

Saint Paul Yacht Club

Minutes

Monday, March 23, 2015

SPYC Clubhouse

Board Members Present										
Commodore	Vice Cmdre	Secretary	Treasurer	Board	Board	Board	Board	Board	Board	Past Cmdre
Dave McKusick	MJ Babcock	Roni Brunner	Greg Jorgensen	Lynn Adler	Dave Nelson	Bill Gibbs	Terri Meredith	Lynn Gunstrum	Bill Tschohl	Pat Boulay
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Present: Roger Anderson

Call to Order: 7:07

Guests: Dennis Sando, Mark Mosby, Bob Hill

Open forum: Commodore discussed the importance of committees and how he made a decision to reduce the dredging committee to three people initially to get thru spring dredging issues. Going forward he would encourage the full group to get back on the committee to do long term discussion and planning. Discussion on putting committee meetings on the calendar and staff will make broadcast notices on any changes that might happen.

A decision was made to have the Commodore Balls at the clubhouse this year. Details for the event are still being worked; however, it will cost the club more money than the Christmas party due to hiring help to do the event to offset social club volunteers. Anticipating 100 people and the extra guests will be set up on the deck for dinner.

Past Minutes:

Minutes for the February 23, 2015 meeting were approved as written with limited amendment - Two names added to Strategic Planning committee Bill Gibbs & Teresa Muckala. Motion to approve first: Lynn Adler - Seconded: Terri Meredith – minutes passed.

Financial Report: Cash flow is good with people taking advantage of early discount. Harbor maintenance fees have been deposited into special account which now totals \$43,359 with last year's contributions. The yearly audit is done with one deficiency: segregation of duties within staff organization. Currently one person collects all revenue and does all the expense billing. The Finance committee will begin meeting more regularly in April, 2015. Slip Rentals are still going slowly. We have only rented one slip since the February meeting.

Staff Report (Roger Anderson): Roger submitted a written report.

Operations: Both boat yard staff members have been back to work full-time now and are engaged in prepping the area for launching boats. Our work boat is probably good for one more year maybe two and the motors will be fine for a few more years. However, we will need to think about building a new work boat and that will probably run the club approx. \$8 – 10,000. We have launched one boat already this season and will be ready to begin launching on a first come first serve basis, based on how quickly the ice moves out of the upper harbor slips so we have a place to put boats once launched. The yard is currently firm and in good shape and barring any large amounts of rain should be serviceable.

We had a series of intruders in the clubhouse and in the boat yard past month and those issues were dealt with by staff. The police were called and the offending parties have been given notice that they are now uninvited to be members in the club. Doors have been rekeyed and the codes have been changed on the clubhouse.

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Committee Reports

Operations Report (Dave McKusick): Commodore will contact the Women's Aux to discuss cleaning up the items in the garage. He has started discussion with a vendor on producing a rendering for the history center or cabinet for storage in the clubhouse. Once this is done, work will need to be done with the clubhouse committee to determine what needs to happen and what works for the space. We need to be mindful of the entrance issues and our limited space.

Wi-fi: moving the box from outside to inside the clubhouse and replacing the cable that was not shielded. What components are worth saving and what needs to be replaced are being discussed with contractor. Question from floor: how much have we spent on Wi-Fi so far - \$30K. Current need is approx. \$12K.

Clubhouse Codes: Reviewing the code system for our clubhouse and the system can do 100 individual codes. Still under review and we will watch the situation to determine what needs to happen in the future.

Lower harbor pump – out system: there have been a few issues and the current system has been fixed and we are watching it.

Upper harbor pump-out system: have an idea to trench thru the berm and find out what is affordable. Denny will talk to vendor and see if we can fix the pump-out system if possible. Desire not to spend too much money or effort if it isn't worth fixing.

Death row boats – working towards getting them out of here, as quickly as, possible.

New office trailer – we will repair the roof this summer and we will probably get a few more years out of it.

Second in command when Roger is out of office – Denny will be taking the lead on this for the club.

Lower harbor quartermaster – will be filled by Diane McClellan and we still need Upper harbor and Dahlgren dock volunteers.

Need to add safety issues back into the operations committee.

Social (Lynn Adler):

Discussion by Pat Boulay on two Art Boat events this summer: June 18th and the other on July 1st. The first group would be looking for 10 boats to host a person for a weekend. The second event is Art Boat that will be coming to St. Paul. Decision to gather more information on both events to understand the requirements and what the ask from the club might be. Pat Boulay will bring this information back to the board.

Commodore ball – discussed earlier. More events to be added to calendar and things are still forming.

Marketing (Lynn Adler): No meetings scheduled yet but have been talking with people from last year's committee. Reviewing club practice of only one Scuttlebutt ad around Boat Show timeframe and possibly dividing it up with a more regular cadence and more ads throughout the year. No decision yet on specifics. Still looking at the website etc. but nothing firmed up yet. Get a hold of the "Loppers Group" and maybe make an offer to them to come up and harbor with us on Dahlgren dock as an event. Dave Nelson will take the lead on gathering information and bringing back to board.

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Harbor Maintenance (Dave Nelson): Staff is currently working with the contractor and putting the necessary pieces together for spring dredging; however, low water is a potential problem. The current water levels are quite low and the contractor L&S Marine will be out with survey boats to get current readings on the harbor depths. Once we have those the plan on exact dredging areas will be determined for both harbors. Sections of docks leading from the clubhouse in upper harbor and the outer half of the Miller dock in lower harbor will need to be removed. This may be a dry year and despite dredging we still may encounter low water levels on an ongoing basis in our harbors.

Bylaws (Ruby): *Message sent thru Commodore - Chair not present at meeting.* Report out to the board next month.

Strategic Planning (MJ Babcock): Working to gather information from other committees and then will call a meeting of the full committee. After that the full board will meet one Saturday to begin developing the full plan.

Membership (Lynn Adler): No meetings set yet but working with four potential new members on applications. A more comprehensive plan needs to be done yet.

Clubhouse (Bob Hill): Presented their budget, capital improvements list and current committee requests and tasks. Committee will come to the board with the top three capital improvement details for approval at a later date. Clubhouse committee comment box implemented; the box is in the kitchen area. Motion made to approve expense items presentation by committee: First – Lynn Adler – Second – Bill Gibbs – passed.

Misc. Items:

Discussion on other ideas for the club: Open house for other harbors, rowing club coming down to the harbor, bringing our boats down to Lamperts landing and then walking up a St. Paul Saints game.

Moved dredging cost basis presentation to another board meeting.

Adjourned: 9:15 pm

Next scheduled Board Meeting: April 27, 2015.

Attest: Roni Brunner, Secretary