

Saint Paul Yacht Club
 Board Meeting Minutes
 May 27, 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	X

Call to Order: 6:33 p.m.; Pledge of Allegiance

Guests:

Barb Haake

Determination of Quorum:

Yes, there is a quorum.

Open Forum:

- 6/1 9am Gardening projects at SPYC
- 6/8 10am? New Boater Orientation
- 6/9 National Marina Day
- 6/11 7pm General Membership meeting
- 6/24 6:30pm board meeting

Minute Approval:

4/22/2019 minutes were approved and sent to the board and Roger.
 Minutes were distributed on the SPYC website by Roger on April 29th.

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 5/27/2019.
 Motion to approve by Lynn Adler, Seconded- Annie Stone.
 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-X, Ralph DeLong- Approve, Mike Patten - Approve
 11 approve, 0 nay, 0 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

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minutes would be reviewed, commented, corrected and voted on at the next scheduled board meeting. (There would not be two electronic/email votes.)

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

The May report shows income down \$16k

Summer dockage is \$32k below what was budgeted.

Expenses are \$7,500 higher than last year at this time, mostly due to flood impacts.

Cash on hand is about \$140k, but \$40k below where we were at this time last year; however, it is down \$66,000 from last month .

Flood impact could mean dredging costs of \$30k or higher.

Long Term Debt is \$148k and going down. Will be paid off in three years.

Transient slips bring in about \$2k per year. While worthwhile it isn't a big source of revenue.

Q: What is the level where the club breaks even or are we there. A: That is a really good question and will require cost management throughout the year. The biggest part of the challenges is the repeated requirement to dredge which is getting more and more expensive. Redesigning the harbor mouth could be really expensive up-front and save us money long-term, but we don't have a number of proposals to review currently. Steel pilings were rough estimated at upwards of \$800k and they are looking at projects that aren't a million dollars with a matching 100 year return if there's something possible. Many believe that reconfiguring the upper harbor mouth will deter some of the silt that tends to accumulate there.

Staff Report:

Staff report submitted prior to meeting.

Relevant River level impacts: Previously mentioned, but repeated as we head to another crest.

8' is a lot of current and I recommend staying off the river. That's also the point where the current starts to bring in extra silt in volume.

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14' is considered the first "flood stage". That shuts down Lilydale road and parts of Harriet Island Park. The ramps down to the docks start to have problems.

17' the discomfort starts; that puts the water onto the cement rails of the travel lift and closes large sections of the park.

At 17' we would have to look at the forecast and determine if we need to get boats launched or onto the levee. Launching is the better option, but it all depends on weather and how the yard looks with ice, etc.

18.5' closes the lift and puts the water into the lot down by the gas dock. We pull fuses on at least some of the electrical feeds.

19' shuts off all the dock utilities, closes all the ramps, water into the paved parking lots, and about up to the garage in the boatyard. Start thinking about moving boats.

20' we're taking boats out to Water St. and other local roads. Water is into the garage and close to the entrance gate. Pool & Yacht is flooded.

22' boat yard is closed and mostly under, actually becomes part of the river. Docks are reachable only by boat. Garage has 2' of water in it. Clubhouse is subjected to current.

23' the water is up to the office and is out on Lilydale road in front of the entrance gate. That's as high as I have seen it.

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

Commodore's ball at Pool and Yacht is sketchy with current and rising river levels.

Marketing Committee Report

Placed a full-page ad with a new message/offer in the Scuttlebutt at a substantial discount

Working on doing a Craig's list and Facebook ad with the same message

Signage for the harbors?

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Social Committee Report

Commodore's Ball June 15 at the Pool and Yacht Club - invites are out and getting some RSVP's back. Can't find a band yet. So it might be we don't have any music. Will check closer to the date regarding the water situation.

The Christmas party is set to be held at the St. Paul Hotel.

New Boaters orientation is coming up Saturday, June 8

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

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

The flags at the clubhouse and gas dock have been taken down and retired. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is generously supplying new flags for the gas dock and the clubhouse. Denny will be reviewing how to keep them lit at night per requirements of flags flown at night.

Done- Steve will get a set of keys that he can use / loan as he deems necessary.

6 of 9 planned cameras are up and running, waiting for new cat6 shielded to be run to balance of locations. The remaining cable should be in by this next weekend. The remaining three cameras should be up soon after.

Old yellor is up and running again. They are looking for something smart and affordable, but are not pressing ahead with an urgent need for a new piece of equipment.

Sunken boat is still in the water, Tom has a plan to have it removed by a backhoe on a barge. It will be brought out in pieces. Tom's caution is that we really all need to review their insurance policies for retrieval. Will need to move a finger, but we and the company removing need the water to be lower before doing that.

We should make sure every 24/7 boat has a recovery rider. The current sunken boat has not gained the notice of the city, but it will not be good whether it's this boat or another boat later. Several boats don't follow rules and we don't seem to enforce them or we do it sporadically.

Coast Guard inspections aren't followed 100% and looking to see what can be done to help with that. Non-complying members have risks they may not be aware of and don't seem to mind losing the \$200 deposit they would get returned to them if the inspection was completed. 35 boats weren't inspected

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last year so they were not refunded their deposits. Some boats, like Tom Perry's are perfectly clean and immaculate with no indication that it was at risk to sink. We should probably insist on high-water alarms on boats.

Items should be reviewed by the Rules Committee to see what should be added or is necessary.

Emergency submersible pumps were placed in a few spots in both harbors this month.

Trailer / yard storage items will be tagged and followed-up on so we can know what is in the yard.

