

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Thursday, May 10, 2007
At Portsmouth Yacht Club

PRESENT: Comm. Blanchard, V/C Adams, R/C Wajda, AR/C Dionne, P/C Williams, Dirs. Cunningham, Gebow, Pappas

NOT PRESENT: P/C Caruso, Treas. Rushforth, Secy/Dir Roberts, Dir. Graper

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM with a quorum present.

MINUTES OF BOD MEETING OF APRIL 12, 2007

After discussion, **the Minutes were approved with the following addition to next to last para, page 3:** "The Secretary was requested to write a letter to Mrs. Haley, expressing our condolences, and because of the loss so early in the year, offering to refund their 2007 dues if she prefers not to continue her membership in PYC"

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of Treasurer Rushforth, Financial Statements through April 30, 2007 were distributed for review and comment. The Statements are as follows:

Balance Sheet

Total cash \$259,587.
Mortgage principal balance \$85,873.
Accounts payable is current (Custom Float balance invoice not received)
Accounts receivable included by reference. One new member paid May 1 and one member needs to be notified of dues underpayment error.
New face docks will start amortizing in May

Revenue & Expense Statement

Membership shows 249 paid (250th received May 1)
Invoicing for slip and locker vacancies is ongoing
Still waiting for Club merchandise physical inventory
The new payroll rates have been given to the payroll service
Net increase (profit) through April is \$163,196.
It is not too early to start keeping an eye on club overhead expense categories.

After discussion, it **was MSP to accept the Treasurer's Report, and place it on file subject to audit.**

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT, R/C Dave Wajda

The work parties of April 14th and 21st were very successful and about 20+ members were present to help out. The first Dock's In on April 19th (17th was canceled due to weather) allowed the fuel docks and new (6) face docks to be launched and placed without any problems. The Custom Float personnel were very helpful and completed the adjustments to the chaffing gear where they met the pilings. "Docks In II" was very successful as the down river floats and all the finger were installed without complication. Over 40+ members were present to either assist or support the event and all enjoyed a wonderful pot luck lunch.

R/C REPORT, cont.

All the moorings were prepared for deployment by Capts. Marcuri, Hefferan and Dionne. The moorings have all been placed for the season without any difficulty.

The power/water stations have been installed on the remaining 'old' docks. The new power/water stations are being evaluated to determine if they are going to be used or find an alternative station beneficial to our needs.

The new dinghy policy is in effect – “An owner of a Dinghy being kept at the Portsmouth Yacht Club dock will be required to sign a release indemnifying the Portsmouth Yacht Club for any liability for such use.” The forms are located in the steward’s office and will be kept on file annually.

The slip list has been revamped and the assignments have been made. The four slips were assigned as follows – Capt. Stuart Scharff (A), Capt. Gray Cornwell (K), Capt. George Kinser (M), and Capt. Roger Gagne (V). We are currently awaiting letters of acceptance and payment for the new assignments.

We have added two new staff members – Nessa Fowler and Evan Pesce. Nessa brings experience working as a deck hand and cook on two tallships – Irving Johnson and Roald Amundsen. Evan brings years of boating experience with his family as well as a lifeguard. He will soon be qualifying as a certified launch operator. We look forward to having them on staff to assist our members.

We hope to be fully operational on May 19th when all the staff is onboard.

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

VICE COMMODORE’S REPORT, V/C Jackie Adams

On Saturday, May 5, the ladies committee, led this year by Ellen Blanchard, provided us with a wonderful early welcome to the season with their *Cinco de Mayo* cocktail party. Their hors d’oeuvres were delicious and Mal Burgess’ Margaritas were a hit.

Thanks again to Ellen and Rob Blanchard for their special Sangria and the lovely gift basket and also to Laurie and Charlie Clark for donating the wine.

We presently have 111 signed up for the Dinner Dance and if the good weather continues we will live up to our theme of “Fair Skies and Following Seas”.

This month’s newsletter will include a reminder, written by Roy Alonzo, about proper etiquette and use of the PYC bar. I have also included the notice that membership cards are ready and can be picked up from Sally.

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

COMMODORE'S REPORT, Comm. Rob Blanchard

We received membership dues from all accepted new members, with the exception of one. Ken Roberts corresponded with the individual, reminding him of the deadline date, but the individual was out of town and did not get the message until past the deadline. He was most anxious to join and was embarrassed that he had not responded in due time. I advised Ken to tell him that we needed his check in Ken's or Tony Young's hands by 12:00 the next day, or he would be put on next year's waiting list. We got the check.

