PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY, December 9, 2010
At the Axel Johnson Center
Approved at the Board Meeting January 13, 2011

PRESENT: Comm. Gebow, V/C C. Weller, R/C Goldberg, P/C Courteau, Capt. Armstrong, Gingras, MacHardy, Michael, Secretary Cartnick

NOT PRESENT: Capt. Clement, Hefferan, Kemen, Leto

There being a quorum present, Commodore Gebow called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

SECRETARY’S REPORT
Secretary Cartnick had provided minutes of the October 14, 2010 Annual Meeting, minutes of the November 11 Board meeting, and list of applicants previously by email.

It was MSP to accept the Annual Meeting and November BOD meeting minutes and to post them on the website.

REAR COMMODORE’S REPORT, R/C Goldberg

This past month has been a learning process by reviewing the past years’ information. Charlie Leto has been more than helpful and is always there when I have a question.

I received a request from Christopher Clement, Sr. to be placed on the slip waiting list.

I met with Gerry Goldfarb, and he is pleased to come back to the Club and assume the duties of Steward. I will be sending him a contract within the next few weeks.

I have contacted Kevin Peyser, and he will only be able to work part time due to the requirements for his advanced licenses. I asked him to check with folks at Maine Maritime to see if he could find help for the season. I have started putting together the letters for the staff from last year to determine who will be available.

Dan Gingras and I attended the Kittery Port Authority meeting on Thursday, December 2 to present the new proposed fee structure for moorings due to the Army Corps rulings. The fee for non-commercial individuals was proposed at $6.00 per foot for both residents and non-residents, and the wait list can no longer favor residents. (It had been 5 residents for 1 non-resident.) The proposed fee for transient moorings and for the PYC moorings was proposed at $300 per mooring. I spoke on behalf of PYC, pointing out that, with the increased fee, the Club would be losing money, as we now just about break even. Tom Allen from KPYY also spoke that this increase would drastically effect his bottom line. After all the deliberations, the Port Authority voted to raise the individual mooring fees to $6.00 per foot, keep the commercial moorings, i.e. lobstermen and fishermen, at $1.00 per foot, and the Club and transient mooring fee to be $6.00 per foot of the average length of the boats using the moorings last year.

I met with Treasurer Gerry Karcher to pay for Comcast and Waste Management. Can we suspend these services for the winter period?

A discussion followed about contacting Comast and Waste Management to ask whether a suspension of service is offered.

It was MSP to accept the Rear Commodore’s Report.
REPORT OF VICE COMMODORE, V/C Weller

This Saturday, December 11, we will have our Christmas Dinner Dance, hosted by Barbara and Glenn Michael. I am sure that we are all looking forward to hearing The Michael Brothers Band entertain us for the evening. The New Year’s Day Brunch, hosted by Jackie Adams, will be at the Breakfast Hill Golf Club. Jinny Burgess will be hosting our March dinner, which is tentatively set for Saturday, March 26 at The Ashworth. The speaker will be David Jourdan, who has recently published a book called The Deep Sea Quest for Amelia Earhart.

The Social Committee met on December 5 to plan for 2011. It was a small but productive group. All monthly hosts have been established. The Ladies Committee will be hosting a cocktail party on Sunday, May 1. The Opening Dinner Dance on May 14 will be hosted by Debby Gebow, Donna Kearns, Priscilla Lent, Ann Mowers, and Marilyn Wajda. Glenn and Mary Lou Graper will be in charge of the three breakfasts. The Kinsers, Grapers, and Almgrens will each be putting on their special dinners again this year. The Watsons and Laurie Clark will be hosting the Cribbage Tournament on October 2. We are looking for hosts for the Closing Dinner Dance, which will be held on October 15.

The December/January newsletter was mailed two weeks ago. As of now, we have forty-five members who have canceled paper copy delivery, and Dan Gingras has set up a separate email list for those members. The deadline to submit articles for the next issue is February 5.

It was MSP to accept the Vice Commodore’s report.

REPORT OF COMMODORE, Comm. Gebow

Membership

There has been one new application since the postings in the December newsletter. The applicants are Timothy and Janet Hanson of Kensington, NH. Sponsors are Captain Philip St. Germain and Captain Stu Levenson. There are currently five applicants waiting for Membership Committee interviews. There are currently thirteen previously approved applicants on the Wait List.

Committees

The various committees that make PYC work are nearly fully populated. I will have a list in your hands shortly. I am especially pleased that Ellen Blanchard, widow of Past Commodore Rob Blanchard, has agreed to chair the Orientation Committee.

