

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB
REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Thursday November 9, 2006
at offices of Community Development Center, Portsmouth, NH

PRESENT: Comm. Clark, V/C Blanchard, R/C Gebow, Treas. Rushforth, Secy/Dir Roberts, P/C Caruso, P/C Williams, Capts. Adams, Cunningham, Dionne, Graper, Pappas, Reynolds, Wajda

Commodore Clark called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM, and welcomed the new members to the Board of Directors: Capts. Adams, Dionne, and Reynolds.

Commodore Clark reported that the December BOD Meeting/Holiday Party has been scheduled for December 7, 2006, one week earlier than normal, because of a schedule conflict at the Axel Johnson Center. It will be important to advise invitees of this change as soon as possible.

SECRETARY'S REPORT OF PRIOR BOD MEETING

After discussion, it was MSP to accept the Secretary's Report of the BOD Meeting of Sept. 14, 2006.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Rushforth presented the financial results for fiscal 2006 through October with a comparison to budget and to last year. He reported the cash position to be \$133,497 and Total Net Assets of \$792,629 as of October 31, 2006. He also reported year-to-date gross revenues to be \$526,671, expenses of \$425,769, and a change in net assets of \$100,902.

Alternative ways were discussed as to how to resolve one overdue slip payment. Secretary was instructed to arrange for transfer of Safe Deposit Box access from P/C Fleming.

After discussion, it was MSP to accept the report and place it on file subject to audit.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT, R/C Greg Gebow
DOCKS

As we all know, the floats are in the parking lot. "Docks Out" suffered an aborted start on Saturday 21 Oct. due to high winds. The deed was accomplished on Sunday with all floats and both launches on the hard shortly after noon. The one day delay allowed the gathered throng to accomplish many of the closing the Club chores on Saturday.

HOUSE

Subsequent to the "Docks Out" exercise, the House and Docks Committee went about finishing the various items to secure the Clubhouse for the winter, i.e. covers on vents, removal of signs, shutdown of propane to stove and water heater, etc. The draining and winterizing of the water systems was completed on 31 Oct. to complete the last major system shutdown. Freeze sensitive goods have been removed and stored in the Gebow cellar.

MOORINGS

The Mooring Committee chairman informs me that our mooring service will have all moorings winterized within the next couple of weeks. The block from our former Elliot mooring will be brought to Pepperrell Cove to be joined with a block on one of our PCYC moorings that is on the light side, i.e. 3000# vs. 7000# for the others. Capt. Henry Marcuri, Mooring Chairman, has done a superb job in this position. His continuing dialogue with our mooring contractor has resulted in a very good relationship with the contractor.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT,cont.

STAFF

As previously reported, a major portion of our 2006 Dock Staff has indicated they will not return next season. Our 2006 Steward, Sally McClellan, has stated that due to family considerations she is undecided regarding 2007. She has committed to making a decision prior to Christmas 2006.

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

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT, V/C Rob Blanchard

Following the Almgren's Beef Tenderloin Dinner, September continued to be a busy month. The Blanche Taccetta Memorial Cribbage Tournament, hosted by the Bob Watson's, was won by Laurie Clark, who edged out Yours Truly in the finals match. Congratulations to Laurie, as her name has been placed on the Memorial Plaque. Three racing events graced the waves during September: the Challenger's Cup Regatta, The Dave Mowers Pursuit Race, and the Thornton Cup Race. A hearty thank you is due to all who participated and pitched in to ensure the success of these annual events.

October arrived all too soon, as we applauded and recognized the staff at Employees appreciation Night, capping the last Wednesday Night Dinner. Participation was overwhelming with 116 members and guests in attendance to acknowledge the attention given us by the staff as they left us for other ventures. The final social event of the season was the Closing Night Dinner Dance. This year's theme was "Harbor Lights Gala" and was hosted by Mark and Rebecca Roy, with help from several willing and hard-working committee members. Music was supplied by Vic Paul, who kept the dance floor humming the entire evening.

Upcoming events include the Holiday Dinner Dance on December 9th at the Portsmouth Country club, hosted by Glen and Mary Lou Graper, and the annual New Year's Day Brunch at the Sheraton Harborside Portsmouth Hotel. Both of these events will be advertised in the Nov/Dec Newsletter, which will go to the printers tomorrow. The Directors' December Board Meeting is scheduled for December 7th at the Axel Johnson Center in Newington.

I close this report as my last official duty as Vice Commodore with the hope that I have promoted an atmosphere of camaraderie and fun, as we bring another year to a close. I also hope the monthly Newsletter was informative and kept the membership up-to-date with Club activities and functions. It is with genuine appreciation and respect that I thank all the folks who contributed in making this another successful season, and especially the Social Committee, who met with me last December to plan the 2006 events calendar. It was a great team, and the members' collective good will and spirit of volunteerism made the season a most pleasurable one for me.

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

COMMODORE'S REPORT

First, I want to welcome the new members of the Board of Directors – Jackie Adams, Art Dionne, and Dave Reynolds. I am sure they will enjoy their terms on the Board, and will add much to its accomplishments.

