

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2008
AT PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB
Approved at Regular Meeting of Board of Directors, July 10, 2008

PRESENT: Comm. Adams, V/C Wajda, R/C Dionne, Capts. Gingras, Graper, Gray, Kennedy, Leto, Michael, Pappas, P/C Williams, Treasurer Rushforth, Secretary Roberts

NOT PRESENT: Capt. Cunningham

There being a quorum present, Comm. Adams called the meeting to order at approx. 7:15pm, at the close of the continued meeting of May 1, 2008. Comm. Adams distributed an agenda for this meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF May 1, 2008 UP TO THE POINT OF ITS BEING CONTINUED TO JUNE 19. Secy Ken Roberts

After discussion, it was MSP to accept the minutes of the meeting of May 1, 2008, up to the point of its being adjourned to be re-convened on June 19, and to publish them in the locked bulletin board and on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT, Treas. Bill Rushforth

The notes to the May 31, 2008 Financial Statements are summarized below. The complete Financial Statements are included with these Minutes by reference.

Balance Sheet

- Total cash \$231,340.
- Mortgage principal balance \$69,256.
- Accounts payable is current
- Accounts receivable is current except for *Lady Lucy*
- New floats, 2 power stations, and 1 piling have been added to fixed assets

Revenue & Expense Statement

- Membership is fully paid
- Invoicing for slip and locker vacancies is ongoing
- Still waiting for Club merchandise beginning inventory (at cost)
- Fuel sales are trending lower (as expected) – May '07 \$10,781, May '08 \$8,646
- Net increase (profit) through May is \$140,356

After discussion, it was MSP to write off the *Lady Lucy* account as a bad debt and get it off the books. After further discussion, it was MSP to accept the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT, R/C Art Dionne

As noted in the most recent Newsletter, docks are in, and PYC is in full operation. While thanks must go out to a number of members, special thanks are in line for Henry Marcuri, George Almgren, Steve Jefferson and Greg Gebow. These gentlemen continue to do an outstanding amount of work for the club.

We have received our two new power pedestals from the Will-Burt Company. They will be installed by members of the House & Docks Committee in the next few days.

I am pleased to report that thanks to Director Charlie Leto the new PYC Parking Regulations are in effect. The New Castle Police Department, National Wrecker, and the Staff have all been notified. Lets hope that we do not have to enforce the new Regulations.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT, cont.

Henry Marcuri has been in contact with Geno Marconi and Tracy Shattuck regarding the Doyle mooring. It is hoped that a satisfactory solution will be reached in a few days.

On Monday, June 23, 2008, I will be meeting with the New Castle Conservation Commission for a "site" walk concerning PYC's tentative plans for changing the parameters of our parking lot and for reinforcing the rip rap in front of our shed. I view this as a positive sign from the Town.

We received a nice email from PSA thanking us for the use of our dock on the 17th. They said everything went smoothly, and they were very appreciative.

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

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT, V/C Dave Wajda

The months of May and June have been a fast and furious time. We have had numerous Club activities during this period.

The Orientation Buffet, Memorial Day Breakfast and the New Member Cocktail Party were all well attended and enjoyed by all. Norma Roberts and her "Orientation Crew" should be commended for a job well done considering all the preparation and work required ensuring everything runs on schedule. The Pappas "Breakfast Crew" put out a great breakfast for all to enjoy – the food was plentiful and enjoyed by all who attended. The New Members Cocktail Party, as usual, was a great success. It was well attended and the appetizers were great as well as the drinks. The best part was everyone enjoying the camaraderie at PYC.

Future events have been scheduled and are ready to go – Friday night's Lobster Bake has been sold out and Saturday's "Thornton Cup" is ready to go; however, we are hoping for more participation from the members – either sailing or just showing up to support the event. The Fourth of July Breakfast is set as well as the Pulled Pork Dinner (7/16), Roy Alonzo's Famous BBQ Chicken (8/2), Pappas' Greek Night (8/13) and the Past Commodores' Cocktail Party (8/17).

The PYC Cruisers will be getting together beginning August 2nd in Rockland, ME, with a departure date of August 4th. The return date is scheduled for August 14th. Let's all wish them "Fair Winds and Following Seas".

