

**PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**Thursday, August 9, 2007**  
**at Portsmouth Yacht Club**

**Rev. 1**

PRESENT: Comm. Blanchard, DR/C Dionne, Dirs. P/C Caruso, Cunningham, Gebow, Graper, Pappas  
Treas. Rushforth, Dir/Secy Roberts

NOT PRESENT: V/C Adams, R/C Wajda, P/C Williams

Comm. Blanchard opened the meeting at 7:00 pm, with a quorum present.

MINUTES OF BOD METING OF JULY 12, 2007

After discussion, it was MSP to approve 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 full July 31, 2007 Financial Statements, which are included in these minutes by reference. Summaries of these reports are as follows:

Balance Sheet

Total cash \$213,127; Last month \$214,088

Mortgage principal balance \$82,622

Accounts Receivable: Members have been invoiced and need to pay for functions they signed up for but did not attend.

Revenue & Expense Statement

There are still 5 dinghy spaces available

Total fuel sales running behind last year's rate

Mooring maintenance expense over budget

Net increase (profit) through July is \$109,519

After discussion, it was MSP to accept the Treasurer's report, subject to audit.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT, R/C Dave Wajda – presented by DR/C Dionne

Weather! Weather! Weather! Who would have guessed that we would have such an up and down pattern this summer. Rumor has it that PYC members have been making the best of it – whether boating or just lounging on the deck and enjoying a meal and/or a drink or two.

We haven't had any major issues with the facility this summer. We have installed a new exit door to the deck, painted the front door and are still attempting to seal the deck. Repairs will be made to the entryway ramp (left of main entrance) to make it safer to use. I am in the process of obtaining bids to have the roof redone in the not so distant future (there are leaks).

Repairs have been made to two moorings (PC 142 and Club Mooring 2296) by the Pepperrell Cove Marine Service, but a bill has not been received as yet. We also had an issue with the diesel fuel line that was subsequently repaired – a new coupling joint was needed. The slow launch has been repaired and is operational thanks to Capt. Jefferson.

This month we will be losing a few staff members due to college obligations – our dockmaster, Sean Morton and dockhands Frieda Kat and Kevin Peyser. Please give them your thanks for their excellent performance this season. We have promoted Matt to the position of Dockmaster and will raise his pay level accordingly. We still plan to keep operations normal until Labor Day weekend where hours will be adjusted – Sunday to Thursday until 6:00 PM and Friday and Saturday until sunset. Of course, this is subject to change – please stay tuned.

### REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT, cont.

I want to thank all members for their cooperation in keeping the facility clean and operational – WELL DONE. Please keep in mind that the screened area is for everyone's use for cocktails – if you plan to eat, please eat inside so others can utilize the porch.

In addition to the above formal report, D/R/C Dionne reported that launch fees had not been paid by three members, and they were about to be notified by letter.

D/R/C Dionne also reported that he and R/C Wajda were reviewing the usage vs cost of maintaining and operating the launches, to determine if there is a better way to charge for their use. They are tracking the times used, and the range travelled, by each member. Possibilities for improvement include limiting the trips to any boat to one trip out and one back each day. A member expecting guests would wait for all to arrive before summoning the launch, or if the member went out to the boat without guests the member would be expected to bring the boat into the dock to pick up other passengers. Yet another possibility is to make the annual charge different for different mooring zones, with the farthest away zone being charged more than the next nearer, etc. Another possibility, specifying a given number of round trips per season for the annual launch fee, above which a per-trip charge would apply. They expect to have recommendations ready for BOD consideration within the next several months.

After further discussion, it was MSP to accept the Rear Commodore's Report, as presented by D/R/C Dionne.

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

V/C Adams had provided her report in advance, and it was read by Secy Roberts, as follows:

The month has gone well in terms of participation in events. A few weeks ago there was a dispute with Stan stemming from comments made to Sally and the staff about them eating at cocktail parties and the Wed night dinners. The basic message was that if there is anything left over fine, but don't expect it.

I spoke with him at the end of that dinner and after a fairly lengthy discussion he was very clear that he does not feed the staff. I told him that the staff would sign up, we would pay and that he would feed them.

I have run many events and staff has always been fed at no cost to the club. P/C Ed Wright and Tony Young both remember a contract with Stan that included this in the beginning. There have been no subsequent contracts and because it did not come up as an issue when Tony and I met with him, it was not included in any agreement we made.

