

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009
AT OFFICES OF ONE SKY COMMUNITY SERVICES, PORTSMOUTH, NH
Approved at Board Meeting of April 9, 2009

PRESENT: Comm. Wajda, V/C Dionne, R/C Clement, P/C Adams, Capts. Cunningham, Gingras, Hefferan, Leto, MacHardy, Michael, P/C Williams, Treas. Rushforth, Asst. Secy. Cartnick, Secy. Roberts

NOT PRESENT: Capt. Kennedy

There being a quorum present, Comm. Wajda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2009, Secy Roberts

After discussion, it was MSP to accept the minutes of the Board Meeting of February 12, 2009 and to post them on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT, Treas. Rushforth

Notes to Financial Statements February 28, 2009

Balance Sheet

Total cash \$254,548 Last year \$247,446
Mortgage principal balance \$57,110
No current accounts payable
Accounts receivable: Collection of member dues and fees ongoing
Fixed Assets: The new dock pedestal order was completed, \$6,350

Revenue & Expense Statement

Member dues received = 222. Last year = 233. We had 19 resignations, 5 non-replies, and 2 new Life Members resulting in 26 member vacancies for 2009.

There are currently 5 open slips and 1 mooring unassigned. There are also 10 dinghy spaces available.

Launch fees for 2009 were not included in the annual invoicing because of a possible rate change. This fee will remain at \$100 for 2009 so I urge users to submit their fee as soon as possible. A reminder will be published in the next newsletter.

The 2009 NH mooring permits increases by \$1,227 due to the \$3per foot increase mandated by the Port Authority.

John Carson retired as our President and Registered Agent for Pepperrell Cove Yacht Club (Maine –side mooring administration). Andy Courteau will assume John's responsibilities and John will remain as a Director. Many thanks to John for his service with this often-overlooked important function.

Treas, Rushforth advised that he was negotiating with a new potential supplier of our credit-card billing service which, if contracted, might result in cost savings of around \$2,000.00 annually.

In subsequent discussion as to the relative merits of our present telephone supplier, FairPoint, vs, Comcast, it appeared to be about a trade-off in cost, at approx. \$40/line/month. One line is for regular telephone service, and the other, a dedicated line to handle the credit card transactions at the fuel dock. Another consideration is which supplier might provide the most cost-effective support of the proposed Wi-Fi system which was first discussed at the February, 2009, BOD meeting. Capt. Gingras reviewed some of the Wi-Fi service alternatives and equipment which we should consider, and agreed to provide still more definitive information at a future time.

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

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT, R/C Clement

1. Steward Update

The Search Committee is pleased to present that our leading finalist (Jerry Goldfarb) for Steward has accepted the position of PYC's new Steward for the 2009 season. A brief bio:

Portsmouth resident since 1978. Owner, Goldi's Deli, Portsmouth, 1980-2004, Food & Beverage Mgr, Pease Golf Course, 2005-06, 19th Hole Mgr, Wentworth by the Sea Country Club-08

Hobbies...golf, photography, boating. Wife, Debbie is a paraprofessional in the Portsmouth School Dept. Daughter, Rebecca, 19 is a freshman at UNH.

The 2009 Dock Staff will be confirmed in the next two weeks. At this moment, Katie Steinhauer will not be returning and Kevin Peyser (Asst. Dock Master) has not responded. Received an application from Captain Ryan Martin of Madbury NH a student at UVM. His past work experience includes Wentworth By the Sea Marina and manager of Sea Tow NH. Ryan has extensive hours on the water with many sea rescues including many night rescues.

2. House and Docks Committee

The House and Docks Committee will meet in the next two weeks in preparation for the work parties scheduled for April 25th and May 2nd 2009. A master list of projects has been compiled and will be vetted during this meeting.

3. Honorary Membership : At the February 2009 BOD meeting, we discussed the feasibility of including the NH Port Authority Director (Geno Marconi) and Kittery Point Harbor Master (Bion Pike) as honorary membership status. This decision has to be made at the Annual PYC Meeting in October. In lieu of this, the Rear Commodore sent the 2009 PYC schedule of events including an offer for these individuals to join us for **one** complimentary dinner event with PYC.

4. Slip Waiting List: (5) confirmed open slips (A,L,P,R,Y) and one mooring (#2), however, there could be more slips available by the end of March. The goal is to fill the open slips prior to May 9th, 2009.

5. Request For Slip-Rental Extension Capt. Mark Roy requested a second one year extension (until June 01, 2010) for meeting the size requirements (minimum length) for slip O. It was agreed that this item would be addressed under New Business.

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

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT, V/C Dionne

We continue to look forward to our March Dinner at the Breakfast Hill Country Club. As of the time of this report, Jinny Burgess has advised me that we have 57 people signed up for the event. Of the 57 people, 6 are considered to be "no charge" participants. It is hoped that between now and the Dinner on March 28 we will have at least 80 signed up for the event.

As of this meeting no one has contacted me with regard to "being the Chair" for the Opening Dinner/Dance in May. If no one comes forth in the next few weeks, the Flags and their wives will do the honors.

The Schedule of Events – 2009 brochure was sent out to all Members with the March-April Newsletter.

We have been advised by the U.S. Postal Service that any undelivered "bulk mail" will be returned to PYC at a cost of \$.42 per piece. It was suggested that our mailing labels be modified to include the phrase "or current resident" under the addressee's name in order to forgo having the mail returned to PYC.

In subsequent discussion Secretary Roberts observed that it was to our advantage to have undelivered bulk mail returned to PYC. Our Newsletters are sent out by bulk mail and except for the Annual Meeting

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT, Discussion, cont.

