

**PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB**

**MINUTES OF BOAD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2009  
AT PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB  
Version 2**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** R/C Clement, Treas. Rushforth, Capt. Cunningham

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF JULY 9, 2009, Secy. Roberts**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT, Treas. Rushforth**

**Balance Sheet**

Total cash \$183,250 Last month \$193,754 Last year \$211,964  
Mortgage principal balance \$50,811  
Accounts payable is current.  
Accounts receivable is current.

**Revenue & Expense Statement**

We are more or less on target with the budget and last year's comparison.  
Fuel sales has slackened considerably this year. The pump price is lower than last year, but We are selling much less diesel fuel. This may be due to the lack of our normal commercial fill ups. Also, the overall economy and foul weather have taken a bite out of boating.

**Through July:**

Diesel '07 \$30,241	Diesel '08 \$41,068	Diesel '09 \$17,689
Gas '07 \$53,756	Gas '08 \$54,860	Gas '09 \$36,332

**Gallons pumped through July:**

Diesel '07 12,705	Diesel '08 9,575	Diesel '09 7,686
Gas '07 16,546	Gas '07 13,354	Gas '09 14,385

Net increase (profit) through July is \$112,367

After discussion, it was MSP to approve the Treasurer's report, subject to audit. The full report is included in these Minutes by reference.

**REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT, R/C Clement**

With Labor Day only weeks away, and a seemingly nicer late season weather pattern taking place, we have witnessed increased fuel sales on the dock. During a 24-hour period when the Tall Ships arrived in Portsmouth Harbor, the club sold nearly 400 gallons of diesel and as much gasoline on the docks. Many boaters are trying to maximize their time on the water, which is the reason why we love this "sport" so much. In addition, we have approached our current fuel provider (Buzzy Hanscom) requesting an additional discount on the price PYC pays for fuel. Buzzy obliged, and reduced both diesel and gasoline pricing by \$ .03 per gallon. Thank you to our Steward Jerry for his active participation with this request.

The House and Docks Committee recently met to review the open project list for the club house as well as the house & docks. The scheduled replacement of our aging floating dock system will continue next fiscal year, focusing on the "finger docks" located on upriver side of the club. In addition, the Committee will be soliciting quotations for replacement of the wood dance floor as well as the adjacent carpet. Lower cost items, such as miscellaneous painting in the kitchen and dining area as well as other outside locations will continue for the remainder of this season. A new screen door has been ordered to replace the current one located at the rear entrance of the kitchen adjacent to the shed. Thank you to John Kemen for coordination of this task.

I would like to take a moment to say a special *"Thank you"* to our dedicated and professional staff at PYC. Over the last months, I have been present on more than one occasion to "things that just go wrong", whether it pertained to failures of equipment or challenging situations with people. Most, if not all, of these events were resolved with a successful conclusion to the situation. Again, thank you to the staff and keep up the persistent effort.

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

#### **REPORT OF VICE COMMODORE, V/C Dionne**

We have reached the midpoint of our season and, from the viewpoint of the Vice Commodore, our social operations are going along fairly smoothly. As usual, Kinser's Pulled Pork Dinner was a huge success, drawing in excess of 110 members and guests. Our Wednesday Night Dinners are also doing well, as we have been averaging approximately 79 Members and guests for the Dinners.

One of the things we tried this year was having a "cookout" type fare for a Wednesday Night Dinner. In that our first such dinner was attended by over 100 Members and guests, and in view of the fact that many have expressed a desire to have it again, another "cookout" is scheduled for September 30, 2009 at a cost of \$13.00 per person.

Invitations have been sent out to 24 Past Commodores or surviving spouses. This year, in an effort to keep the cost of the Cocktail Party down, only Past Commodores or surviving spouses who are present Members of PYC have been invited. RSVP to the Steward is to be made by August 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

#### **REPORT OF COMMODORE, Comm. Wajda**

The Membership Committee has interviewed all but 9 applicants. Interviews are expected to take place by October.