We have received completed application materials from the following:

Jack Howarth: Jack is a Professional Manager and he and his spouse, Denise Moretti, live in Exeter, NH. They have many years of boating experience, including racing and cruising. They presently own a 35' Tartan named "Sea Quill." Sponsors include Tony Young and Joe Cunningham.

Kenneth and Merle Kew: The Kews live in No. Andover, MA during the summer months and spend the winter months in St. Petersburg, FL. Ken intends to retire at the end of 2007 from his position as an Assistant VP in Insurance. They have 30 years of experience in sailing and presently own a 34' Sabre named "Chrisila." They are former members of PCYC. Sponsors include Ken Roberts and Jean Richard.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Cruise Guide There was an extended discussion readdressing the issue as to whether the Club should cover the costs of producing this year's Cruise Guide, as requested in an email by Capt. Paul Young. This request had been denied in the prior BOD meeting, and Capt. Young was notified of that decision. At the time of that vote, the BOD was unaware that there was a precedent for our paying these costs. On one or more prior occasions, the expenses had passed through a routine expense voucher, apparently approved by a person unknown without a direct request to, or knowledge of, the BOD. It was the general agreement of the BOD that such expenses should be covered by the small number of persons who benefit by them, and not by the membership as a whole. The same thinking applies to many functions of the Club – for example, lockers, slips, dinghy fees, parties and Wednesday Night Dinners – eg only those who use a special feature are expected to pay for it.

It was also the generally-expressed opinion that the precedent may suggest that we pay the expenses this time, but only for those member boats directly participating, one book per members boat, and that we do not pay for books provided visitor boats participating in the cruise. It was also agreed that for the reasons stated above, the expenses of producing the Cruise Guides should not be covered in future years.

OLD BUSINESS, Cruise Guide, cont.

It was MSP that the Secretary write a letter to Capt. Young advising that we had reconsidered our prior vote, and based upon new information, we agree to underwrite the costs of this year's Cruise Guides, one per participating member boat plus one for PYC files, but not for non-member participating boats. The expense submittal should include the total number of books printed, and the names of member-boats plus PYC file copy, and non-member boats receiving them, so the costs can be allocated.

After further discussion, it was MSP that the Secretary write a second new letter to Capt. Young advising that because the Cruise Book falls within the category of items which the BOD feels should be paid for by the user only, it would not recommend PYC pay future Cruise Book publishing costs.

Slip Rental Guidelines AR/C Dionne explained the rationale upon which the revised boat-size and other rules regarding assigned dock spaces were based. For purposes of occupying a slip, each boat is assumed to have 1.6 ft. added to its beam to allow for fenders. Each slip was actually measured to verify its length, and its beam, and thereby establish the minimum and maximum length and beam of each of the two boats occupying the slip. There had been some confusion about how, or if, a slip occupant remained on the waiting list. It was agreed that in the future that the letter advising a member that he/she had been awarded a slip would include the notice that the new occupant is now dropped from the slip waiting list, and that if he/she wishes to go back on the list the application must be in writing, and the name will go to the bottom of that list.

After discussion, it was MSP to accept AR/C Dionne's update of the Slip Rental Guidelines, and to include these Guidelines in a new issue of House and Dock Rules.

Rules for Police Coverage of PYC Events V/C Adams investigated this with the Police Dept., and determined that 100 is the attendance at which police coverage is required. Normally this occurs only at our Opening and Closing Dinner-Dances and the Lobster Bakes, and occasionally, the Chicken BBQ. P/C Charlie Clark has agreed to be our contact point with the Police Dept. in that regard.

NEW BUSINESS

Caruso Slip Rental An email of May 8, 2007 was received from P/C John Caruso, requesting a one-year extension of his non-occupied rental of Slip "O". He sold his boat prior to the beginning of the 2006 Season, and per the PYC House & Docks Rules, would be required to occupy this slip by June 1, 2007 in order to retain it. The past few years most of his boating has been single-handed, and it is likely to remain so. Major shoulder replacement surgery this year, and a projected long recovery, precludes his single-handed boating this season, so he prefers not to have to purchase a boat just to occupy the slip. With his having paid the rental for 2006, and having done so again for 2007, the club has an opportunity for extra rental income from this slip. After discussion, it was determined that due to the extenuating circumstances, there was no objection to granting a waiver of the Rules in this instance. R/C Wajda was asked to inform P/C Caruso of this decision.

There being no further business to come before the BOD at this time, Comm. Blanchard adjourned the meeting at approx. 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth P. Roberts,
Secretary

