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

**LOCATION:** Community Development Services, Portsmouth, NH

**DATE:** March 9, 2006

**TIME:** 7:00PM

P<sup>T</sup> ESENT: Cmde ClarkV/C BlanchardR/C GebowP/C CarusoCapt. McCormackCapt. PappasCapt. Grape  
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Cmde. Clark called the meeting to order 7:03 PM by noting a quorum of the 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 February 9th 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. P/C Williams moved for acceptance; seconded and so voted. The log book contains the written report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT8:**

Treas. Rushforth distributed his Treasurer's Report as of 28 February a budget comparison for the year to date. The report showed operating income to date of \$163,515.00 with total expenses to date of \$10,372.00 leaving a net income of \$153,143.00. for the fiscal year to date.

As of the 28th of February annual dues for the 2006 season have accounted for by 231 members leaving openings for 29 new members to be sent "Welcome Aboard" letters from our waiting list of applicants.

<sup>VF</sup>th no additional questions by the Board Capt. (McCormack) Seagren made a motion to accept the report as knitted, and to place the report on file for future audit. This met with the approval of the Board.

**REAR COMMODORES REPORT:**

R/C Gebow reported that on 24 Feb 06, Commodore Clark and I attended a seminar in Concord presented by the NH Dept. of Environmental Services. The seminar presented facts and precautions for fuel tank owners regarding the introduction of ethanol blended gasoline. Ethanol will replace MBTE as an oxy-generator (octane enhancer). With the introduction of the ethanol blend, tank maintenance becomes more stringent due to ethanol's affinity for water. This will require new type filtering and may necessitate tank pump-out and/or fuel polishing at changeover to the new fuel blend.

On 7 Mar 06 Commodore Clark and I along with several members of the House and Docks Committee traveled to Custom Floats, Inc. of Portland. The purpose was to observe layout and setup of float construction and to glean knowledge of techniques for construction of our new floats. Custom Float management and personnel were very cooperative with valuable help to soften our learning curve as we contemplate the start of new float construction. We took many photos to jog our memories. Ken Jones made copious notes which will be reproduced in quantity for use by the PYC crew. Materials will be delivered this month to the parking lot project site.

The House and Docks Committee met on 26 Feb 06 for preliminary discussion of requirements for the 2006 season. This included the usual club opening tasks as well as new float construction. Another meeting will be scheduled prior to docks in.

Signed letters of acceptance of employment are being received from staff members, albeit in a less than timely manner. I have in hand letters from Nicole, Derrick and Alex with verbal confirmation of, to terms, from Sally and Kyle.

Two final items, I have arranged record ownership of New Hampshire mooring #2141 (Isles of Shoals) from PCYC to PYC. This will be accomplished this week.

For two satisfactory meetings with Barry Bush, principle of Pepperrell Cove Mooring Services, a contract for 2006 will be signed early next week. There is a slight increase in fees, driven mainly by fuel costs.

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

#### VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT:

V/C Blanchard reported that our attempts to garner interest in chartering a bus to attend either the Maine Boat Show and/or the Boston Boat Show failed. However, there seemed to be enough interest to explore the possibility of trying again next year, perhaps with a little more warning and solicitation. Thanks go to Tony Young who volunteered to arrange the Boston Boat Show details.

The 2006 Roster of Members will be going to press shortly, and there is a note to this effect in the up-coming Newsletter. Folks are asked to correspond directly with the Secretary, Bill Fleming, if they have changes in address, phone number, boat name, etc. We want the Roster of Members to be as accurate as possible, and it is hoped that members will take a few moments to correspond with Secretary Bill, if they have changes to report.

The Ashworth by the Sea dinner and lecture (March 18) is in the good hands of Jinny and Mal Burgess, assisted by Barbara Becker. As of Monday, we had 72 participants signed up. We need 100 to make our guarantee, so Mal and Jinny drew up a list of people who normally attend such events, but have not yet signed up. We will be calling these folks to remind them that the deadline for reservations is March 14.

As to be thinking about include: April 15 & 22 Work Parties - April 29 Docks-In - May 7 Ladies Committee Cocktail Party- May 20 Opening Night Dinner Dance Sponsors are already at work to make this a memorable event to open the season. Theme will be "Sail into Summer."

We have had a couple of inquiries related to renting the Club for private parties.

Charlie will have a blurb in the April newsletter explaining the new rules.

They're being no further questions or discussion, P/C Caruso so moved for acceptance of the report as presented, seconded, and so voted.

#### COMMODORE'S REPORT:

Cmde Clark began his report by reiterating a conversation with Capt. Phil Crawford on 2 March 06. During the House and Docks Committee meeting of Sunday, 26 Feb. it was reported by our Asst. Treasurer Tony Young, that the bill for the damaged launch propeller in the amount of \$82.06 was still unpaid after the second billing. The history of this bill goes back to last season when PYC launch coxswain, Nicole Lord, was coerced by passenger Phil Crawford to venture into waters that were unfamiliar to her while attempting **to deliver him to a mooring site in** the vicinity of Frisbee's Wharf. The result was contact with a submerged rock and a damaged propeller.

Capt. Crawford has agreed after a long and somewhat heated discussion with then V/C Clark to pay for the damaged propeller. However, he has never paid the bill. When confronted by Cmde. Clark on 2 March, Capt. Crawford became extremely aggressive and abusive in manner and language. After a lengthy "discussion", Capt. Crawford screamed "send me the damn bill" and hung up the telephone. PYC treasurer Bill Rushforth was consulted and it was decided to send Capt. Crawford another bill for the damaged propeller with the notations, "third and final notice". Capt. Crawford has been a continuing problem with the Bridge Officers and the PYC staff. Therefore, **it is** recommended that a discussion of further action be conducted by the BOD this evening. (Further discussion on this item was tabled to the next meeting of the Board).

Membership Committee conducted the second interview of 2006 at the home of Cmde Clark on Thursday, 16 February. At that time the application for membership of Mr. Zadoc White was reviewed. Both the applicant and the sponsor, John "Bud" Myles were present. The committee was favorably impressed by the applicant and welcomes Mr. Zadoc White to the membership waiting list. Congratulations.

I talked to Dan about the PYC website on 19 Feb. We discussed the items that were suggested by Board at our last meeting. Dan agreed that the Web needed cleaning up, and he was taking care of it. I underlined our concern of the BOD that everything going on the web must be approved by the BOD prior to appearing on the web.

#### CURRENT BUSINESS:

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

RIC Gebow opened discussion on purchasing the labor to construct two of the three dock floats being replaced this year, in addition to the float material currently on order. The dock manufacturer would assembled the two floats at a cost of \$7,000.00. After general discussion the Board unanimously agreed to authorize RIC Gebow to purchase the additional labor to construct the two floats.

RIC Gebow reviewed some of the options on how to restrict non-members from entering the Clubhouse without burdening the membership unduly. It was agreed that non-members entering the Clubhouse to use the facilities was escalating. After general discussion by ERIC Gebow of various solutions this item was tabled for future discussion at the next meeting of the Board.

t Graper reported that the dispute **with BCOB has** been scheduled for May 2nd at the Hampton District Court and that he would be representing PYC.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

There being no additional new business Cmde. Clark announced the next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held April 13th starting at 7:00 PM at the Community Development Service office at 195 Hanover Street, Suite 40 Parade Mall, Portsmouth, NH., 03801.

This meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

William F. Fleming

Secretary

\*report/memo placed on file