

**PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**Thursday, July 12, 2007**  
**at Portsmouth Yacht Club**  
**Rev.2**

PRESENT: Comm. Blanchard, V/C Adams, R/C Wajda, Directors DR/C Dionne, P/C Williams, Cunningham, Graper, Pappas, Treas. Rushforth, Dir/Secy Roberts

NOT PRESENT: P/C Caruso, Dir. Gebow

Comm. Blanchard opened the meeting at approx. 7:00 PM. Secy Roberts advised that a quorum was present.

MINUTES OF THE BOD MEETING OF JUNE 14, Rev. 2 After discussion, it was MSP to accept the Minutes as presented, and to post them on the website and on the secure bulletin board.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Treas. Bill Rushforth

Treasurer Rushforth presented the financial statements as of June 30, 2007, with the following highlights:

Balance Sheet

Total cash \$214,088. Last month, \$242,085.  
Mortgage principal balance \$83,711  
Accounts receivable current

Revenue & Expense Statement

Collections for slip vacancies complete  
There is still dinghy space available  
Property and casualty insurance premiums paid  
Mooring maintenance expense over budget  
Net increase (profit) through June is \$135,887

After discussion it was MSP to accept the financial statements as presented, subject to audit. The full financial reports are appended herein by reference.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT, R/C Dave Wajda

The weather and 4<sup>th</sup> of July week has hampered the painting of the concrete deck - the area is prepped and ready to paint – if we have a dry day. After that project, the wood deck area will receive a clear preservative coating as well as the railings. Hopefully we will be able to do all the wood – the walkway and deckhouse area by the end of the summer.

We have incurred some expense for the repositioning of our moorings at the Shoals to the tune of \$838.20. However, during the process one of the moorings that had two blocks chained together broke and had to be replaced – we have not received a bill for this as yet. We did save some money as the barge was out at the Shoals on other projects.

The slow launch is out of commission until the end of next week. The transmission was sent out for repair (approximately \$350-\$400) and is expected to be back by Friday. A thank-you to Capt.

#### REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT, cont.

Jefferson, he has accepted the task to remove and reinstall the unit. We are looking into obtaining a spare so we don't have any down time. We are fortunate that the fast launch is in good order and operating well.

The radio in the House was replaced as it was not scanning the channels. The new one (5-year replacement warranty) was installed in the deckhouse, and the deckhouse unit is in the House. Both units are functioning properly.

We had to spend approx. \$300 to replace faulty fuel sensors in the gasoline fuel line.

I am pleased to announce two of our new staff members have completed the requirements and received their Launch Operators Licenses – Nissa and Evan. Last year, Kevin completed the requirements and received his license as well.

Since the last BOD meeting, I am happy to report that members are taking care of their property – they are cleaning up after themselves and there haven't been any issues with closing. Everything has been turned off and locked properly.

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

#### VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT, V/C Jackie Adams

Now that we are fully into the season, participation is growing with each new event. Presently we are averaging over 100 for the late June, early July events, up from about 75 for earlier dinners.

The fans purchased by the Ladies' Committee and installed by Henry Marcuri and Ed Wright helped tremendously on June 27<sup>th</sup> when we had 111 diners in a room that was over 94 degrees.

The auction has been rescheduled to Aug 29, switching the Kinser's BBQ to the 15<sup>th</sup> per their request. Lynn Joslyn will be in charge of collecting items for the auction

We have also added a Dinghy Safari to the schedule for Aug 26 at 11:30 to Chauncey Creek. The Richards have volunteered to coordinate that.

Thanks to hosts for June, Ann Mowers and Sandy and Bill Miller, the Propeller Club and Art Wright, for all the successful events they have run this past month.

Norma Roberts will be chairing a small committee in the coming weeks so that we can develop a booklet about things to consider when running each event. We think it will make this job easier for future flags.

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

Membership News The Membership Committee has been reviewing applications for membership and has been meeting with applicants and their sponsors. Recommendations will be presented to the Board in the near future. A reminder to sponsors: Applicants are required to attend at least one Club function or two Wednesday Night Dinners as guests of their sponsors (or other Club members) and meet as many of the members of the Membership Committee, Flag Officers, and Board Members that are present before final action on their applications can be processed.

An application for membership has been received from Donald and Susan Zuckert . The Zuckerts spend their summers in New Castle and winter in Jupiter, Florida. Don is a retired Advertising Executive, and he and Susan are enthusiastic boaters, presently owning an 18' power boat. They are sponsored by P/C Addison Marvin and P/C Art Wright.

Thank-You Letter A letter has been sent to Robert James, Executive Director, Community Developmental Services, thanking the organization for use of their office space for our winter Board Meetings. A request was made to continue such use next winter, provided that the space is still available, pending reconstruction in the area.