I received a Thank You note from the Burgess family for a donation to the Arbor Day Foundation in memory of P/C Mal Burgess.

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Nomination for Life Membership** - Secretary Roberts provided a letter he received from Bob Watson and Ed Wright which nominates a member for Life Membership. The application was approved by the Board for presentation at the Annual Meeting for vote by the Club Membership.
2. **Nominating Committee Report** - P/C Jaclyn Adams provided the report of the Nominating Committee (P/C Jaclyn Adams, P/C Mal Burgess, and P/C Rob Blanchard). The Committee met July 8, 2009 to review candidates and selected the following nominees to submit for Board approval to present for voting at the Annual Meeting. All have agreed to serve if elected.

##### **Membership Committee**

Capt. Carol Chambers  
Capt. Joseph Nadeau

##### **Board of Directors**

P/C Andy Courteau  
Capt. John Kemen  
Capt. Christina Weller

After discussion, it was MSP to accept the Nominating Committee recommendations.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Docks**

V/C Art Dionne has reviewed possible sizes of new docks with Scott Dyer at Custom Floats. Over the years, boats have become wider, and the size of the smaller finger docks is critical in ensuring enough space. There is concern that we might lose 5 or 6 inches in a double slip. V/C Dionne has asked Steven Jefferson and Bruce Smith to review and measure the dock site and recommend the most feasible size for docks #21 through #25. Scott Dyer has also been asked for a recommendation. Custom Floats has told us that they can build docks at 4'9". Right now, dock 21 is 5', and the rest are 4'6" or 4'7". Custom Floats will provide an estimate for 5 docks at 4'9" wide and 24' long.

**2. Main Dock Rub Rails** - P/C Williams mentioned that the rub rails on the main docks are warping and bowing. V/C Art Dionne responded that this has been reviewed, and we have been told they were not socked down in enough places. There is a plan with Custom Floats to fasten the rub rails more securely this year.

**3. Changes to Constitution and By-Laws** – V/C Art Dionne proposed the following changes:

- a. Addition of a Whistleblower Policy to the By-Laws, recommended as Article VXI
- b. Addition of a Conflict of Interest Policy to the By-Laws, recommended as Article XV
- c. Amendment of Article VI of the By-Laws, to change responsibility for giving Keys to Members from the Treasurer to the Secretary. This change would make the responsibility indicated in the By-Laws consistent with the responsibility indicated in the Constitution.
- d. **Annual Meeting Date** – V/C Art Dionne proposed a change to the Constitution to change the date of the Annual Meeting from the third Thursday of October to the second Thursday of October. The current date can pose scheduling problems for people working on docks out because the work to take docks out is dependent on tides and weather and it must be after the Closing Dinner Dance and the Annual Meeting. If the Annual Meeting were held one week earlier, there would be more flexibility in coordinating docks out with good weather and tide. V/C Dionne asked the Board to review the possibility of voting on the scheduling change to the Constitution at the Annual Meeting this year. After discussion, it was agreed that the proposed change would be sent to the Constitution and By-laws Committee and they will be asked to provide their recommendation by the next Board Meeting.

Following discussion, the changes and additions were approved by the Board and it was agreed that the additions and amendment will be forwarded to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for review.

**4. Proposed Amendment to Article III of the By-Laws** - Comm. Dave Wajda proposed an amendment to the Disciplinary section of the By-Laws.

A motion to approve the proposal and send it to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee was made by V/C Art Dionne, seconded by P/C Allen Williams, and passed by the Board.

At this time, Comm. Wajda made a motion to move the Board into Executive Session to discuss disciplinary action towards a member. The motion was seconded by P/C Williams, and passed by the Board.

Following the Executive Session, it was MSP to adjourn, and Commodore Wajda adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carole Cartnick  
Assistant Secretary

**NEXT BOD MEETING AT PYC 7 PM THURSDAY, September 10, 2009**