

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2008
AT PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY
Approved at Board of Directors' Meeting of May 1, 2008

PRESENT: R/C Dionne, Capts. Cunningham, Gingras, Graper, Gray, Kennedy, Leto, PC Williams, and Secy. Roberts

NOT PRESENT: Comm. Adams, V/C Wajda, Capts. Michael, Pappas, and Treasurer Rushforth

There being a quorum present, R/C Dionne called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He explained that Comm. Adams was called to a once- in-the-year meeting at work this evening, and that V/C Wajda was away on active military duty.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2008, Secy. Ken Roberts

After discussion, it was MSP to accept the minutes of March 13, 2008 and to post them on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT, Treas. Bill Rushforth

Treasurer Rushforth was not able to attend this meeting, and agreed to provide the usual Balance Sheet and Revenue and Expense Statement within the next day by email. Those reports are summarized below:

Balance Sheet

Total cash \$255,732

Mortgage principal balance \$71,584

Accounts payable is current

Accounts receivable is current with the exception of Lady Lucy

Revenue & Expense Statement

Membership shows 243 paid

Invoicing for slip and locker vacancies is ongoing

Annual mooring permits for both states have been paid

The inception-to-date Roof/Whaleback project is currently at \$28,968

Net increase (profit) through March is \$157,866

It is not too early to start keeping an eye on Club overhead expense categories

The full Balance Sheet and the Revenue & Expense Statement are included in these minutes by reference.

The Treasurer's Report will be voted on at the next BOD meeting.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT, R/C Art Dionne

Not much to report since our last meeting. We are now concentrating on opening the Club on time with as few problems as possible.

A couple of things of note:

1. We received notice from the Dept. of Environmental Services that our permit for our underground fuel storage tanks expires on April 30, 2008. As the permit renewal procedure is complicated, I contacted Greenwood Construction Services and requested their help in submitting the permit renewal application. While Greenwood has agreed to take on the project, they informed me

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that until they could get clear access to the underground tanks they could not do the required testing. I informed DES of our situation, i.e. boats and docks in the way, and they have agreed to let us submit our permit renewal as soon as Greenwood can do the required testing. Testing is tentatively scheduled for May 5, 2008.

2. Pepperrell Cove Marine Service has agreed to give PYC members a discount on mooring services. They have offered \$15 off on moorings located below Memorial Bridge and the mouth of the river and \$10 off on moorings located above the Memorial Bridge.

3. Water is set to be turned on at the Club on April 7, 2008.

Sean Morton advised today that he will not be returning for the season, after all, and therefore we need to readjust our staffing structure. Matt will be appointed Dock Master, and Kevin, Asst. Dock Master.

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

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT, V/C Dave Wajda

R/C Dionne read Dave's report, as follows:

The March 29th Dinner was a complete success – we had a total of 102 people who attended the event. The meal choice was enjoyed by all – with plenty of food left over for seconds. The dessert of strawberry shortcake was outstanding – it brought feelings of “Spring” to everyone. I thank the Breakfast Hill Country Club for their professionalism, especially the wait staff and bartenders – the drinks were well constructed.

J. Dennis Robinson created an air of history regarding Portsmouth's past with his presentation of John Paul Jones. He kept everyone's attention and presented some extraordinary facts and information concerning one of our historic military leaders. Well, no one's perfect.

The planning for the Opening Dinner Dance (May 17th) is on schedule and the sign-up sheets will be available at the two work party dates and “Docks In”. We hope to have a good turnout so everyone can enjoy the food and festivities.

Again, we can use volunteers for all our scheduled activities – just call – any assistance would be acceptable. We do need someone to head the “Closing Dinner Dance” – there are many members willing to help but unable to take the lead. The band has already been contracted – so raise your hand, take a chance.

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

COMMODORE'S REPORT, Comm. Jackie Adams

Everything is going smoothly toward opening, with both the V/C and R/C busy making that happen.

There is a new application for membership from Jessica Mayer. Ms. Mayer has been coming to the club

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for many years with her parents who have been members for over 30 years. Ms. Mayer has both power and sailing experience and wants to continue to be involved with boating and social events at the Club under her own membership.

She has fulfilled all requirements for application and has recently attended the March event. Her sponsors are Robert Mayer and Laurie Clark. Notice of her application will be published in the next newsletter.

Ken has revised the membership application and the information attachment. He will be distributing it to the Board tonight; I think he has covered all issues so that there is no need to bring it back to Constitution and Bylaws for the minor revision that was discussed. Thank you Ken.

It was MSP to accept the Commodore's Report.

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Roberts reviewed the following items of correspondence –

1. An invitation from the Great Bay Yacht Club to join them in celebrating their 50th anniversary. No action taken.
2. An invitation to attend a celebration of the Gundalow Association. No action taken.
3. A reminder from Boat/US that they had not received our renewal contract. Secy will check with V/C Wajda.
4. An application for membership, with check for \$250, from a former member requesting reinstatement. Our records show that the member was terminated for non-payment of dues, and therefore is not eligible for reinstatement. Letter sent to applicant returning the check and giving the opportunity to make a new application with usual \$500 application fee like any new applicant.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Lady Lucy A letter has been written to the owner advising that if the \$1437. Is not paid immediately, we have no alternative than to take the matter to Small Claims Court. R/C Dionne brought in a news item from today's Portsmouth Herald describing difficulties the owner has been having with local police, which raises further question as to whether this claim is collectable. Recovery efforts will continue.
2. Parking Capt. Leto distributed the document "Parking Lot Enforcement Plan (Revised April 3, 2008)". He explained that this version incorporates many of the suggestions that had been passed on to him by the BOD over the past several weeks. After some discussion it was apparent there were still a number of issues for the full Board to consider. R/C Dionne directed that this matter would be tabled until the next BOD meeting, when, hopefully, all BOD members will be present to consider this proposal.
3. Membership Application Form Secy. Roberts presented a revised application form and instruction sheet for consideration. It was agreed that this form addressed several problems that we were having in trying to conform to the present Constitution and By-Laws. After further discussion, it was MSP to adopt the new form. It was agreed that there is no longer a need to ask the Const. & By-Laws Committee to review our application procedures and possibly make revisions to them.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Parking Stickers Secy. Roberts suggested that the BOD consider printing and distributing new parking stickers to all members to replace the 2004 series of numbered stickers which we are still using. We have enough 2004 series stickers to last several more years. He explained that while we keep a list showing to whom the stickers were issued, over time the list grows less accurate because of membership drops and members replacing stickers with new ones for new cars and not necessarily removing the old ones or informing us of which ones had been removed. He presented quotes for printing a 2008 series, and also for printing a new series for each succeeding year. After discussion, it was agreed that the cost and trouble of distributing new stickers, and the burden placed on our members to scrape off the old ones, and apply new, far outweighed the small advantage of a slightly more accurate sticker list. The matter was dropped by mutual agreement.

There being no further business to bring before the meeting at this time, it was MSP to adjourn. R/C Dionne adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth P. Roberts,
Secretary

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY MAY 1, 2008 AT PYC