

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009
AT PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

Approved at Board of Directors' Meeting June 11, 2009

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

NOT PRESENT: P/C Adams, Capts. Leto & Michael

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

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2009, Secy. Roberts

After discussion, it was MSP to accept the minutes of the Board Meeting of April 9, 2009 and to post them on the website and on the secure bulletin board.

TREASURER'S REPORT, Treas. Rushforth

Balance Sheet

Total cash \$272,415 Last year \$238,224

Mortgage principal balance \$56,612

I negotiated a reduction in our mortgage interest from 7% to 5.75% effective with the June 15th payment. The note maturity of March 15, 2013 will remain and our monthly cash savings will be \$282, or \$3,383 annually

No current accounts payable.

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

Fixed Assets: The 2009 segment of dock replacements (\$25,055) and new retaining wall will be paid in May.

Revenue & Expense Statement

Member dues received as of 4/30 = 242.

Slips A and R and 1 mooring remain unpaid. There are 7 dinghy spaces and 7 lockers available/unpaid.

I switched credit card processing companies from Retriever Systems to Primax. We should experience a 23% savings in the merchant rate as well as no monthly equipment lease, for a potential annual savings of approximately \$2000.

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

REAR COMMODOE'S REPORT, R/C Clement

1. The Docks In event went very smoothly with no notable surprises. This was a result of the knowledge and support of many repeat members that perform this task every year.

2. Spring Work Sessions – The two work sessions were well attended and accomplished many of the scheduled tasks.

a. Need to continue to support new membership to make them feel as an integral part of the PYC family.

b. Board members need to be the initiator with discussions with those members who you are not familiar with.

Open items that need to be completed are:

c. Wiring of new power pedestals

d. Installation of the new retaining wall: Art Dionne

e. Wireless internet update

f. Other

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT, cont.

3. Mooring Lottery – During the May 15th Opening Night Dinner Dance, there was a lottery drawn for the winner of the M1 mooring. The winner was Whitney Saidla,

4. Staff Updates:

- a. Dress code and appearance
 1. New uniform
 2. Positive attitude
- b. Meeting with staff
 1. Goals and objectives for the summer
 2. Professionalism

5. Fuel

- a. Regular schedule and gas pumping hours begin on Monday, May 19th, pending a repair of the diesel nozzle and Weights & Measures inspection by the State of NH.

6. Launch Update

- a. Steve Jefferson and Greg Gebow again pulled through for the club this year with all aspects of getting the launches ready for use.

7. Staff Update

- a. Ryan Eaton will not return to the staff as he has a full time position at the Wentworth Marina. He will be available for fill-in duty.
- b. The other returnees are Matt, Kevin, Marieke, Frieda, Sarah, Nicole and Evan. The new member of the staff is Ryan Martin who is already fitting into his role with great anticipation.
- c. All returning staff are being extremely helpful and considerate in helping the new Steward in his “on-the-job” training process.
- d. Staff shirts are being embroidered and logo'd and will be here next week. In the meantime, the staff will wear last year's polos and new Polar-Tec jackets.
- e. An effort will be made by the Steward to curb prior seasons' “shrinkage” of cash from ice sales and launch rides.

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT, V/C Dionne

The PYC Social Calendar is now in full operation. The new season got off to a great start with the Opening Dinner Dance. While we had only 75 members and guests in attendance (including 2 guests of the Club) a good time was had by all. The food was great and the new band, “Online Band” turned out to be a pleasant surprise. Many of the attendees commented about how much they enjoyed the band. We will attempt to have them return for another function.

Last night was the opening night for the Wednesday Night Dinners. The Dinner was attended by 66 members and guests.

The next two scheduled events will be the Memorial Day Breakfast on Monday followed by the Potluck Dinner and New- Member Orientation on Wednesday.

Invitations to the New Members Cocktail Party on June 7 have been sent out to the 20 New Members. It is hoped that all New Members will be able to attend.

There have been a couple of changes to the Social Calendar. The Pre-Cruise Meeting, originally scheduled for June 14, has been moved up to June 5, and the Almgren's Tenderloin Dinner scheduled for September 9 has been cancelled. A regular Wednesday Night Dinner will be substituted for the cancelled dinner. Also discussed was the possibility of an informal steamed clam, pizza, pie and beer spread to be put on by the Board of Directors – as had been done very successfully in the past.

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

COMMODORE'S REPORT, Comm. Wajda

So far this year, the Portsmouth Yacht Club appears to be maintaining her grace and beauty – the flowers are planted, the fence is being painted as well as the deck getting a wash and stained. We have been fortunate to receive good weather to accomplish the tasks - something I hope continues this season for all of us to enjoy.

Both events, Opening Dinner Dance and First Wednesday Night Dinner, were well attended and received positive reviews from our members. Those who attended the Opening Dance were graced with our very own “Dancing with the Stars” delegate, Capt. Will Smith, and a new band – they not only pleased the crowd, but also interacted well to provide additional fun.

