

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

**MINUTES OF BOAD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY, January 13, 2011**

At One Sky

Approved at the Board of Directors Meeting February 10, 2011

PRESENT: Comm. Gebow, V/C C. Weller, R/C Goldberg, Capts. Armstrong, Clement, Gingras, Leto, Kemen, MacHardy, Michael, Secretary Cartnick

NOT PRESENT: P/C Courteau, Capts. Hefferan, Treasurer Karcher

There being a quorum present, Commodore Gebow called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

SECRETARY REPORT

Secretary Cartnick had provided minutes of the December 9, 2010 meeting. It was MSP to approve the minutes with a correction in the attendance list.

A list of applicants and member resignations was distributed. It was noted that Capt. Roger Gagne has sent a resignation letter.

Secretary Cartnick reported that, as agreed in the December 2010 meeting, access to the Safe Deposit Box has been transferred from former secretary Ken Roberts to the current secretary. Access for Treasurer Jerry Karcher will be completed soon.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Karcher provided Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements prior to the meeting. The documents were reviewed. Following general discussion, it was MSP to approve the Treasurer's report.

REAR COMMODORE REPORT, R/C Goldberg

This past month, the letters have been sent to most of last year's staff. Kevin Peyser contacted me and gave me two names of people who would be willing to work at the Club. They are Keith Peyser, Kevin's brother, and Carl Smith. Gerry Goldfarb and I will meet with them in the near future. Also, I am contacting Ryan Eaton through Steve Jefferson to see if Ryan is willing to work for PYC for the full season.

Three main floor lockers and one upper locker have become available to be added to one main floor locker and seven upper lockers that are available. This is a total of four main floor lockers and eight upper lockers that are available. I want to double check with Jerry before we make them available to the membership.

Slip V has become available for the coming season. The minimum length for this slip is 19.2 feet, and the maximum length is 24 feet. The maximum beam is 8.5 feet.

I have been soliciting members for the House and Docks Committee. So far, members are as follows:

George Almgren	Ken Jones
Wally Mallett	Paul Roy
Whit Weller	Dave Wajda
Mike Coffey	Roger Wells
Andy Courteau	Steve Jefferson
Dan Gingras	Bruce Smith Jr.

Waste Management stated that, at the present time, we have a credit, and we are on a winter schedule for no pickups at this time.

Comcast was called, and I have requested that they temporarily stop service for video and internet. We have to keep telephone service to maintain our number.

After discussion, it was MSP to accept the Rear Commodore's Report.

REPORT OF VICE COMMODORE, V/C Weller

The 2010 season ended on a positive note with our Christmas Dinner Dance held on December 11 at the Portsmouth Country Club. Many thanks to Barbara Michael for organizing the event. A great time was had by all, and we especially enjoyed the music of the Michael Brothers Band. Thanks so much, Glenn, and we hope that we can have you and your brothers back to perform next year.

We welcomed the New Year at the Breakfast Hill Golf Club with 90 members attending our annual New Year's Day Brunch. Many thanks to Jackie Adams and Wayne Murray for hosting the event. Jackie is going to be looking into the possibility of other venues for next year, or possibly changing our menu at Breakfast Hill to bring the cost down a bit.

Our March Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 26 at the Ashworth. As I stated in my December BOD report, our speaker will be David Jourdan, founder of deep-sea exploration company Nauticos. David has recently published a book called The Deep Sea Quest for Amelia Earhart. Jinny Burgess is working with the Ashworth to finalize the menu, and we anticipate keeping the price the same as last year, which was \$38 per person. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jinny.

I have been looking into caterers and have a number of possibilities. I was going to meet with one this week, however, the snow storm did change those plans. I hope to finalize catering plans within the next month.

After discussion, it was MSP to accept the Vice Commodore's report.

REPORT OF COMMODORE, Comm. Gebow

Shortly after our last meeting came our annual (dare I say Christmas!) Dinner Dance with, I for one, thought was an outstanding success. I have sent a letter of thanks on behalf of the club to Barbara Michael for hosting the event. In the letter, I offered a return engagement for the Michael Brothers at any time. A letter was also sent to the Portsmouth Country Club Manager, Kevin Potts, in appreciation of his professional staff, bar, dining room, and kitchen.

On a more somber note, I attended the funeral/celebration of life of Carolyn Rieseberg on 31Dec so as to have the club represented. The Riesebergs have been members since 2006, but have spent much of the sailing seasons in Rockland, ME, and are, therefore, not widely known. I felt that a PYC presence was important, and Carol's husband, Eric, was genuinely appreciative of that presence.

I have had talks with the current PSA commodore so as to clarify the joint understanding for use of our clubhouse between PSA and PYC. We have agreed to a further meeting to formalize the agreement.

As most of you are aware, R/C Goldberg and I signed the extension of the Club's mortgage at Federal Savings Bank. Upon receipt, one copy of the documents will be placed in the safe deposit box and one kept by the Secretary.

I have communicated with the KPYC Sailing School regarding avenues for PYC members' children/grandchildren/adults to participate in sailing lessons given on the Back Channel of New Castle. The next Newsletter will have details concerning this matter.

Attempts are being made to interview prospective members.

Commodore Gebow also mentioned that R/C Goldberg, V/C Weller, Treasurer Karcher, and he have conducted a budget meeting.

