

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2009
AT PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB
Approved at Board Meeting of May 21, 2009

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

NOT PRESENT: R/C Clement, Capts. Kennedy, Treas. Rushforth

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2009. Secy. Roberts

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

TREASURER'S REPORT, Treas. Rushforth (Written report presented by Comm. Wajda)

Balance Sheet

Total cash \$259,730 Last year \$255,732

Mortgage principal balance \$55,864

No current accounts payable

Accounts receivable: Collection of new member dues and fees ongoing.

Fixed Assets: The waterfront engineering was completed, \$5,546

Revenue & Expense Statement

Member dues received = 226

There are currently 5 open slips and 1 mooring. These spots are in the process of being assigned.

There are also 8 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 gross margin from the two functions to date is slightly below break even.

After discussion, it was MSP to accept the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit. The Balance Sheet and Comparison to Budget and Last Year, as of March 31, 2009 is included in these Minutes by reference.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT, R/C Clement (Presented by V/C Wajda)

Spring Opening of PYC

The warmer weather has allowed members of the House and Docks Committee to start work on items for the Spring Opening Checklist.

1. House and Docks Committee

The House and Docks Committee met on March 21st to discuss the Master Project List. There is great energy and enthusiasm with the group. Capt. Tim Hefferan has replaced the previously melted siding behind the outside grille located on the patio. Capt. Ron George has removed the hand railing leading upstairs to the Whaleback Room for repair and refinish. Thank you to all that have already participated in getting an early start on the open project list in preparation for the May opening of the Club.

2. Slip Update

During the month of March, PYC received notice from six current slip holders that they would not renew their contract for the 2009 season. As a result, approximately eighty letters were sent to PYC members on the slip waiting list informing them of the current opportunity to apply for one of the open slips. The new slip holders will be confirmed this week and communicated in the next PYC Newsletter. They are Slip A- Stevens, Slip L – French, Slip O- Roy, Slip P-Wenners and Slip Y-Belanger. Slip R remains vacant.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT, cont.

3. Available Mooring

At the March Board of Directors meeting 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 will be picked by lottery, and names would be continued to be drawn to create a waiting list for use in future years.

4. Dinghy Dock

At this moment there are available openings for members wanting to keep their tenders at the dinghy dock. Please contact any of the Flag Officers for additional information.

5. Upcoming Work Parties

Please mark your calendars for the two upcoming work parties and Docks-In activities. There are many interesting and fun tasks to complete on the Club Opening Checklist and your assistance is appreciated.

April 25th – Work Party #1 starts at 9:00 AM

May 2nd – Work Party #2 starts at 9:00 AM

May 9th – Docks In starts at 8:00 AM

6. Locker List for 2009

The locker list has been completed. The names for the newly-assigned lockers were sent to Tony Young for billing.

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

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT, V/C Dionne

All events scheduled for May are covered with the exception of the Memorial Day Breakfast. This event will be covered by the date of the first Work Party at the Club on April 25.

Our March Dinner at the Breakfast Hill Golf Club was attended by 79 Members who enjoyed the social aspect of the event and the presentation by our speaker, George Daughan, author of the book IF BY SEA. PYC gave Mr. Daughan a small gift of 2 PYC caps and 2 PYC coffee mugs.

The opening Dinner Dance on May 16 is being chaired by Marilyn Wajda, Jud Dionne and Wendy Clement. The theme for the event is "Moonlight On The Piscataqua". Notice of the Dinner Dance will be given in the May Newsletter and Sign Up sheets will be available at the Club during both Work Party days and Docks In.

We are still in need of a chair for the Closing Night Dinner Dance set for October 17, 2009. The band is already under contract but we need someone to develop a theme and generally oversee the event.

We have been contacted by the Piscataqua Sailing Association (PSA) with regard to their use of our facilities for after race socials on June 30, July 28, and August 25. We did this last year and I have checked the dates and they are not in conflict with any of scheduled events. I will ask for a vote on this issue under New Business. As an added note, PSA will be offering free first year PSA membership to PYC boat owners interested in trying out racing and in addition, no charge participation in PSA's weekend regattas including those supported by KPYC.

Capt. Blidberg has requested use of the Club facilities for a private party on August 24, 2009. As the date selected is a Monday and does not conflict with any PYC scheduled event the request will be granted.

