

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2008
AT AXEL JOHNSON CENTER, NEWINGTON, NH
Approved at Board of Directors; Meeting of January 8, 2009

PRESENT: Comm. Wajda, V/C Dionne, R/C Clement, P/C Adams, and Captains Cunningham, Gingras, Kennedy, Leto, MacHardy, Michael, Secy. Roberts, Asst. Secy Cartnick

NOT PRESENT: Directors Hefferan, P/C Williams, Treas. Rushforth

There being a quorum present, Comm. Wajda called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2008, Secy. Ken Roberts

It was MSP to accept the minutes of the Board Meeting of November 13, 2008, and to post them on the website. In subsequent discussion, it was agreed that, considering the volatility of fuel prices, it would be desirable for the financial reports to include the actual gallons sold, in addition to the gross fuel sales in dollars. Comm. Wajda agreed to pass this on to Treas. Rushforth.

TREASURER RUSHFORTH NOT BEING PRESENT, THERE WAS NO TREASURER'S REPORT

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT, Capt. Chris Clement

1. I have started to develop the House and Docks Committee for the 2009 season. The proposed Committee is as follows:

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| Capt. George B. Almgren | P/C Kenneth R. Jones |
| P/C Malcolm Burgess | Capt. John B. Kemen, Sr. |
| P/C Andrew R. Courteau, Jr. | Capt. Henry F. Marcuri |
| V/C Arthur F. Dionne | Capt. Charles S. Leto |
| Capt. Greg Gebow | Capt. John G. Pappas |
| Capt. Ron George | Capt. Mark E. Roy |
| Capt. Timothy F. Hefferan | P/C Arthur N. Wright |
| Capt. Steven B. Jefferson | Capt. Anthony Young |

2. Duncan Mellor from Waterfront Engineers LLC contacted V/C Art Dionne to confirm that the PYC permit application for the new seawall and revetment repair was filed with the Department of Environmental Services (DES) on November 25th 2008. Next steps in the permit process are as follows:

- a. During week of December 8th, 2008 response letter from DES stating that the application is "administratively complete"
- b. DES has 75 business days to review the project.
- c. Once the permit is approved, DES will advertise a review under the state programmatic general permit. During this time, the Town of New Castle will review the project and (hopefully) send a letter of acceptance to DES. We will need a couple resident sponsors to lobby on our behalf.
- d. Assuming acceptance during this process, the Governor & Executive Council will review during that months G&C meeting. At this moment, the process is nearing 120 days since commencement of the original application. If needed, I can contact DES Commissioner Thomas Burack to answer any questions.

3. PYC has signed a contract with Tri State Fire Protection, LLC. for the installation of a new fire suppression system above the kitchen stove. The amount of the contract is \$2,333.00 for parts,

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT, cont.

labor and installation. In addition, a requirement for a special gas valve for the stove will be installed during the process. A licensed plumber will install the work for the gas valve. The approximate cost for the parts, and labor for the gas valve is estimated at \$100.00. Capt.'s Bruce Allen and James Gailey will electrically connect the fire suppression system to the alarm system at no cost to PYC.

Total estimated cost for Fire Protection System installation = \$2,433.00

4. V/C Art Dionne placed an advertisement in the Seacoast Media Newspaper for the new Steward. The advertisement started on December 03, 2008 and will run for two weeks.

5. Inquiries on the feasibility of leaving some of the fuel main dock in all year round. The thoughts around this subject:

1. Less structural damage with leaving docks in the water
2. Possibility of selling fuel and increase revenue

6. Received the State registration renewals for the two launches.

V/C Dionne reported that Custom floats will be picking up Dock #8 to be reconfigured, and that the Club is being inspected once a month. To date all has been found to be secure.

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

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT, V/C Art Dionne

As I am sure you are all aware, there is not much to report. The exceptions to this are as follows:

1. I have been advised by MaryLou Graper that 111 people have signed up for the Christmas Dinner-Dance to be held at the Portsmouth Country Club on Saturday December 13, 2008. By any measure this is a very good number.

2. As of this date, only 36 people have signed up for the New Year's Brunch at Breakfast Hill Country Club. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Christmas Dinner Dance.

3. In early January 2009 I will be meeting with members of the Social Committee in order to set the social schedule for the 2009 Season.

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

COMMODORE'S REPORT, Comm. Dave Wajda

Membership Committee: Robert Stewart has applied for reinstatement to the Club – a letter and application form was sent to him on November 24th. Next month we will be scheduling interviews with the new members and their sponsors to prepare for the waiting list – there are currently 4 pending, with 11 already on the list.

We lost a Life Member on November 28th – C. Claire ("CC") Moore – she and her late husband, Thomas joined the PYC in 1969.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee: Capts. Joseph Nadeau, Chairman; Glen Graper and John Pappas have willingly accepted to serve on the committee. All have a wealth of experience and familiarity with PYC and will do an outstanding job to assist PYC in the future.

COMMODORE'S REPORT, cont.

Nominating Committee for 2009: P/C Jackie Adams, P/C Rob Blanchard, P/C Mal Burgess.

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Steward & Dockmaster Openings: There was a general discussion of the pros and cons of having the Dockmaster report to the Steward vs. having the dockmaster function titled Asst. Steward. It was agreed that the alternative job descriptions need to be updated in preparation for candidate interviews. It was agreed to table further discussions until the next meeting.
2. Use of Facilities by Children of Members: There remains an open issue as to whether we should institute more definitive rules regarding at what age children may be left without parents at the Club, and at what age and under what conditions children may ride the Club launch out to a parent's boat. It was agreed to table this topic until the next meeting.
3. Discipline of Members: It was agreed there is still an open item regarding whether additional steps need to be authorized for use on the occasion of a violation of Club rules by a member. It was agreed that this, too, would be tabled until a future meeting.
4. Secretary & Asst. Secretary Stipends: After discussion it was reconfirmed that for the 2009 season, in which Capts. Ken Roberts and Carole Cartnick are sharing the position of Secretary, Capt. Cartnick's stipend would be forgiveness of the Annual Dues while Capt. Roberts' stipend would be forgiveness of meals and social events.
5. Membership in Yachting Club of America: It was reaffirmed that the Board does not intend to renew the PYC membership, and the Secretary was instructed to so advise that organization.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Capt. Cunningham read a letter to PYC received from the Commodore of Piscataqua Sailing Assn. (PSA) thanking PYC for hosting PSA events in 2008 and looking forward to scheduling events for the 2009 season. Also, he offered free membership in the 2009 season for any PYC members interested in trying out PSA racing.

There being no further business to address at this time, it was MSP to adjourn and Comm. Wajda adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth P. Roberts,
Secretary

**NEXT MEETING OF BOD THURSDAY, JAN. 8, 2009, 7:00 pm
AT OFFICES OF ONE SKY COMMUNITY SERVICES,
CONSTITUTION AVE, PORTSMOUTH**