MEMBERSHIP: The Membership Committee met with applicants and their sponsors at PYC on the evenings of October 3rd and 10th in an effort to complete the applicant interviews for 2006.

COMMODORE'S REPORT, cont.

Upon completion of the interviews the Membership Committee unanimously approved for membership the following applicants, who now are on the waiting list:

Mr. Lee R. Belanger
Mr. Joseph J. Boyle and Mrs. Lucy F. Boyle (Family Membership)
Mr. Philip M. St. Germain and Mrs. Toni St. Germain (Family Membership)
Mr. Gregory J. Mitchell and Mrs. Susan D. Mitchell (Family Membership)
Mr. Gerald Gulley and Mrs. Nancy Gulley (Family Membership)
Mr. Philip J. Fusco and Mrs. Rita Fusco (Family Membership)
Mr. Derrick Seitz

An application for PYC membership has been received from Mr. Vaughan Sanborn. Vaughan and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Rye, NH. They have four children: Daren, Heidi, Julie, and Derek. Vaughan is employed as a commercial realtor. The Sanborns are members of the Abenague Country club and the Sandy River Golf Club. Although they currently do not own a boat, they plan to acquire one soon. Mr. Sanborn is sponsored by capt. Kathleen Rush, and Co-sponsored by Capt. Bjorn Reisetser.

P/C Williams moved approval of the Commodore's Report. The motion was seconded and so voted.

ELECTION OF NEW FLAG OFFICERS FOR YEAR 2007

Commodore Clark opened the discussion of possible candidates from the Board for the position of Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Commodore. It was agreed that the traditional duties of the Rear and Vice Commodores would carry on for 2007, e.g. Rear Commodore to handle facilities and personnel, and Vice Commodore to be in charge of social activities.

After discussions Commodore Clark opened the floor to nominations for Rear Commodore. R/C Gebow moved the nomination of Capt. Dave Reynolds as Rear Commodore, and it was seconded. There being no other nominations, the nomination was unanimously approved.

Commodore Clark then opened the floor to nominations for Vice Commodore. P/C Williams moved the nomination of Capt. Adams as Vice Commodore, and the nomination was seconded. There being no other nominations, the nomination was unanimously approved.

Commodore Clark opened the floor to nominations for Commodore. P/C Caruso moved the nomination of Past Vice Commodore Blanchard as Commodore, and it was seconded. There being no other nominations, the nomination was unanimously approved.

Commodore Clark then thanked the Board for its support over the past year, and wished the new flag officers continued success in the upcoming season. At approximately 7:25 PM he handed the gavel over to Commodore Blanchard, and excused himself from the meeting.

Commodore Blanchard's first official act as Commodore was to thank P/C Clark for his many accomplishments for PYC, and to participate in an enthusiastic round of applause for P/C Clark.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Kayaks. After discussion, it was agreed that before considering the possibility of initiating a kayak group as an official PYC activity, we should determine the liability and insurance

ONGOING BUSINESS, Kayaks, cont.

consequences of such an activity – particularly in consideration of the several deaths that occurred this year among kayakers elsewhere, and the rather risky nature of this activity. Capt. Cunningham agreed to investigate this with our insurance carriers, and report back to the Board.

Delinquent Payments to PYC After a discussion of several such occurrences this season, it was agreed that each situation should be decided on its own particular merits. We should make every effort possible to encourage payment of funds due, before considering more drastic action such as censure or expulsion.

Updated Constitution and By-Laws R/C Reynolds asked if copies of the revised Constitution and By-Laws were available. Secy Roberts advised that the revised copies are not yet available, but he is taking on as a winter activity the revision and publishing of the latest version. It was agreed that we would make the revised version available to all members on the website, and would make available only a few hard copies for those persons with a special need for them. These would be in loose leaf form, to facilitate future revisions.

Slips Capt. Gebow noted that several years ago Slips M, N, and O had been downgraded in allowable boat size, for safety, at the time that we were experiencing pronounced weakness in our piling systems. Now, with many new pilings installed we are back up to the original condition, and we should consider restoring the rating of those slips to their original maximum boat length rating of 42 feet. Capt. Gebow moved that the rating of Slips M,N,O be restored to their original maximum boat length of 42 feet, with the understanding that existing slip holders would be grandfathered with fees for the lower ratings until such time as they bring a larger boat to the slip. A new occupant of the slip would be charged the higher fee. This motion was seconded, and passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary and Treasurer Capt. Wajda moved that Capt. Rushforth and Capt. Roberts be re-appointed as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, for the new year under the same terms as this year. This motion was seconded, and passed.

Assistance at the Next Social Events Capt. Gebow volunteered himself and Debbie to man the welcoming desk at the Annual Holiday Dinner- Dance, and Capt. Wajda volunteered, with Marilyn, to man the desk at the New Years' Day Brunch.

There being no other business to handle at this time, Commodore Blanchard asked for a motion to adjourn. This motion was MSP, and he adjourned the meeting at approx. 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth P. Roberts,
Secretary

