourly rate, per person			
	\$75	\$75	\$100
Dock Box – Cost of Box plus install and materials			
If you are paying \$61/ft for a main boat, a second smaller boat storage would be charged the trailer rate of:			
	\$125	\$150	n/a

Social committee - Bill - Social committee dates posted on the website. Bill - April 30th, bonfire on the point. Next TGIF with FOP2 - May 5th. Bring some snack to share. Lots of stuff coming up: May 14, and the 21st. With gas prices going up, more people might stay in the harbor and will look for activities to attend. We had talked about getting a new ice machine but it is expensive (\$2,500). We probably will skip buying an ice machine and just get a new ice service that will throw in a new ice merchandiser. Also, pass on a washing machine. Trying to budget for what we need. Motion made by Bill, seconded by Lynn that we approve SPYC to go over the 2022 Plan Budget for social by \$5,700. Motion passed.

Diane said we need money for cleaning up the office - we need new flooring. What budget will that come from? Brett: We need to do monthly tracking of the budget. Lynn and Kristina will be going over the budget monthly to work on all of our needs/expenses.

Bill said we have a new hot water heater expansion tank...we do not have rusty water any longer.

Marketing - Marketing needs more than \$5,000 No one from the Westside Flats.

Strategic Planning: Bill - Diane - will schedule a strategic planning meeting.

We will have a Memorial Day Steak Fry on the 28th of May. There will be a Blues Band (Paul Barry Blues) on June 24th. Maybe even bring in a food truck.

Commodores' Ball; June 25th. Barbara suggested we invite some of our political contacts to the ball like we used to do, i.e., the new Director of St. Paul's Park and

Recreation Department (believe that person is Tom Russel). It was suggested we could invite other government officials, too.

Public-Government Relations Community: Barbara. Because we had support from St. Paul's City Council thanks to Councilmember Rebecca Noecker (and many others including Josh Straka from Congresswoman Betty McCollum's office) on our request for a \$500,000 Community Project Fund grant from Congress to get our lower harbor dredged), Barbara will be holding a fundraiser for STARK (**St. Paul All Ready for Kindergarten**) that Rebecca asked Barbara to host on her boat TRUBADOR on Sunday May 15th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. SPYC slipholders/members will be invited.

This is an important event for SPYC to do as a favor for Rebecca/SPARK and to help fund early education for needy children of St. Paul. Barbara will write up information about the fund raiser along with an explanation of what SPARK is all about and Kristina will send out a group email to all SPYC members and slipholders inviting them to the event.

Motion was made by Diane with a second by Nate to adjourn the 4/25/22 meeting. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Barbara Haake, Secretary.