There are a lot of events in August, our busiest month on the social calendar, and we have had some of our newer members, the Nicholson's, and the Vaillancourt's offer to add additional support.

Jinny Burgess has sent a card to the family and donation on behalf of the Board and club members to the ALS foundation in honor of Marie Small, a longtime member.

Thanks to hosts for July, the MacHardy's and the Joslyns, and John and Nancy Pappas and their team for all the successful events they have run this past month.

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

#### COMMODORE'S REPORT, Comm. Rob Blanchard

Friends and family were saddened by the recent passing of Marie Small, a family member with her husband Leonard since 1982. Many PYC members attended a Memorial Service on July 29<sup>th</sup> at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Newington. Marie was known throughout the seacoast as a person with a warm heart, warm helping hands, and a warm smile. She will be remembered as a humble woman who put others first, and we will miss her caring and nautical spirit. Let us express a moment of silence in remembrance of this departed friend.

Ellen and I will be hosting a **Family Sunday Sundae** event on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 1:00 pm at the Club. Bring the family and make your own Sundae from a variety of ice creams and toppings. A chance to be creative! The event is free of charge, but sign-ups are required. Call the Club or put your name and numbers of family members attending on the sign-up sheet at the Club.

The Membership Committee has unanimously approved the following membership applications and welcomes the applicants to the membership waiting list:

William and Kay Wagner, sponsored by Capt. John Pappas and P/C Edward Wright

David and Karen Della Penta, sponsored by Capt. Bjorn Reisetter and Capt. Kathleen Rush

George and Janis Ricker, sponsored by P/C Addison Marvin and P/C Arthur Wright

Congratulations, and welcome aboard!

A review and reminder of procedures associated with event sign-ups will be printed in the September Newsletter. We have had several instances of folks showing up for an event and their names were not on the attendee list.

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

Slips "C" and "L" For the record, D/R/C Dionne reported that R/C Wajda and P/C Williams had reached an agreement that P/C Williams would retain Slip "L" but could continue to use Slip "C" for the balance of the season, unless Capt. Syracuse puts a boat in Slip "C" this year. Both slip fees are paid in full, and each is rated as equal size.

Life Member Nominations For one member we received, ahead of the deadline of August 1, 2007, multiple recommendations for election to Life Membership. After discussion, it was MSP to place this member on the ballot of the 2007 Annual Meeting, for election to Life Member. For a second member, a nomination letter signed by two members was handed to the secretary on Wednesday, August 8. After discussion it was MSP to withhold action on this nomination because it was received after the August 1 deadline specified in the Constitution Article XI, Section 12.C. The secretary was directed to notify the originators of this decision, and suggest that they may wish to resubmit this recommendation for action in 2008.

Member Directory Corrections Secretary Roberts advised that approx. 10 errors had been discovered so far, and he planned to provide an errata sheet for inclusion in the next Newsletter, and additional sheets in future Newsletters if necessary, with the object of making the new data base as accurate as possible before the 2008 Directory is published.

Burgee Sale & Exchanging One person had written in asking to purchase a PYC burgee for her mother, whom she said was a former member. A yacht club had written us asking to exchange burgees with us, so that ours would be part of the decoration in a newly-refurbished facility. As to the first request it was suggested that we first try to verify that the mother had been a member, to avoid possible misuse such as has been seen at Isles of Shoals. As to the second request, there was no objection to the burgee exchange.

## OLD BUSINESS, cont.

Policy for Membership Eligibility for Former Family Members Now Divorced Secretary Roberts reported that one or both spouses of a recently divorced Family Membership may wish to rejoin individually after having resigned that Family Membership in good standing. He requested a clarification of our policy regarding this situation should it occur. After discussion it was agreed that if this should happen, each spouse may be placed at the head of the waiting list upon application for reinstatement.

Piscataqua Sailing Assn (PSA) Capt. Cunningham reported that our staff had advised that the PSA left our facility very clean and tidy after their meeting here on July 31st. We look forward to their coming for their next scheduled after- race meetings.