The PYC season is beginning to get busy – check out the events on the Website or the Newsletter. Remember, we need volunteers to help set up and organize all of our scheduled events. We have received outstanding support for the last two events and hope that will continue through the summer. You have nothing to lose but meeting fellow members and having fun together. Please continue to show your enthusiasm and support, and again a big THANK YOU to those who have contributed.

The Portsmouth Yacht Club continues to stay the course thanks to Vice and Rear Commodores, Art and Chris, and our talented Board of Directors. All bring energy, experience and knowledge to the table to ensure proper decisions are reached for the overall good of the Club.

Regarding membership – we have 245 paid memberships thus leaving 5 vacancies. We currently have 5 applicants - 4 can be interviewed after May 23rd and the remaining applicant is out of the area and wishes to wait until next season. Now is the time to sponsor a member – they may get in this year or be on a short waiting list for next year.

I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful summer season and may the PYC cruise participants have “fair winds and following seas”.

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. New Retaining Wall V/C Dionne advised that the work will begin next Tuesday, May 26, and will take 7 to 10 days. In this period much of the parking lot will be tied up. He will send a notice to members so advising. It has come to our attention that some additional reinforcing will be required in order to permit heavy vehicles to drive close to the new wall. It has been agreed that this will be accomplished by pouring a layer of concrete inside the wall before it is backfilled. The only cost impact will be the cost of one concrete truck delivery – probably a cost increase of around \$1,000.

2. Wi-Fi System Capt. Gingras reported that the system was nearly ready to go, and that in addition to Wi-Fi, he was planning an experimental installation of a webcam aimed at the dock area. He advised that to make best use of our new internet capability it was time for us to invest in an updated computer. After discussion, it was MSP to authorize the purchase of a new computer at a cost not to exceed \$600.00.

3. New-Member Applicants It was agreed that the 30-day notice period for four new applicants will expire on Saturday May 23, after which they may be invited to Membership Committee interviews if there are no negative responses at that time.

4. Electrical Connection of Dock Power Pedestals V/C Dionne advised that this work is held up waiting for the required electrical connectors, which he expects to have resolved very soon. Once these are received, installation of the pedestals can proceed quickly

5. Member Directory and Membership Cards Secy. Roberts reported that the new Membership Directory had been mailed out, and the new Membership Cards were included in the envelope with the June Newsletter. He thanked Asst. Secy. Carole Cartnick for all her work in producing the Directory, and Capt. John Kemen for again providing the Membership Cards free of charge.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Finger Docks V/C Dionne suggested that if possible within our Capital Improvement Plan, we should plan on replacing five finger docks, numbers 21.22.23.24.25 in 2010. It was noted that we had budgeted \$20,000 for this. He plans to ask Custom Floats to come down to review the plans once again. It is not clear whether we still will be able to get the five new docks at no more than \$4,000. each.

2. Life Membership Nomination Secy. Roberts presented a letter received from two members nominating a member for Life Membership. It was agreed that this item would be tabled until the August 2009 meeting, at which time all current nominations will be in.

3. Blisters on Slow Launch V/C Dionne reported that blisters are developing on the slow launch to the extent that a major refinishing of the bottom may be necessary next winter. It was agreed that this will be checked out further, and the Board will be kept advised.

4. Past-Commodore's Board V/C Dionne reported that the new board was now complete and that it looks beautiful. It is now having 54 nameplates applied, and soon it will be in place in the entry foyer. The original Past-Commodore's Board is now on the wall in the main room.

5. Dinghy Pumping There was a general discussion as to whether the staff should be required to pump out rainwater from dinghys at the dock. It was agreed that on a time-available basis they should pump out dinghys at least to the point that they are safe from sinking, but not necessarily bone dry. However, it must be made clear to the owners that this is a voluntary service on the part of PYC and the club cannot be held responsible for any damage which might result from our not having performed this service in any particular instance.

6. Assistance for Rear Commodore In discussion it was agreed that the Rear Commodore job was especially difficult for a person newly arriving on the Board. It was agreed that some means needs to be found where a potential candidate for this position might work as an assistant to the Rear Commodore for a year, in order to learn the job before being elected to that position by the Board. It was agreed that other alternatives would be investigated and brought before the Board.

7. Serving Children of Members It was noted that our membership mix is changing, with more younger members with young children, while we do not have any programs serving the needs of children. Sailing classes is one attractive alternative, but our location does not lend for safe sailing in small boats. It was agreed that some sort of arrangement with Kittery Point YC might be the answer. Capt. Cunningham agreed to explore this possibility with KPYC and report back to the Board.

There being no further business to conduct at this time, it was MSP to adjourn, and Comm. Wajda adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth P. Roberts,
Secretary

NEXT BOARD MEETING AT PYC, THURSDAY JUNE 11, 2009