PCYC Moorings

As promised at the November meeting, I went to the Shipyard on November 15 and spoke with Joel Polichronopoulos, the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Director (MWR). He had not been contacted by the Kittery Harbor Master, Bian Pike. He did, however, have a scheduled meeting with Captain John Carson, PYC member and member of the Kittery Port Authority. Rear Commodore Goldberg and Captain Gingras attended a public hearing in Kittery last week regarding planned mooring fees, etc.

Today, 9Dec2010, Captain John Carson had another meeting with the MWR Director. The results of this meeting are as follows:

1. There is movement favorable to PYC reference the PCYC moorings being placed adjacent to the Sound Basin, albeit slowly.
2. The MWR Director at the Shipyard must seek approval from the Regional Director. If approved, he still has a problem. Due to reconstruction of the Navy Back Channel marina, he must find a place for the boats from the Marina during construction.
3. If the mooring move is approved, but not possible for the 2011 season due to the above, Captain Carson will work with the Corps of Engineers for a temporary solution.

A question was asked as to whether there is a chart which identifies the designated anchorages. Comm. Gebow noted that we could contact the Corps of Engineers to find out.

Capt. Gingras mentioned that PYC should pursue application for mooring permits with the State of New Hampshire, since it takes years to acquire a mooring permit. Comm. Gebow said that he could talk with P/C Jones about beginning that process and will work with him if needed.

After discussion, it was MSP to approve the Commodore’s report.
OLD BUSINESS

1. Loan Against Mortgage – Comm. Gebow
Comm. Gebow mentioned that he will be meeting with Tom Dargin at First Federal Savings Bank in Dover about the proposed loan to PYC to see whether the bank will hold the terms of the loan (7 years at 5.5%) until spring.

Comm. Gebow said that he had a preliminary meeting with Mr. Dargin to discover bank requirements for the loan. The bank requires a letter from the secretary indicating the Board vote approving the loan, the names of the Officers of the Club who are authorized to sign the loan, and all names and contact information of the Directors. Secretary Cartnick said she would provide the letter to Comm. Gebow for his upcoming meeting with Mr. Dargin.

Capt. Ginbras made motion to authorize Commodore Greg Gebow and/or Rear Commodore Paul Goldberg to sign the financial transaction for the bank loan authorized at the Annual Meeting. The motion was passed unanimously by all Board members.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Safety Deposit Box Access – Comm. Gebow
Comm. Gebow reviewed the circumstance that we need to update access to the safety deposit box at TD Bank in Portsmouth. Discussion followed about who should have access.

A motion was made to submit a resolution to the bank allowing the access to the safety deposit box to the PYC secretary and treasurer. It was MSP to give the secretary and the treasurer access. The secretary will contact the bank, determine how to change the names for access, and get it accomplished.

The need to update an inventory of the contents of the safety deposit box was also discussed. Secretary Cartnick said that she would provide an updated inventory to the Board once access is enabled.

2. Gift for P/C Art Dionne – Comm. Gebow
Comm. Gebow mentioned that he had contacted P/C Dionne about a gift from the Club to honor his service as Commodore in 2010. P/C Dionne indicated that he would like a donation to be made in his name to the Gundalow Company.

It was MSP to give $200 to the Gundalow Company in P/C Dionne’s name. Comm. Gebow will compose and send a letter accompanied by a donation of $200 to the Gundalow Company.

3. Membership in Yachting Club of America – Comm. Gebow
Comm. Gebow noted that we have received the annual bill for $400 for membership in the Yachting Club of America. The Board discussed the relative merits and cost of membership in the Yachting Club. Several comments were made that it does not seem to add value to our club. Several members of the Board indicated that they have not heard of membership in the Yachting Club of America being required for a visit to another Yacht Club. The PYC membership card or an introductory letter from the PYC secretary seem to be sufficient. It was noted that membership in the YCA is indicated on PYC membership cards, and the reference would have to be removed when cards are printed for 2011.

It was MSP to not pay the bill and let our membership in the Yachting Club lapse.

4. Piscataqua Sailing Association – Comm. Gebow
Comm. Gebow asked the Board whether they were in favor of continuing the PYC relationship with PSA. Many complimentary remarks were made about the mission and conduct of the PSA. It was MSP to continue the relationship between PYC and PSA. Comm. Gebow indicated that he would get the paperwork in order.

There being no further business to discuss, Commodore Gebow made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:45.
Respectfully submitted, Carole Cartnick, Secretary