

Saint Paul Yacht Club

Board Meeting minutes

August 23, 2021

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
X	x	X	Np	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: Kristina Cummings, Troy and Carol Janisch, Pete Johannsen, Brian Erickson, Becky Weber, Carol Pine, Lynn Gunstrom, Bruce Johnson, MJ Babcock, Ruby McKusick, Andrea Winbush

Determination of Quorum:

Yes, there is a quorum

Open forum:

Security (read email from Barb, noted in addenda below.)

With all that happened just overnight this past Saturday night our members that were impacted have contacted the St Paul Police Department. The police have two individuals in custody, but one other got away.

Tom Surprenant provided some info to LH residents on who the LH residents could possibly escalate security with the city. Rebecca followed up by calling a number of various city departments. This doesn't happen on any regular basis. Weekends or weeknights don't seem to be an influence on when these activities have occurred over this year or past years.

Different LH residents have a variety of tasks, security cameras, fencing, that could help to better secure our lower harbor and possibly the parking lot.

Investigating options:

Everyone can use an air horn to get attention, run off intruders.

Kevin will be investigating some fencing options. Would like to move some fencing so it is where it will be useful and also possibly add a second gate.

Troy and Tom will have some security companies come out to help gather some ideas they may be able to provide.

Pete Johannsen knows a bit more than many of us about cameras and their setup and is willing to provide guidance on what we could do. One suggestion is Ring cameras, but we would have to work through setting up a good wireless connection for it as well.

If possible, solutions should be at least somewhat inclusive of the upper harbor Gate D parking lot and our yard.

Friday night at 5pm people are invited to get together on the Trubador, Barb and Truman's boat, to discuss this further.

Lynn G. The docks need better lighting, maybe with motion sensors.

Kristina will be working to make sure we have a clear protocol to make sure emergency services have the gate code, particularly after gate codes are changed. Dennis Sando will work on clarifying if we do indeed still have an EMS code that has not been changed like what was established years ago.

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Agenda items:

Staff and Operations: Kristina Cummings / Greg Jorgensen

- Dredging progress and operational status
 - We are dredged in front of the clubhouse out through the mouth of the upper harbor to 6'. Some of that is slumping back in from the sides, but that isn't unexpected. Dredging is going slower than we had hoped for.
 - Crew would like to have a 16' jon boat to ferry back and forth between the work boat, docks and dredge.
 - Motion by Kevin Goodspeed, seconded by Barb Haake. Operations will search for and purchase up to a 16' jon boat not to exceed the \$4,000.
 - Discussion, is a pontoon or other type of boat better. Jon boat is best for need.
 - Ayes: 8, nays: 0, Abstain: 1
- gas line update: Gas line is not quite done yet. The final piping was just ordered today. The crew was building the meters that will be on the boats. There is no risk currently that the gas lines won't be completed before the heating season.
- We're looking at hiring a third person on a temporary basis to fill-in as needed when we need a third hand around the yard.

Harbor Maintenance: Steve Nelson / Greg Jorgensen

Status of current and future plans in process.

Committee reports and other items:

April Committee reports

Clubhouse-Chair-Bill Tschohl

Clubhouse is in great shape and well maintained. Everything is working as it should be.

We need to order a couple stainless steel shelves to be mounted in the two bathrooms. The wood ones are just not up to the wet environment, need too much maintenance for the small shelves they are.

Tom managed to get the carpet cleaned, even the spot by the side door that pro cleaners were unable to clean in the two times we hired outside professional cleaning companies. Tom has been doing a fabulous job keeping the clubhouse in great condition along with everyone that has been cleaning up after themselves.

Finance: Chair-Pat Boulay, Jeff Tentinger

- Update on Marinago install, testing and setup.
- Update on Sheriff Sale results
- Financial update

August Financial Report

The move to QuickBooks Plus Online is completed. It is now integrated with Marinago. The merchant services (credit card processor) application process is completed and we will go live this week, which means the next invoices sent out will be through Marinago and members can pay the invoice by clicking on a **Pay Now** button just as they would for Amazon or other online purchases. Utility bills will be our first test so we will be ready for winter storage billing. Kristina and I have been doing online training with Marinago.