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

COMMODORE'S REPORT, Comm. Wajda

We have had a pretty busy off season with the hiring of a new steward to preparing the shoring up of the seawall. The Flags have been submersed in their duties and the Board of Directors has provided additional guidance and assistance. I wish to express my thanks to their hard work and dedication in support of the operation of the Portsmouth Yacht Club.

Many events are fast approaching – work parties, Docks In and the Opening Dinner Dance. What we need are more volunteers to help with every aspect and evolution of these events. As you know, we have a “core group” of individuals the Club relies on to get the equipment and building ready for May 9th Dock's In. We have to start developing and encouraging other members to learn those special tasks if we want the Club to keep it's grace and charm. I know people wait for the phone call but sometimes you have to step right in and get involved. Please contact the Vice and Rear as well as members of the House and Docks Committee members to volunteer your services.

I hope everyone is looking forward to the opening of the 111th season of the Portsmouth Yacht Club. This year has the potential for a fun filled season – so take part and enjoy!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

I am pleased to announce that the Membership Committee met with six prospective memberships and their sponsors on March 26th at the Portsmouth Library. As a result, we have six new memberships on the Wait List: Stephen Demaris, Susan Hills and Michael Walzak, Mark and Cathleen Johnson, Stephen and Anne Manion, John and Julie Samonas and Stan and Stella Smith. All the new members have willingly volunteered to assist at the Wednesday Night Dinners at the collection table as well as other functions.

We currently have two pending membership requests and have received three new membership applications.

The new applicants are John and Jennifer Madden, and Ted and Anja Lord and Haden and Catherine Gerrish.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Seawall Project V/C Dionne reported that three bids had been received for the Seawall Project. The low bidder by a substantial amount was Pepperrell Cove Mooring Services, at \$26,200. Five references had been checked, and all of them gave favorable reports. It was also suggested that we hire Duncan Mellor to oversee, and sign off, on the project.

After further discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to grant the project to Pepperrell Cove Mooring Services at a price of \$26,200, and to hire Duncan Mellor as project supervisor at a fee of \$1,000.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gosport Moorings After discussion, it was MSP not to pursue a proposal by Star Island Corporation in a letter of March 14, 2009, that persons using their dining room be allowed to use PYC moorings at the Shoals in return for certain considerations to be given PYC members. The Secretary was instructed to send a response advising Star Island Corp. of this decision.

NEW BUSINESS, cont.

2. Piscataqua Sailing Assn. (PSA) After discussion, it was MSP to inform PSA of our concurrence with their proposed use of our facilities for after-race socials on June 30, July 28, and August 25.

3. MEMBER DIRECTORY After discussion, it was agreed that we would include in each membership's copy of the May Newsletter a proof sheet of that membership's listing in the 2009 Member Directory, so that each member has an opportunity to inform us of any needed corrections before publication.

4. MEMBERSHIP ITEMS Secy. Roberts brought to the attention of the Board a letter received from a member who had been dropped Not in Good Standing, apologizing for not having notified us of his intent to resign. It was agreed that the Not in Good Standing would stand. Secretary Roberts brought to the Board's attention a letter from another member who had been dropped In Good Standing, indicating that he had asked only for a one-year suspension of his membership. Secretary Roberts was instructed to inform this former member that we had no such category of membership, and that the resignation in Good Standing which we applied is the nearest alternative available. Some applicants who had been sent letters inviting them to membership had not responded, as the 30-day deadline is approaching. Secy. Roberts was instructed to see that each such applicant was contacted by phone to determine their intent.

5. WI-FI Capt. Gingras reported on several alternate approaches to providing Wi-Fi service in and around the Clubhouse and adjacent mooring fields. Among the alternatives would be a secure system with a password available to members and to transients renting a mooring or slip, or a for-fee service for visiting yachtsmen which would be administered by a third-party company, with a portion of the proceeds reverting to PYC. After discussion, it was MSP to install a simple system initially which would be free to all users within range. Capt. Gingras agreed to provide and install a system providing this service. There was a consensus agreement that decisions regarding further enhancements of the system could be made later once we have experience with the basic system.

There being no further business to address at this time, it was MSP to adjourn, and Comm. Wajda adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth P. Roberts,
Secretary

NEXT BOD MEETING AT PYC THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009
NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE NORMAL SECOND THURSDAY

