

# Saint Paul Yacht Club

Board Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2019

Joseph's Grill, St. Paul

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	X

Call to Order: 6:39 p.m.; Pledge of Allegiance

### **Guests:**

Liz Miller, Bill Peterson, Maria Johnson, Mike and Shirley Patten

### **Determination of Quorum:**

Yes

### **Open Forum:**

Liz – Security –

Roger, some cars were coming through last night. Police and Parks Dept. have been down until 1am each night so far. Roger will be checking with them to see what added coverage we need. No reports of anything of concern, but this is new, interesting and a bit of a spectacle. Roger plans to publish a new schedule tomorrow and it will probably run through the next 10 days.

Maria – How does the security patrol coverage look like. Park in the mid-line of boats and walk/ drive around every half hour or so. Call 911 if you see any problem, don't stop or approach anyone. Should visit down by Dahlgren and Lower Harbor to just put an eye on the situation there as well.

Waitress stopped by for orders and money..

### **Minute Approval:**

2/25/2019 minutes were approved and sent to the board and Roger.

Minutes were distributed on the SPYC website by Roger on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **The board meeting minutes are 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 3/25/2019.

Motion to approve by xxxxxxxx, Seconded xxxxxx. x-Approve, x-Approve, x-Approve, x-Approve, x pending further responses by 11:59pm 3/27/2019

Meeting Minutes approval process

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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 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.

## Staff Report:

See notes below from the staff report Roger submitted along with additional statements made during the meeting:

### **Staff Report: Financial**

Added in Financial below

### **Staff Report: Operations**

Added in Operations below

### ***Relevant River level impacts:***

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.

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.

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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:**

### **Social – unpopulated currently**

Lynn Adler – Commodore's ball will be at the pool and yacht club June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Social will need to be asking for more help this year. Last year stuff fell through the cracks and yet it also went over budget. Focus on 4 main ones, Cmdr., holiday, steak fry and chicken feed. TGIF's and captain's breakfasts need a lead of their own with defined budgets.

Social meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, noonish at Joseph's

### **Marketing – Chair: Lynn Adler.** Members: Linda Kelley, Annie Stone, Paul, Diane Scoville

\* Look at ways to get our message out to the boating community with the purpose of attracting new boaters to the SPYC. There are inexpensive ways to target boaters. What we need is a compelling message - small boats, proximity to the city and affordability. The key here is a good means to turn leads into leases.

Marketing meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am at Joseph's

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

\* We are looking at a group to facilitate the process of getting bids to access the cost of fixing the UH mouth, dredging and rip rapping where it makes sense to create a long-term solution and secure the necessary usable slips to keep the club viable. Annual dredging is wasteful so we need a long-term solution.

Has not met, but started discussion with group and has meeting planned pending flood impacts.

Email sent to SHC members:

You are now part of one of the most dynamic and critical committees at SPYC! Please review the attached information regarding our harbor layouts and be prepared to discuss your ideas for harbor improvements. Our action items will be to draft some drawings of what we are proposing for dredging,

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rip-rap, pilings and dock reconfigurations at our next meeting. These drawings and descriptions will be used to communicate with contractors to obtain bids for the work and to our membership.

Ultimately, we will be putting together budgets and proposed timelines and bring forth a recommendation to the board and a membership vote on the options. The costs will likely require financing from our bank and may also trigger a lease extension from the city in order to borrow funds for an extended term. We hope to have our proposals together by mid-summer.

Depending on where we are at with flooding, I would propose we have a meeting the first week of April. How does Wed April 3rd at the clubhouse at 6:00 work?

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

\* look at our day to day efficiency and look at our needs and capabilities going forward. Upgrades or downgrades in service as needed and budgeted for.

First meeting April 16<sup>th</sup>. At the moment it is day-to-day operations focusing on concerns due to flood impact.

Monitoring the harbor and getting prepared for what's next on the horizon, which for now is the flood and it's impacts.

**Finance Committee – Ralph DeLong** Members: Jerry Quaal, Terri Meredith, Bill Tschohl

No report, but the costs incurred due to the flood, boat movement, early return of staff, lost revenue will have an impact that will need to be reviewed. Cash is sitting good currently and no big expenses from this currently forecasted other than impacts.

**Clubhouse Committee – Bill Tschohl.** Members: Richard Felscheim, Paul Glynn, Steve Meredith, Mark Mosby

Clubhouse committee met Mid-March and had planned work party for 3/23 to work on kitchen. That work has been delayed due to focus on flood prep work.

Electric power line was dropped and electric is shutdown, gas is shut-off at the regulator, water is shut-off as well. Out of service signs are posted on the Clubhouse bathrooms and showers and should not be used.

We have not rescheduled for a next work party yet. We will watch and see when we might get power back in the clubhouse.

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

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\* Preserve our history in a shareable (cloud) environment to preserve the history of the club. We want people to access it and add to it by contributing their stories and photos. Maybe we can use this as a tool for some media exposure which circles back to Marketing

The history committee was scheduled to meet Tuesday, March 26th but we are rescheduling for after water has receded (so within next couple weeks).

**By Laws - Chair Mike Patton.** He will gather a committee if issues arise requiring the group. Nothing of concern at the moment.

**No Strategic Planning Committee** this year.

Strategic Plan is to focus on:

- UH entrance redesign
- UH dredge and rip-rap
- LH dock reconfiguration
- Remove/replace office/ service garage
- Replace yard equipment

\*Dredging Committee renamed to **Government Relations**

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

\* Begin building a working relationship with City, State and Federal resources to facilitate cooperation and funding for our operation. Look for grant money to do harbor maintenance.

Diane Scovile and I are going to set up a meeting to talk within our group and the commodore to make sure everyone is on the same page. Talk about scenarios, what we want etc.

Tom Surprenant had a brief conversation with the mayor and a meeting with Russ Stark from the mayor's office. He gave them an overview of the harbor and the current silting situation, the COE mandate to dredge and recent appropriations and recent COE dredging activity. The goal was to get the mayor's office to take a serious interest in the plight of the harbor and for the mayor to put the issue as important on one of his phone conversations with Betty McCollum.

Red Bull Crashed Ice is a visible event that makes us more visible as well. We will probably get a ton of transient slip requests for that day/ weekend. We should look sharp and prepare for that attention. We should consider making it a two-day minimum for transients since there will be a lot of boat movement then already.

**Cleanup** Not a committee, but volunteer activity that should be pursued- Earth Day cleanup – Saturday 4/23, St Paul Citywide cleanup 4/27. Harriet Island cleanup is cancelled, but we've been told we can pick-up supplies at Cherokee park if we want to focus on Harriet Island ourselves.

Stephanie and Annie would like to work on gardening and plantings, etc. They will work with Roger and Steve to get a budget from the capital fund.

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## **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 15<sup>th</sup> is going to be dependent on weather, etc. This is tabled for now as there is no way to move anyone at this point.

- 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.

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.

- 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) 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.

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

3/25 update: no update, flood prep is priority.

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- 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.

### **New Business:**

Would like to see sunshine, membership, ladies auxiliary committee type items.

Would also like to see a one-page summary of what happens each year. New members, members left/ passed, health, events of the year.

All are good ideas, but no one to lead these currently.

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

Adjourned: 7:29 p.m.

Next board meeting: April 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Attest: Bill Tschohl