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Pat Boulay

Treasurer

Banking Report	January	Feb	April	May	8-Jun	28-Jun	26-Jul	Aug-21
Checking - Cash on Hand	\$ 199,603	263,597	\$ 298,983	\$ 304,764	\$ 231,152	\$ 212,631	\$ 279,658	\$ 260,050
Old Commercial Loan	\$ 73,358	71,628	\$ 51,646	\$ 49,743	\$ 47,821	\$ 47,821	Closed/Retired	
Line of Credit	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$50k available	\$50k available
Dredging Loan							\$ 240,000.00	\$ 237,551.30

Balance History

Date Last Overdrawn:	11/04/2019	
Last Deposit (08/19/2021):		300.00
<i>Last Check (08/19/2021):</i>		159.27
Average Available Balance Current Month:	257,081.82	
Average Available Balance Previous Month:	240,357.38	
Average Available Balance 2021:	236,750.99	
Average Available Balance 2020:	137,458.41	
Average Ledger Balance Current Month:	257,185.97	
Average Ledger Balance Previous Month:	240,501.21	
Average Ledger Balance 2021:	237,449.88	
Average Ledger Balance 2020:	138,238.24	

Operations: Chair-Mike Patten

A lot of operations contents has been covered already tonight. Kristina is now in the operations team as marina manager so she is included in the discussions.

Social: Chair - Kristina Cummings Our next event is the chicken feed which will be in September 25th. 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 The community project funding request for \$500,000 will be included in the December funding bill. We can hope that it is included and passed, but we won't really know until that bill goes before the house and senate for passage.

Other items

Social – Reprinting of SPYC history book (notes below) -tabled from July board meeting

Lynn has looked into pricing and will follow-up with us on the quantity, etc. There are some good pricing options when we don't get it 'perfect bound', but have it spiral bound.

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Pump-out update (notes below)- Ruby McKusick, Andy Ristrom, Annie Stone - upper harbor pump-out grant funding and progress

Discussed as part of operations discussion. Pump-out has been delayed a bit because we did not have true confirmation on the grant until Jul1, 2021. The pump was ordered earlier, but had not been shipped. Fortunately, we were able to cancel that order and re-order the pump so it would be covered by the grant. The pump-out company was very helpful with the process even though they haven't been able to finish building the pump-out due to material / supply shortages due to COVID.

Price of PVC piping and materials is now more expensive than originally planned. Our crew would have to build stanchions. We'd also have to hire a plumber to get this completed before the end of the year, which is unlikely to be able to occur this fall. The question is do we proceed with the UH pump-out or submit a second grant request for next year to complete the pump-out.

Our pump out grant is good through 12/31/2022. We will not need to reapply for it. The pump out is coming. We will be getting some new cost estimates for the plumbing materials, and then make an updated decision on piping the Upper Harbor, probably during this winter.

Motion made by Barbara and seconded by Lynn to table the discussion. Motion passed.

Yard dirt boaters: We need to really write a standing rule that would apply to members living on their boats on land.

Gas dock needs a new pump. Previous estimate was around \$16k, but working further on that a vendor has been identified that could provide a new pump for \$5,600.

Motion by Lynn, seconded by Denny: SPYC to purchase a new gas pump for the gas dock with the best price of \$5,600. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm

Upcoming planned events and meetings:

Monday, September 27, 2021 SPYC Board Meeting 6:30pm

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

From Carol Pine - Reprinting of SPYC history book:

Here are some key points I suggest concerning reprinting our SPYC history to present at this coming Monday's board meeting:

- * the SPYC has a strong, long and powerful history and legacy
- * we need to supply our history to all members who did not receive a copy in 2012 during our centennial and give to all new members since then.
- * we have already used our history in interactions with local and legislative policymakers and we know the book has been influential. It is a powerful tool largely because the book places the SPYC and its history/legacy in the context of the evolution of the City of St. Paul. It proves that we are a significant asset to our city/county.