Going to work on getting water out to the far end of the yard. Spigots and power would be helpful for some of the boats further out that have to run 120' of hose. (Waiting for boats to move out of the way.)

Pressure washer leaks and Andi will be taking a look at them. (Needs to be reminded.)

Finance Committee – Ralph DeLong Members: Jerry Quaal, Terri Meredith, Bill Tschohl
**See Treasurer's report above just after minutes approval section.

Clubhouse Committee – Bill Tschohl. Members: Richard Felsheim, Paul Glynn, Steve Meredith, Mark Mosby
Not much movement and holding on any larger expenses until flood costs are better understood.

Clubhouse has been doing fine but we need to review the cleaning as it still gets regular complaints from members

History - Chair Ruby McKusick. Members Mark Mosby, Charlie Evans, Maria Johnson.
Report submitted.

By Laws - Chair Mike Patton. He will gather a committee if issues arise requiring the group.
Nothing to report currently.

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

Members of the committee had a very informative meeting with Dan Cotrell from the Army Corp of Engineers last week. He explained in great detail the process that the Corps uses to determine their dredging plan each year and how they prioritize the needs. It was eye opening to understand the massive scale of their dredge operations and numerous challenges they face with commercial navigation during flood conditions like we are experiencing again this year. Ultimately, it re-confirmed the fact that our best path to getting on the dredge list is to get specific funds appropriated by Congress but it was a

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very informative conversation nonetheless. Representatives from St. Paul Parks and Rec were also in attendance and they also left with a much better understanding of the situation and the process to be followed.

The committee is planning a follow-up meeting with Parks and Rec to discuss a plan to approach our Congresswoman about requesting specific funds for dredging in the lower harbor. This will likely be in the form of a letter from the Gov. Relations committee as well as a letter from Parks and Rec.

We have also made contact with Mayor Carter and he too is sympathetic to our cause. He expressed his willingness to also assist our efforts with the support of the City of St. Paul and our request to Congress.

The committee will be working with these groups to draft the necessary letters over the next couple of weeks.

Gardening Committee:

Stephanie – Weather and water permitting they will be doing a gardening day Saturday, June 1st. 9-12pm.

Would like to paint office doors blue so they match. Paint should be the paint/ blue we use all over the yard on gates, etc.

Would also like to move trash can from in front of office..

Old Business:

- 1) A number, 6, of live-aboards have not put in a deposit nor communicated a plan as to how they are going to address the issues they were notified of. No plans have been filed by them. One boat in the Upper Harbor likely will not be launched due to state of the vessel.

3/25 update: Some have paid, but Roger would need access to get a list of who has paid or addressed notice items. (power and internet are down at the office. Priority has been flood prep.) Steve will follow-up with them and see where they're at. April 15th is going to be dependent on weather, etc. This is tabled for now as there is no way to move anyone at this point.

4/22 update: Not addressed during general meeting.

- 2) Letter to the City of St Paul regarding Raspberry Island bridge debris removal. Fund up to \$30k, which would be agreed to be rebated back from the City against our rental payment. Add verbiage that the regular maintenance we do is not included or part of that. We would continue to do that separately until or if the debris becomes larger than we can safely manage. Board is in agreement that they would like Steve to move the conversation forward with St Paul Park and Recreation. Mark Hahm.

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3/25 update: Our Commodore, Steve, club, has sent the letter. Parks has communicated verbally and been very accommodating, but has not responded with a letter. We wouldn't expect a firm response yet as the flood is taking precedent and is their and our focus as it should be.
4/22 update: Awaiting response from the city. We may not hear back until after the flood.
5/27 update: City response not expected until extended duration of flood event is over and the city parks & rec. has determined flood impacts, etc.

- 3) We have also notified the Minnesota Boat Club (rowing club) that we can no longer host their trailers and boats free of charge and we are formulating a rental agreement going forward for this season.

3/25 update: No update since their initial response that they would pay, but figuring where to put what.
4/22 update: Not discussed during meeting.
5/27 rowing club is now a paid member

- 4) Signs: Will be adding physical address signs to each gate so people will know the address the city has for emergencies.

3/25 update: no update, flood prep is priority.
4/22: update: Operations and marketing are both looking at this item.
5/27: Operations and marketing are looking at this item.

- 5) Gates and railings need to be painted at some point this year. Need volunteers.

3/25 update: no update, flood prep is priority.
4/22 update: not discussed at meeting.
5/27: Dahlgren dock gate is being painted due to new lock. Other gates are pending better weather. It has rained a lot this month.

- 6) Signage for each harbor – Greg Jorgensen mentioned signs for each harbor had been passed, but has not been completed yet. Would like to see it done this year. He will look int design and costs with operations and marketing.

3/25 update: no update, flood prep is priority.
4/22 update: marketing and operations are working on a plan in committee.
5/27 update: marketing and operations are working (Greg is on point)

- 7) Gate G is now underwater. Keypad is broken and hasn't been fixed since this winter.
a. Denny will discuss with Brian.
- 8) Extending the pump-out to Dahlgren

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5/27 update: Parts estimate is complete, roughly \$2,500. Work is pending crew time and impacted by flood and late launch starts. Will probably take 2-3 weeks and will disrupt pump-out on the existing lines.

- 9) Would like to see a more accurate phone list.
- 10)

New Business:

June 9th is National Marina day (Could be celebrated any day between June 9th and Labor Day.

Motion to adjourn: motion by Denny; seconded by Stephanie; none opposed.

Adjourned: 7:47 p.m.

Next board meeting: June 24, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Attest: Bill Tschohl