Notice and the Dues Bill, they constitute the only mail we send to all members. Under the present system, undelivered bulk mail is destroyed by the Post Office, and we have no way of learning about a problem in an address. He sees the bulk-mail return, even at 42cents each, as a major improvement, well worth the small added cost of those returned mailings. It was agreed that action would be taken under "New Business"

After further discussion, it was MSP to accept the report of the Vice Commodore.

COMMODORE'S REPORT, Comm. Wajda

We are facing a new challenge this year with membership – we currently have 9 approved resignations and 10 pending; another 5 are being recommended to be "dropped" due to non-payment of dues. Therefore, we have a grand total of 24 for the current season. It will be a hard task for PYC members to secure new memberships under this tough economic climate.

There has been a great deal accomplished since our last BOD meeting. We are moving along positively in other areas as presented by the Vice and Rear Commodore's reports. Thanks to Art and Chris for their time and effort in keeping the club "afloat" during this hectic pre-season.

Even with the loss of members – we still possess a strong, active and diverse PYC population. Again, we will have to rely on our "core" groups to complete the annual "punch list" to open. We need more members, both new and old, to volunteer their time and skills to make this year a success – from Docks In to Docks Out, we have many functions that need help and support – so please, contact a member to volunteer!

Membership Committee Report, March 2009

I have scheduled a Membership meeting for March 26th at 6:45 p.m. at the Portsmouth Library. Currently we have 8 members to be interviewed – I have scheduled times for 3 memberships and awaiting a return call on a 4th. There are 4 who have not responded to my call as of this date.

We have received 2 new applications and have 1 pending that has not completed the required event attendance.

In subsequent discussion, Secy. Roberts noted that if we want to include all new members, it may be necessary to request an extension to the May 15 required delivery date of the Member Directory because the time needed to mail the invitation letters, plus the 30-day allowed response time, leaves too little time to lock up the 2009 Directory. It was the consensus of the BOD that we should not delay publication of the Directory, and that instead, we should publish it on schedule with the names we have, with an addendum for members added after its publication.

It was MSP to accept the Commodore's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

V/C Dionne reported on the following items carried over from his time as Rear Commodore:

1. Docks Our #8 dock has been picked up by Custom floats for reconfiguration. It and our 6 new docks that are under construction will be delivered to PYC on May 9, 2009.
2. Power Pedestals Our 6 new Power Pedestals have been received and are stored at the Club.
3. Fire Suppression System The mechanical shut-off valve has been installed at the Club by a licensed "gas fitter". Tri-State Fire Protection, LLC will be returning to the Club in the near future to finish the installation.

OLD BUSINESS, cont.

4. Seawall Projects I am pleased to advise the BOD that the NH DES has issued PYC a Wetlands Permit and the Army Corps of Engineers has issued its approval of the Projects. We will now search for a marine contractor to take on the Projects. I think you would like to know that I called Elaine Syracuse to let her know how well we are progressing, thanks to Tony's very thorough preparations.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bulk Mail Service After discussion, it was MSP to accept the Postal Service's new alternative procedure of returning undelivered bulk mail, at a charge of 42 cents ea.

2. Members Resigning in Good Standing After discussion, it was MSP to accept with regret the resignations of the following members who have advised PYC in writing of their desire to resign, and the Secretary was instructed to write a letter to each, stating that their resignation is accepted with regret, and that they are resigning in Good Standing:

Sam Asano
James & Pamela Atwood
Richard & Janice Buy
Richard & Donna Desrosiers
Matthew Jones
Mayo A. Noerdlinger
Marty Carleton & Donna Peters
Stuart & Marjorie Sandler
Leonard M. Small, MD

3. Members Dropped for Non-Payment After discussion, it was MSP to drop from membership for Non-Payment of Dues, Not in Good Standing, the following individuals who have not responded to their Dues Bill, and to which the Secretary is instructed to write a letter so indicating:

George & Dorothy Courtovich
Peter & Gayle Haring, Jr.
David & Ann Knight
Erik E. Maurer
Stuart & Diane Pelkey

3 Sponsor Responsibility P/C Adams cited a recent situation wherein it appears that a sponsor of a new member, in fact had too little contact with the applicant to properly certify as to the applicant's qualifications to be a member of PYC. It was agreed that this is a topic to be passed on to the Constitution & By-Laws Committee for consideration of the possible clarification of the responsibilities of a new-member sponsor.

4. Sponsor Substitution It was noted that in the case of a current applicant, one sponsor was being dropped for Non-Payment, leaving the applicants short one sponsor. Capt. Cunningham stated that he knows the applicants well, and will be glad to be their substitute sponsor.

5. Slip "O" Time Extension After discussion, the following motion was made and seconded: *Moved, to grant the request of Capt. Roy to extend his retention of Slip "O" for a second year without a conforming boat.* After further discussion, the motion failed by a vote of 4 in favor, 6 opposed, with the Commodore abstaining.

6. Available Mooring There was an extended discussion as to how best to allocate the one mooring off the Club that is available. Reflecting the normal distribution of one for a sailboat and one for a power boat, this mooring should be offered first to a sailboat, and then to a power boat if no sailboat applies. It was agreed that for this year, members would be notified of its availability in the April Newsletter. If one sailboat applies, it is the winner; if more than one, then the winner would be picked by lottery, and names would be continued to be drawn to create a waiting list for use in future years. It was agreed that the House & Dock Rules need to be clarified as to the procedure for granting of moorings as they become available.

There being no further business to address at this time, it was MSP to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth P. Roberts,
Secretary

NEXT MEETING APRIL 9, 2009 @ ONE SKY OFFICES