What will it take to reprint our history book?

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* As you may recall, the history book was conceived, researched, written, designed and printed by SPYC members and volunteers. Because of that, the cost was a rare bargain, thanks to the volunteer efforts of so many people.

* Ruby McKusick, who designed the book, has all the "folios" needed to reprint the book

* When the book was first published, we ordered 250 copies. We recommend printing 250 more books, unless Lynn finds that printing 500 would offer a significant price break.

* Lynn Adler is looking into the best printing estimate we can get to reprint the book.

* We suggest giving the book to all new members and those in recent years who did not get one (because we ran out of them) AND offering it for sale to members at a reduced price: \$5-7 per copy

Board Meeting action requested: Approval to move ahead with this project or Approval to explore all costs and considerations and bring back to the next board meeting

Pump-out project notes:

Hello SPYC Board,

This email is a follow up on the pump out project's status.

Could we get an update on this board approved project?

Here's our questions:

1. When do you expect the pump out to arrive if it hasn't already?

A. The pump has been ordered out of Canada. They are having issues with supplies as many companies are.

2. With the current dredging situation will any fingers need to be removed to dig that may impact any pipe/stanchion the pump out system will need when installed?

A. No fingers will be removed

3. What was decided on the stanchions? Last update was a combination of something that Danny found + Brian adding to those stanchions to make them more durable. Was ordered or not?

A. Stanchions are not ordered. We are focused on dredging and getting a gas line hooked up for the Lower Harbor.

4. With Brian's role in the dredging project, is this still the plan or should we order stanchions off the rack? If so, what was recommended by Brian and Danny?

A. Brian will not be able to do this work with his current workload.

5. I'm guessing right now that the piping in and stanchion install should take place in the spring due to the dredging?

A. We will be reviewing our yard priorities, and it is too early to predict this timing.

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6. I don't know how this effects our agreement with the DNR as far as them paying for 75% of the bill because I think they wanted the entire bill to be submitted all at once. And, I believe we've already paid for the pump out. (But we still have the piping to add to the bill along with those expenses - labor/materials).

A. We are not in a position to fully fund this project with our money, and then wait for reimbursement.

7. Did the platform for the pump out get finished?

A. Yes, platform is ready.

8. If this does go into next spring, will we will need to re-estimate the cost of stanchions/pipe since as much of materials has gone up in pricing.

A. Yes, costs have gone crazy. Since Dan left, we are trying to get the basic club functions reestablished. It does look as though we will have to revisit this project.

We've just heard from the DNR with some additional questions and they will be needing a simple map of the installation plan and product sheet of the unit we are using.

Lower Harbor Security report

TO: SPYC office and board members:

Another item to be added to the board's meeting agenda tonight:

The safety of people and property at the Lower Harbor Docks and parking lot.

Discussion for security (cameras?) in the parking lot and on the docks -

INFO: The lower harbor (LH) slipholders met yesterday afternoon and came away with tasks for the LH slipholder group to undertake so at the September 27th board meeting we would have many details worked out on how to secure the LH from intruders. We were just going to introduce the topic tonight to make the board aware of what is happening when a few incidents happened just 12 hours ago - in the wee hours of the night.

Brian Erickson's car had windows broken (third time) to access his car in the parking lot. Brian's car also had its catalytic converter stolen.

Annie Stone had damage (stolen) catalytic converter.

Rumor has it that Tom Surprenant's truck was stolen.

Also, this past week an invader entered Kathy Christison's liveboard boat during the night. Another report that someone else was chased off the shoreside dock.

Obviously, as we all know, the LH docks have easy access via land and illegal entry is common.

I think cameras installed in the parking lot would be the immediate option in starting to solve the issues the Lower Harbor are experiencing.

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With the multiple police calls the LH generates (and the police has a record of the number of calls), I think the City of St. Paul - park department? - has to get involved.

Barbara