A special thanks to Shel and Janet Sullivan for being the hosts for June and greetings to our July hosts Dale Coggins and Charlie Leto.

Again, we are always looking for volunteers to help at all PYC events – please let me know if you wish to help, or let the other flags or directors know. Assistance is always appreciated no matter how little it may be.

We have begun a special effort to note, and advise our members of, any of our members who may be ill, or who may be experiencing other types of problems, and who might appreciate our thoughts and prayers, or in some cases our cards, notes and visits.

In the discussion, it was noted that several of our new members were embarrassed by showing up at the New Members' Cocktail Party in casual clothes. It was agreed that Comm. Jackie will put in the next Newsletter a note as to the dress that most people at PYC cocktail parties. This can also be noted on the sign-up sheet for a cocktail party. Also, it was agreed that in the future, our cocktail parties will run from 5pm to 7pm unless otherwise advised in the announcement.

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

COMMODORE'S REPORT, Comm. Jackie Adams

Despite the length of time between meetings there has been very little activity from committees other than those of the VC and RC.

We have a letter from Capt. Syracuse on behalf of the Capital Improvement Committee about his meeting with the New Castle Conservation Committee and I have included it on the agenda.

I have forwarded Capt. Cunningham's request for review of the attendance policy to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

I want to bring to the Board's attention the recent great work of a subcommittee of the Ladies Committee. While many on the Committee had input, I particularly want to thank Norma Roberts, Elaine Syracuse, and Carol Cartnick for producing a detailed manual about "how to" run all club social events. This was a work in progress for most of last year and they have now submitted their final version. Special thanks to Carol for typing and formatting this excellent document.

We have had two new membership applications, and one of them meets the attendance criteria. The other included a check but has attended no events. Hopefully this will soon change with all the ongoing events available.

At the request of the Board, I have asked the Constitution and By-Laws Committee to look into the possibility of allowing Board members to participate in Board meetings by conference call, and to report their recommendations at a later meeting. If this were allowed it might help us retain Board members who must travel in their work and cannot always arrange to attend a scheduled meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Launch Service Hours (Background --At the May 1, 2008 BOD meeting, R/C Dionne had presented a study, and recommendations for the hours of service, with the intention of offering a motion for its acceptance. After further discussion it was MSP to table the topic until a later meeting at which more BOD members would be available for the deliberation and vote.)

With nearly all BOD members being present, Comm. Adams took the topic from the table for further discussions. Capt. Gingras presented a very thorough study of what other clubs were doing, and other considerations, and recommended that the launch hours in July and August be extended to 9:30pm on Fridays and Saturdays and Holidays in July and August. The study that R/C Dionne had presented on May 1 also included a survey of many yacht clubs, and in addition the results of interviews with many past commodores, and with present and past members of the House and Docks Committee. He concluded that there is no single consensus answer as to our past launch hours among those he interviewed – in some years the launches have operated after dark, while in other years they shut down well before dark. His recommendation was that during the peak season, the Friday, Saturday and Holiday hours shall be 8:30 am until ½ hour after sunset, and the other days, 8:30am until sunset. It was generally agreed that the two plans were similar until mid-to late August, when sunset plus ½ hour occurs well before 9:30pm. Safety on the water at night was a primary concern of both studies, while the added hourly personnel costs of the longer hours was also considered for the 9:30pm closing option.

After further discussion, the following motion was proposed by R/C Dionne, and seconded by Capt. Gray:

"Moved, that on Sunday through Thursday, the launch hours shall be 8:30am until 8 pm or sunset (whichever is earlier), and on Fridays, Saturdays and Holidays launch hours shall be 8:30 am until ½ hour after sunset." The motion carried by a vote of 8 in favor, 2 opposed, with Comm. Adams abstaining.

Comm. Adams then thanked R/C Dionne and Capt. Gingras for their very thorough and objective studies, and the Board members for their thoughtful deliberations of this important topic.

OLD BUSINESS, cont.

