

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB
REPORT OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, August 10, 2006
at Portsmouth Yacht Club

PRESENT: Cmde Clark, R/C Gebow, Treas. Rushforth, Secy/Dir Roberts, P/C Williams, P/C E. Wright, Capts. Cunningham, Graper, Pappas, Seagren, Wajda

NOT PRESENT: V/C Blanchard, P/C Caruso

Cmde Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and noted that a quorum was present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT OF PRIOR MEETING:

After discussion, it was MSP to approve the minutes of Thursday, July 13, 2006 as written, and the Secretary was instructed to post the minutes on the secure bulletin board and on the PYC Website.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Rushforth presented the financial status as of July 31, 2006 , consisting of a Balance Sheet and a Statement of Revenues and Expenses with comparison to budget and prior year. Year-to-date income was reported to be \$360,878. and operating expenses were \$189,608. yielding a net change in assets of \$171,270. exclusive of interest and taxes. It was noted that two locker fees remain unpaid. After discussion it was MSP to accept the report as written, and place it on file for future audit.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT:

DOCKS

The replaced floats have been sold. The resulting funds have been returned to the Treasurer. I have fabricated some nylon chafe guards for our new floats. These were installed by Henry Marcuri in the way of adjacent piles. The comments from members and guests continue to be very favorable regarding our new floats. Henry Marcuri conducted an unscientific skid test during heavy rain and reports footing to be very secure.

SLIPS/MOORINGS

Slip A has been rented to Captain Sam Asano.

The mooring reposition at the Isles of Shoals previously reported has yet to occur. Captains Marcuri, Almgren and Cunningham assure me that the move will be accomplished when Captain Almgren returns from his sabbatical Down East.

Our Dockmaster, Kyle Morton, reports a very high occupancy rate of our rental moorings of late. This should please the Keeper of the Purse Strings.

STAFF

The stability of the Staff will be disrupted during mid to late August as the college year approaches. Kyle and Sean Morton will depart approximately 20 Aug. Frieda Kat will return to school 30 Aug. and Matt Jefferson 31 Aug. Helping to fill this personnel gap will be Ryan Eaton. Captain Ron George has obtained his launch license, at his expense, and will fill in as necessary for launch operation.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT, cont.

LAUNCHES

The diesel launch has bright work refinished. The Eastern continues to hold our attention. The shift and throttle cables required replacement as old age and salt took their toll. Of more interest is the apparent minute incursion of water into the oil system. An oil sample was analyzed and confirmed this. Captain Jefferson has changed the oil twice. We continue to operate on a very limited basis until more extensive maintenance can be performed. The launch is scheduled for the shop at Great Bay Marina on 14 Aug.

After discussion, it was MSP to accept the Rear Commodore's Report as presented, and place it on file.

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT:

In the absence of V/C Blanchard, Secy Roberts read the following report which had been previously furnished by the V/C:

Boats in the Annual PYC Cruise sailed on July 15 and completed the event on July 29. Cruise Director, Paul Young, reports that the cruise to "Maine: Old Favorites & New Places" was a resounding success, with only a few glitches, mostly related to weather.

Participation in scheduled Wednesday Night Dinners continues to be high with attendance in the 80s and 90s. Special thanks to The Danks, Carol Chambers, and Judi O'Brien for hosting the July events. The Special Greek Nite Dinner, sponsored by the John Pappases and crew was a sell-out, with a generous contribution to the Club treasury. Thank you, John, and your helpers for a wonderful meal and for your willingness to sponsor this popular event. Thanks also to Charlie Clark for continuing to contribute a bottle of wine to the winning table at the Wednesday Night Dinners, and to Ellen Blanchard for periodically contributing a Name-Tag Prize for those wearing name tags.

The Ladies Committee Card Party, under the direction of Jinny Burgess, was held on August 3 with a delicious luncheon, followed by some very competitive card playing. As one of only a handful of male participants, I can attest that it was a most enjoyable event, being in the minority surrounded by a room full of beautiful women. Thanks to Jinny and her helpers for sponsoring this annual event.

The September Newsletter is under construction and will be sent to the printers this coming weekend.

Upcoming events in August include:

August 12: The Famous PYC Chicken BBQ Dinner sponsored by the Roy Alonzos and Crew, followed by dancing to the music of Rob Blanchard on the keyboard.

