

RE: OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

*Including Requested Corrections to Original Report*

LOCATION: Community Developmental Services, Portsmouth, NH

DATE: April 13, 2006

TIME: 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Cmde Clark, V/C Blanchard, R/C Gebow, P/C Caruso, P/C Williams, P/C Wright, Capt. Seagren, Capt. Graper, Capt. Roberts, Capt. Wajda, Capt. Cunningham, Treas. Rushforth, Sec. Fleming

ABSENT: Capt. Pappas

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Cmde Clark called the meeting to order 7:03 PM by noting a quorum of B of D was present.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Sec. Fleming began by asking if all members present had received copies of the notes of the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Directors. He then asked for any corrections to or omissions from the reports. With no additions or corrections being requested by the Board Cmde Clark asked for a motion to accept the Secretary's report. Capt. Seagren moved for acceptance, seconded and so voted. The log book contains the written report.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treas Rushforth distributed the Treasurer's Report as of March 31<sup>st</sup> with a budget comparison for the year to date. The report showed operating income to date of \$179,725.00 with total expenses to-date of \$15,708.00 leaving a net income of \$164,017.00 for the fiscal year to date. The mortgage has been reduced to \$102,000.00. Functions to date show income of \$4900.00 with expenses of \$4300.00 leaving us currently in the black.

With no additional questions by the Board, P/C Wright made a motion to accept the report as submitted, and place the report on file for future audit. This met with the approval of the Board.

#### REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT:

R/C Gebow reported construction of our new #5 float was completed on 10 April 06. The crew is justifiably pleased with their efforts. The remaining two new floats in this season's plan are on track for June delivery by Custom Floats. The remaining floats of our current system have undergone inspection and repair/modifications as necessary for the coming season. The old floats being replaced have not been sold as yet. Both Great Cove Boat Club and Kittery Point Yacht Club Sailing School have expressed interest. I will continue to pursue this.

The usual spring unexpected gremlins have arrived on schedule: two water leaks, one an apparent freeze rupture under the kitchen repaired by Marcuri the Plumber and a hose leak under the bar put right by Commodore Clark and Plumber Marcuri. Old age and an ongoing crack ended the life of a toilet in the Mens Room. It was replaced this week. General work days are scheduled for 15 Apr and 22 Apr with Docks In on 29 April 06.

My staff (Henry Marcuri) assures me that the moorings will all be serviced and in commission by mid-May. Repair and marking of the buoys and pendants is scheduled for the next two weeks.

Our Steward, Sally McLellan, has been doing preliminary work in preparation for the Club opening. Her employment officially begins 1 May 06.

## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT, cont.

There being no further questions or discussion, P/C Williams moved for acceptance of the Rear Commodore's report as given, seconded and so voted.

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Ashworth by the Sea Dinner and Lecture was a success with about 100 participants, and for a change, the weather was wonderful. Christy Day gave an excellent lecture with pictures and commentary related to her expedition aboard a Russian icebreaker to Antarctica. Thanks go to the Burgesses for hosting the event, to Barbara Becker for helping with reservations, and to Lynn Joslyn for assisting at the welcome desk.

Paul Young has published an excellent manuscript on our website of the 2006 Cruise: "Maine, Old Favorites and New Places." As usual, Paul has included detailed explanations of the sites to be visited, with maps, tide table, local information, etc. An excellent publication that should interest old and hopefully new boaters, to participate in the 2006 Club Cruise.

Upcoming events include:

- May 7: Ladies Committee Cocktail Party
- May 20: Opening Night Dinner Dance
- May 24: First Wednesday Night Dinner
- May 29: Memorial Day Breakfast
- May 31: Wednesday Night Dinner

Sign-up sheets for these events will be available at Docks In.

The May Newsletter will be in the mail tomorrow (Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>)

P/C Becker has generously contacted the New Castle Police Department and informed them of the dates of major events including Opening and Closing Dinner Dances and the two Lobster Bakes. We are required to have a Police Officer on duty when more than 75 participants are expected.