## NEW BUSINESS

P/C John Caruso Comm. Blanchard read a letter dated August 9, 2007, in which P/C Caruso submitted his resignation from the Board of Directors effective immediately. He has accepted a new position in Florida, which starts in early September. He stated that by his resigning at this time, the Nominating Committee will be able to secure a replacement to fill the remaining one year of his term and nominate that candidate,( or candidates) for election at the October, 2007 Annual Meeting. In discussions P/C Caruso indicated that he intends to retain his PYC membership, and for now, at least, his slip assignment. In his letter he stated that he has enjoyed his 12 years as a Flag Officer, Treasurer and Board Member and will definitely miss the camaraderie of being on the leadership team. These sentiments were reflected, as well, in the responses of the individual Board members.

Capt. Ken Blades, Slip Request Comm. Blanchard read a letter dated 8/01/07 from Capt. Blades expressing his concern that the granting of a year's extension of P/C Caruso's assignment of Slip "O" was overstepping the authority of the BOD, and working to his detriment because Slip "O" has been determined to be the only one in which Capt. Blades' vessel can fit. Further, he stated that the "new" imposition of Rule 10g, requiring that a vessel occupy no more than half the width of any slip seemingly prevented his use of any of the slips other than one of the end slips.

In discussions, the point was made that the BOD is well within its authority in granting an exception to the rules in exceptional circumstances, and that there is precedence for this having been done in prior hardship situations. Further, it was emphasized that Rule 10g had been around for many years, and it makes perfect sense. While the large size of his vessel limits the slips to which it might be assigned, there definitely has been no attempt to specifically exclude his vessel from our slips. There is at least a possibility that because of P/C Caruso's current situation, Slip "O" may become available next season. In this case Slip "O" would most likely be offered first to Capt. Blades. P/C Caruso expressed concern that due to the draft of Capt. Blades' vessel, it would probably bump on the bottom at normal low tides, and be hard aground at extreme low tides. To resolve this question, it was agreed to offer Capt. Blades one week's no-charge use of the slip this season so that he might determine, himself, whether the water depth at Slip "O" is sufficient for his vessel.

Secretary Roberts was instructed to draft a letter to Capt. Blades summarizing the above, to be reviewed before mailing by the BOD.

Yachting Club of America The BOD approved our payment of \$300 invoice from YCA for 2008 membership, to be paid this year in order to avoid a \$100 increase effective Jan. 1, 2008.

OLD BUSINESS, cont.

Use of Screened Porch Recent instances were reported where persons had set up dinner arrangements on the screened porch sometime in the afternoon, denying access to the table, or tables, by other members. Then they would return in the early evening to serve dinner on the porch, further denying access to other members who might wish to have refreshments there, or simply to enjoy the view. After discussions, the following motion was made and passed unanimously: "Moved, that there shall be no dining on the screened porch after 5 pm, and there shall be no reservations for use of the porch at any time." Secretary Roberts was directed to prepare laminated signs to be posted to this effect.

Table Reservations for Wednesday Night Dinners There was a discussion of the increasing practice of making table reservations early in the day of the dinner, either by visiting the Club, or by phoning in to the staff to ask them to place names on place mats on designated tables. The former activity gives an advantage to local people who can drop into the club mid-day, while the latter practice can interfere with the normal activities of the staff. After further discussions, it was decided to take no action in this regard, and instead, to leave it in the hands of the Vice Commodore.

Steward's Vacation It was pointed out that Sally was off on vacation the week of the BOD meeting. The question was raised as to whether a mid-season vacation is, or should be, part of the contract with the steward. Action to clarify this matter was left to the discretion of next year's Rear Commodore.

Facility Close-Up & Clean-Up Violations It was noted that a few members regularly fail to clean up properly after their use of the kitchen, and from time to time they or others do not close up the facility properly. After discussion, it was agreed to place in the hands of the Rear Commodore the task of preparing a form letter of reprimand that can be sent out as necessary to members violating our standard clean-up/close-up practices, copies of which will be filed for reference in case further more severe reprimands become necessary.

Possible Homeland Security Grant Capt. Pappas advised that Water Country had received a \$50,000 Homeland Security Grant, and that possibly our waterfront location might qualify us for some sort of similar grant. He volunteered to check out this matter to determine the criteria for such a grant, and to suggest whether there is an opportunity here for us to participate.

There being no further business to discuss at this time, it was MSP to adjourn. Commodore Blanchard adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Kenneth P. Roberts,  
Secretary