August 16 & 30: Wednesday Night Dinners

August 20: Past Commodore's Cocktail Party

August 23: Special Southern Pulled Pork BBQ Dinner sponsored by the George Kinsers and Crew.

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT, cont.

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Kinser BBQ was switched from August 30 to August 23, with the regular Wednesday Night Dinner scheduled for August 23 switched to August 30.

After discussion, it was MSP to accept the Vice Commodore's report and place it on file.

COMMODORE'S REPORT:

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

We have recently received an application for PYC membership from Philip M. St. Germain. Philip and his wife, Toni, maintain a summer residence in Portsmouth, NH and winter quarters in Naples, Florida. They have three children, and while they currently do not own a boat, they have been power boaters for 15 years. The St. Germaines have attended several PYC social events with their sponsors, and are currently members of the Wentworth Yacht Club. They are interested in active participation in all PYC programs. Philip is sponsored by Capt. Gail Spivey and is co-sponsored by Capt. Marina Kalergis.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

On 18 July the PYC Membership Committee met and approved the application for membership of Harry Sadlock and placed him on the waiting list. Due to vacations, cruises and the hot weather we have postponed the August meetings, and will meet again commencing in September. We currently have four applications to act upon.

SPECIAL MEETING ON 17 AUGUST:

In view of the hot weather, I do not expect Board Members to be attired in the usual coat and tie for this meeting. Dress according to conditions.

After discussion, it was MSP to accept the commodore's report as presented, and place it on file.

A discussion followed as to whether the membership was aware of a rule limiting any single membership, or family membership, to being a sponsor or co-sponsor to no more than two prospective applicants in any twelve-month period, and whether the Secretary should write a letter to the member(s) who are at their limit of two sponsorships this year. This topic was tabled for further discussion at the next BOD meeting.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Capital Improvement Fund After discussion, it was agreed to postpone the topic until the next BOD Meeting, at which time the Constitution and By-Laws Committee is expected to come in with recommendations to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Kayak Enthusiasts A letter from Capt. Sandy Miller, dated July 20, 2006, was read and entered into the record. A lengthy discussion followed as to how we might encourage this activity while not endorsing it as an official PYC-sanctioned function, and thus acquiring a risk and added liability to PYC. It was agreed that the Commodore would forward a letter to Capt. Miller explaining that while we do not object to our members enjoying their kayaks, and any other type of boats, singularly or as a group, we must refrain from implying that it is a PYC-sponsored function, and thereby incurring a liability risk for PYC. Specifically, the kayakers will be requested not to publicize themselves as the "PYC Kayakers" or similar, nor to post schedules in the clubhouse or on the website, implying that this is a PYC-sanctioned group.

CURRENT BUSINESS, cont.

Card Playing at the Club Some PYC members had questioned whether card parties were acceptable at the Club when a small amount of cash might be offered as prizes. After discussion, it was reaffirmed that the BOD has no objection to card playing at the Club providing that this does not interfere with other scheduled Club activities and providing that there is no appearance of gambling other than as permitted under ARTICLE VII of our By-Laws.

Service Awards After discussion, it was agreed that the Annual Meeting is the appropriate time to present any awards to members for special service to the Club.

Members' Relations with Staff There was extensive discussion of reports of continued verbal abuse of our staff members by one Club member. It was agreed that the Commodore would forward a letter to this member advising that this aberrant behavior is unacceptable and that should it continue, other corrective steps may be taken by the BOD.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendations for Life Membership The Commodore presented letters recommending two members for Life Membership. After discussion it was MSP to present these names to the membership at the next Annual Meeting, with the recommendation that they be accepted, bringing to four the total of Life Membership recommendations to date.

Special Meeting of 17 August There was a discussion of the general ground rules of this meeting. To comprise a quorum, 15% of Club members must be present and registered to vote at this meeting. The required number for a quorum is 38 or more. A single member may vote. In a family membership, either one, but not both, may register to vote. In the case of flag officers or BOD members, if that member is present, then the spouse may not register to vote. For Constitution or By-Law changes, 2/3rds or more of those present and voting is required for adoption.

There being no further business to come before the BOD at this time, it was MSP to adjourn at approx. 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth P. Roberts,
Secretary