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Stationery After discussion, it was agreed that we are at the bottom of our supply of letterheads, and Secretary Roberts was authorized to order 2000 more. However, it was agreed that we do have sufficient stock of the small "Invitation" envelopes for now.

2. Membership Roster Secy Roberts advised that two computer failures had significantly delayed his preparation of the new membership list for publication. He now has a new computer online, and with the assistance of Capt. Dan Gingras, expects to forward the document to the printer in the next day or two. The data is now in a form that should permit the publication on or before the required date of May 15 in future years.

3. Membership Infractions of House Rules R/C Wajda reported that letters of reprimand had been sent to two members. One member had walked his dog through the clubhouse, in violation of PYC House Rules and State of NH Laws for establishments serving food. A letter of apology has been received. Another member left his boat tied up at our face docks for much greater time than allowed, and at considerable inconvenience to others, while ignoring requests from the staff to move it. It was agreed that if either of these individuals should repeat these infractions, more serious steps will be considered.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Staff Compensation for Obtaining Launch Operator's License After discussion, it was agreed that our policy needs clarification. The following motion was proposed and unanimously approved: "Moved, that PYC make a one-time payment to each staff member obtaining his/her Launch Operators License, of the entire cost of obtaining the license providing that the individual completes his/her contract year, and with the prior approval of the Rear Commodore."

2. Thank-You Letter from Piscataqua Sailing Association (PSA) Capt. Cunningham read a letter received from Kevin McCoolle, PSA Commodore, thanking PYC for the use of the Club on the prior Tuesday, and inviting PYC members to any of their Tuesday Night Socials in order to recruit more participants in their Tuesday and Thursday Night Summer Series Races.

3. Domestic Partners V/C Adams presented a document "Suggestions for the Membership Committee" proposing that "domestic partners" be granted certain recognition and limited rights to the Club, not to include a key, or membership card, or a right to vote, or to acquire any claim in the membership waiting list should the domestic partnership dissolve. After discussion, the following motion was made and approved by the majority, with one member of the BOD voting "nea": "Moved, that the document 'Suggestions for the Membership Committee' be referred to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for consideration."

4. Membership Day at West Marine V/C Adams reported that the West Marine store on Lafayette Rd, Portsmouth had offered to do a discount night for PYC members. R/C Dave Walda agreed to call and set up the specific arrangements.

### 5. Proposed Swap of Leases for Slips "C" and "L"

Background: Slip C is currently leased to Capt. Syracuse, and Slip L is currently leased to P/C Williams. In September, 2006, P/C Williams had purchased Capt. Syracuse's boat which had occupied Slip C, and at some point had sold his boat, which had occupied Slip L. Capt. Syracuse is intending to purchase a power boat. P/C Williams said that he and Capt. Syracuse agreed that, subject to Club approval, they would be agreeable to swapping slips. This, because P/C Williams' new boat has about a foot greater draft, and would frequently bottom out if kept in his current slip L, whereas any power boat contemplated by Capt. Syracuse should have no draft problem in Slip L. P/C Williams' new boat did not have a depth problem in its regular Slip C under Capt. Syracuse's ownership.

The Issue: P/C Williams said that in mid-February he had sent an email to then-R/C Dave Reynolds, requesting the swap of slips. He says he received on Feb. 13 a response from R/C Reynolds approving this swap, and advising that a copy of that authorization would be placed in the "2007" Slip File. R/C Reynolds passed away a few days later. P/C Williams writes that in May, 2007 he verbally informed new R/C Wajda of Reynolds' ruling, and that R/C Wajda said there was no such authorization in the file. Depth of the slips, not boat length, is the issue. There remains some disagreement as to whether Slip C is currently deeper than Slip L.

NEW BUSINESS, Slips "C" and "L", cont.

At this point, having stated his case, P/C Williams left the room to facilitate deliberations by the remaining members of the BOD.

In this discussion it was agreed that neither party had a position on the Slip Wait List, and therefore their request was in clear violation of House Rules Section II, Para. 9c,. This paragraph requires that any person renting a slip who desires another slip shall file an application and be added to the wait list. The arguments presented were not deemed to warrant an exception to this rule.

After further deliberations, the following motion was moved and unanimously approved by those present: "Moved, that P/C Williams must vacate Slip C because Capt. Syracuse has paid for Slip C and P/C Williams has paid for Slip L."

A second motion was then moved, and unanimously approved by those present, as follows: "Moved, that if P/C Williams does not wish to retain Slip L, we will refund the rental fee he has paid for 2007, less a daily charge for those days he occupied Slip C. The charge to be determined by the Rear Commodore."

P/C Williams was then invited back to the BOD meeting, and informed of the above votes.

There being no further business to come before the BOD at this time, it was voted to adjourn, and Comm. Blanchard adjourned the meeting at approx. 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted

Kenneth P. Roberts,  
Secretary