After discussion, it was MSP to approve the Commodore's report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. PCYC Moorings – Commodore Gebow

Comm. Gebow said that he had spoken with John Carson. John reassured him that, if we could not be relocated to the Sound Basin, he would work with the Corps. of Engineers to help us stay where we are. John Carson and the Kittery Harbormaster have perused the Kittery waters adjacent to the

sound Basin (outside Navy control) where there are Navy MWR maintained moorings. They concluded that the moorings are not well placed; therefore, a realignment of those moorings may allow for additional mooring space for the PYC moorings. Comm. Gebow will be contacting the MWR Manager at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

R/C Goldberg added that he has done research on the internet to find out the "area" which is supposed to be under Federal jurisdiction. He is looking for a legal description to determine whether our moorings are inside or outside of that area. So far, any descriptions he has found are incomplete, and boundaries are not delineated. Work will continue to get definitive information which will help define this situation.

Capt. Gingras advised again that the Club should apply for 10 more moorings and get on the NH wait list, knowing that it will be a long time before we would receive permission for more moorings. The cost of being on the wait list is \$7 per year per mooring request. There is no fee in Kittery.

2. PSA Agreement – Comm. Gebow

Capt. Leto gave background on the agreement, which was drafted in 2010. Comm. Gebow mentioned that the agreement states that events must conclude at 10:00. But member events can conclude at 11:00. Because PSA events sometimes begin as late as 9:00, discussion followed that we should offer the same concluding hours to PSA that PYC members have in their agreement.

Also discussed was the requirement to have a PYC staff member present at PSA events. Comm. Gebow said that, previously, we had required that a PSA attendee who is also a PYC member be designated as the sponsor. Capt. Leto mentioned that the newly proposed requirement for a staff member to be present was for safety reasons because staff knows how all equipment is run properly. Comm. Gebow said that, rather than require a paid staff member to be present, we could approve the PYC member who would be designated as the event sponsor, knowing that it is someone who has knowledge of the facility. Capt. Clement suggested that a dry run be done with the PYC member who is a sponsor prior to the PSA event. It was concluded that a staff member should not do this on a paid basis off-hours. Capt. Leto added that notice about parking restrictions in the area in front of the clubhouse should be included in the agreement.

Comm. Gebow will be meeting with Jim McCarthy at PSA to get the agreement signed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bar Area Sound Deadening – Comm. Gebow

Comm. Gebow referred to a meeting with Capt. Whit Saidla last year. Capt. Saidla had a lot of information on companies which manufacture sound panels. Capt. Leto reviewed comments made by Capt. Saidla at the meeting, including Capt. Saidla's recommendation that we have a means of measuring the difference in noise level from prior to post installation. Capt. Clement reinforced the idea that it is important to get a baseline measurement.

Capt. Leto said that the number of windows contribute to the sound problem in other areas of the Club, since the glass reflects sound. Comm. Gebow made reference to a facility which had vertically hanging sound panels which were effective. Another option mentioned was raising the ceiling if sound deadening is addressed in other areas of the Club in the future.

Comm. Gebow will contact Capt. Saidla and get advice and estimates for installing sound-absorbing panels in the bar area.

2. Heating and Cooling – Comm. Gebow

Comm. Gebow mentioned that the subject of heating and cooling arises occasionally and suggested that we look into new methods, since modern heat pumps are very efficient. It is possible to run a main duct overhead to move warm air. He will ask Tim Maglaras, an applicant for PYC membership who is a professional HVAC technician, to meet him at the clubhouse to review the building and discuss possible solutions and whether they are feasible.

3. Wednesday Night Dinners – V/C C. Weller

V/C Christina Weller provided a summary of costs associated with Wednesday night dinners. She mentioned that, for the past three years, the cost per person has been \$18, and she is trying to keep the cost from increasing, even though we now have to absorb the cost of police detail for each event.

Previously, raffle proceeds were added to the house improvement fund. An option now is to apply the raffle proceeds to the cost of the dinner. The average raffle proceeds going to the Club is \$90, which would pay for about half the cost of the police detail now required. Capt. Leto agreed that putting the raffle proceeds to the dinner is very appropriate. He also mentioned that staff at the bar should be included in the expense.

Discussion followed with suggestions for a few less expensive meals which might offset the cost of regular dinners, other possibilities for revenue, and questions about whether members might accept a small raise in the price of the dinners.

V/C Weller reported that the 2010 caterer, The White Apron, has indicated they would charge a 50% increase over costs for the 2010 season, so both she and Steward Goldfarb are both working to find a new caterer and will report progress.

4. Chain Replacements – Comm. Gebow

Comm. Gebow said there will be an expense this year for chain replacements. Some chain has been in place for 5 years. P/C Ken Jones has information from a mooring company, but it is not clear at this time exactly which chains need to be replaced. P/C Jones will pursue this and report back. Comm. Gebow will find out the price of chain and will compare to what the mooring company charges. Pepperell Cove moorings will be excluded from the project.

5. Moorings and Launches – R/C Goldberg

R/C Goldberg mentioned that he has received mooring and launch registrations from the State and is processing them.

There being no further business to discuss, Commodore Gebow made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Cartnick
Secretary