2. PYC MOORING There was a discussion about how the available power boat mooring in front of the Club should be awarded – whether by lottery or by some form of waiting list. R/C Dionne advised that he had learned, just that day, that in 2004 there had been a lottery drawing for position on a mooring wait list – the first four names were awarded moorings, and the remaining six names were placed on a waiting list. There was consensus agreement that our practice is to award the moorings to two powerboats and two sailboats, but after a thorough search of the records of 2004, including the very complete records passed on from then-Commodore Ken Jones, it appears that there is no record of a waiting list having been made for the six people who are said to be on the list. R/C Dionne advised that it was his intention to continue with his original plan to hold a lottery for this mooring, after first publicizing this plan to the membership.

In further discussion, it was agreed that we should apply some controls to the retention of such moorings, such as requiring a member to place his/her name on the state mooring wait list, and move to it, should it be granted, and give up the PYC mooring. Also, to deny a PYC mooring to anyone who has a private mooring in our area. It was agreed that such provisions will be added to the mooring contracts for next year.

NEW BUSINESS

1. SLIP RELINQUISHED Comm. Adams read a letter dated June 14, 2008 to the Board from P/C Al Williams. P/C Williams wrote that after the Board reversed the decision to allow Capt. Syracuse and him to swap slips, the draft of his new boat makes it unsafe to use his original slip. Therefore, he is regretfully relinquishing his slip and requests that the balance be reimbursed to him, less the amount from “Docks In” to when it is occupied by the next boat. After discussion, it was MSP to accept this proposal.

2. SLIP RE-ASSIGNMENT R/C Dionne offered the suggestion that it would be best to make the slip available at this time for the balance of the season, only, since those on the slip wait list undoubtedly already have obtained and paid for, an alternate location, and are unlikely to be interested in acquiring a slip starting now. Rather than again contacting all 70+ wait list members, he would simply advertise it in the Club and in the Newsletter as being available, with a lottery for interested persons to be held on a specified date. Next year the slip will be awarded within the Wait List in the usual manner. It was MSP to accept this proposal.

3. SLIP CAPACITY CHANGE R/C Dionne reported that the docks were taking a beating from the larger boats in them, and suggested that to protect ourselves in the future we should lower the length requirement on some of the slips. After further discussion, it was MSP to reduce the length for Slip “L” from 32’ to 30’, and to reduce the length for Slips “M”, “N” & “O” from 42’ to 40’. It was pointed out that this does not adversely affect any current occupant, but it will reduce somewhat the rental fees for those slips in future years.

4. NAME TAGS FOR WAIT-LIST MEMBERS V/C Wajda proposed that we provide name tags for Wait-List Members, so they can be identified and welcomed when they come to our events before becoming members. These would be given once the applicants have gone through the Membership Committee and have been accepted for the Wait List. It would not apply to those persons who have applied but have not yet been accepted for that list. The name tag would be different from, and less expensive than, the regular member name tags. The Board accepted this proposal, and requested Secy. Roberts to arrange for these tags.

5. CASHING APPLICANTS ‘ CHECKS Secy. Roberts asked for clarification of our policy in handling the checks from applicants. He asked for, and received, the OK to forward these checks to the Treasurer for immediate deposit, rather than waiting for the applicant’s approval by the Membership Committee. In the rare case of a rejection, a new check would be cut by PYC for return to the applicant.

NEW BUSINESS, cont.

6. KEYS It was noted that in most cases the member's key was not returned to us when a persons membership was dropped for any reason. As a result, there are many keys out there over which we have no control. The Secretary was instructed to write future drop-outs to try to obtain the return of the key

7. NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS AND PARKING STICKERS Secy. Roberts reported that the offer of Capt. John Kemen to provide free membership cards and parking stickers had been accepted, and that he provided them, through his employer, Label Tech Inc. within a few days. They are handsome, and are now being distributed. The Board was most grateful for this service, and instructed the Secretary to write a letter to Capt. Kemen expressing its sincere thanks to him and to Label Tech Inc. for this service.

8. FUTURE MEETINGS It was agreed that shifting the BOD meeting dates as recent practice just was not working out. It was agreed that except for unusual circumstances, all future BOD meetings will be on the second Thursday of the month.

There being no further business to handle at this time, it was MSP to adjourn. Comm. Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth P. Roberts,
Secretary

NEST BOD MEETING THURSDAY JULY 10, 2008 AT PYC