There being no further discussions, Capt. Seagren moved for acceptance of the report as presented, seconded, and so voted.

## COMMODORE'S REPORT:

Comde Clark reported the passing of Carol A. Pettigrew: I'm sure that most of the PYC Board of Directors know of the untimely passing recently of Carol Ann Pettigrew, wife of Past Commodore Fred Pettigrew. However, for the record, we want to note that Carol was a loyal member of PYC before she suffered declining health. She will be sorely missed by her family and those of us who remember her cheerful spirit and positive attitude. Visiting hours and the funeral services for Carol were both well attended by the PYC membership.

Working meeting with the Constitution and By-Laws Committee: The Constitution and By-Laws Committee has requested a joint meeting with the PYC Board of Directors. This will be an informal (non-recorded) working session for the purpose of ensuring that both the BOD and the Constitution and By-Laws Committee are on the same page and not working at cross purposes. Subject to the approval of the BOD, I have tentatively scheduled this meeting for Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM at the PYC clubhouse. This is not a compulsory meeting, nor is it official. However, I encourage those of you who are interested in attending to do so. Please familiarize yourself with those sections of the Constitution and By-Laws which you think need the attention of the committee before attending.

There being no further questions or discussion, R/C Gebow moved for acceptance of the report as presented, seconded, and so voted.

## CURRENT BUSINESS:

Cmde Clark asked for any current business to be brought before the Board of Directors.

Cmde Clark opened discussion on the feasibility of changing the entrance lock system. R/C Gebow commented that the cost could or would be between \$600.00 and \$1000.00 to make changes to the current locking system. After general discussion it was the consensus of the Board to ask the Steward to be fully aware of any traffic through the clubhouse and to instruct the staff on duty to also remain vigilant to any unknown people trafficking through the facilities.

Treas. Rushforth noted that Capt. Crawford had not as of this meeting made the agreed payment for the damage to the launch. Nor had Capt. Bates made payment for several Wednesday evening meals during the past season. Treas. Rushforth agreed to contact these members for payment. A general discussion by the Board followed as to the proper procedure to follow should these payments not be forthcoming.

Capt. Seagren updated the Board that the documentation filed in the safe deposit box has been indexed and a typed list is in process of being prepared.

## NEW BUSINESS

Cmde Clark asked for any new business to be brought before the Board of Directors.

Cmde Clark opened a discussion on the proper procedure to follow for an individual who is interested in joining the yacht club but does not have contact with a member of the Club to obtain sponsorship. Sec Fleming explained the lengthy process that has been followed in past years and made several suggestions on how, in his opinion, the application process for an applicant without initial sponsors could be improved. After general discussion by the Board it was noted that such a person CAN NOT come to a club function without an invitation from a PYC member. If one desires to become a member and does not know any current member/members, that person should become acquainted with such member/members who can then invite them to attend functions to meet other members. By so doing, these prospective members can be vetted by current members. At that point, they may apply for membership in accordance with procedures set forth in the PYC Constitution and By-Laws.

To reiterate, the Constitution and By-Laws make no provision for un-sponsored application, nor should there be such a procedure, in my opinion. Underlined corrected wording per R/C Gebow.

Cmde Clark notified the Board that two of the applicants accepted for membership, Mr. Spillane and Mr. Pettis, had declined to accept through their non-payment of 2006 dues. Robert and Jaye Morton and Charles K. Tufts have filled these openings, bringing our membership to the 250 active members allowed. This met with the Board's approval.

Cmde Clark opened discussion on the question: "why the parking lot has never been paved?" Comments ranging from the times the question has come up in the past (discussed in 1976, 1980, 1990, 2000. etc) and this evening. A clear and concise reason has not been recorded. This was tabled for future discussion.

There being no additional new business Cmde Clark announced the next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held May 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 PM at the Portsmouth Yacht Club, New Castle, NH

This meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

William F. Fleming/ Kenneth P. Roberts  
Secretary

