

Saint Paul Yacht Club

Board Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2021

In-person in Clubhouse along with Virtual: via Zoom Meeting

Board Members Present										
Commodore	Vice Cmdre	Secretary	Treasurer	Board	Board	Board	Board	Board	Board	Past Cmdre
Greg Jorgensen	Mike Patten	Bill Tschohl	Pat Boulay	Annie Stone	Brett Cummings	Kevin Goodspeed	Barbara Haake	Dennis Sando	Lynn Adler	Steve Nelson
x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Np	Np	x
Minutes Approval (N/A for general meetings if no motions are made.)										
x	x	x	X	x	x		x		X	x

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Guests: Bryan Bedessem, Marcia Siebert, Thomas Marrone, Jared, Tom Surprenant, Mary Rossi, Pete Johansen, Colleen Velo

Determination of Quorum:

TBD

Open forum:

Electrolysis, Dan Bundrock had to replace the pontoons on their boat due to electrolysis. We need to this checked out across our harbors to see if we can identify any current in the water.

FYI -Boats should have magnesium zincs and not zinc, zincs. Zinc works in salt water. Magnesium works in fresh water.

Agenda items:

Staff and Operations: Daniel DeLude / Greg Jorgensen

Staffing – new yard crew team member, Marina harbor status, Spring launch planning, Slips filled/ available, Gas dock, tree removal, fuel pump status – chip credit card system, New signs, Speed bumps, garbage service.

Kurt is our new yard crew member working with us this season. Mechanically everything is working in the marina. The crew is very busy with a lot of items to get done: launching boats, building new platform for pump out, gas lines, pump out system work.

Tree came down on the gas dock last weekend. The city came out and removed the tree. The gas dock office roof will need some repairs. We are waiting on insurance guidance to determine whether we submit a claim. If we fix the roof, we should really put a steel roof on like the clubhouse has.

The pump and meter for the gas dock is supposed to be here any day. He’s been delayed a few times, but was supposed to be here last week. We will need a new pump that accepts chip cards in the near future. We’re getting quotes on that now.

The upper harbor is just about full except for one slip. The Dahlgren dock is about halfway full right now. The live aboard are shifting so there is some space reserved there as we’re shifting some of that around this spring. There is nothing available for a 50’ boat up and down the river. We might be able to fit a 45’ or so, but nothing longer. New boaters are coming into the market and they are looking for slips.

SPYC Lease with the City of St Paul:

Status update on Lease amendment regarding

A) sedimentation basin and dredging infrastructure within marina premises.

B) Adjusted the language so we no longer provide an audit annually, but rather a P&L statement from our accounting firm

The City Council has approved the lease amendment.

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Harbor Maintenance: Steve Nelson / Greg Jorgensen

Status of current and future plans in process.

Status update, discussion of dredging plan and highlights:

Harbor soundings in the UH mouth so we know where we are with depth.

City gave us approval, 3/22, to load spoils into geo-bags. Our material tested as a level 1 so this would be considered clean fill.

There is a mudcat dredge, the exact model we were looking at purchasing, being refurbished by the Endicott /mudcat dredge company. If it works out, we could purchase that unit at a savings of \$100k from the new price. We will be checking into warranty, refurbishment, etc. The rebuild work won't be done until June. Discussion around putting a deposit on that machine pending final inspection and review so we don't lose the machine to someone else. We have lots of water right now so we're hoping that we can make it work out with purchase/ timing/ setup so we'll be able to use the machine promptly when we need it. While we are awaiting the dredge equipment we are looking at geo-bags to use this year.

Steve will look into options of locking in the rebuilt machine.

Committee reports and other items:

April Committee reports

Clubhouse-Chair-Bill Tschohl

Clubhouse is in great shape, but we have work to do this year.

We are working on getting a plumber to look at the men's toilet flushometer that has failed.

We would like to recognize Brian Koskies work to build the kitchen dock outside of the clubhouse that is going to make a world of difference for our events and getting the cooking area out of the foot traffic. In appreciation of his work constructing this, on his own time, we would like to have the Kitchen dock known as the Koskie dock or K-dock.

We would like to purchase some items that have been on our radar, but have been deferred the past few years as we worked through focusing efforts on revenue. We feel it's appropriate to make the following purchases now in light of current and future needs and our clubhouse revenue really hasn't been used much in the past three years.

Motion to purchase the following items for the club use at a total cost of no more than

Rug Doctor Pro Deep Commercial Cleaning Machine \$534.16

Rug Doctor Hard Floor Attachment \$107.74

(3) Recycling Rectangular Container, 28 gallon \$28.40 (\$85.20 for 3)

(3) Recycling Bin Round Cutout Lid \$23.57 (\$70.71 for 3)

Turbo Air M3F24-1, 1 Door, 24 cu ft Reach-In Freezer \$3,082.12 HE \$3,884.67

Cost before sales tax and shipping: \$3,879.93

Tax \$276.45

Shipping TBD

Total expected cost before shipping \$4,156.38

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Discussion on recycling, purposed for recycling cans, placement of freezer, signage on fridge and freezer, commentary that nothing should be left in either i.e. food items will be eaten or disposed of weekly.

Motion to purchase above items as defined above.

Motion by Bill T., seconded by Brett C.

Call for vote. 8 aye votes, 3 not present. Motion passed

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Motion vote										
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Np	Np	np

Finance: Chair-Pat Boulay, Jeff Tentinger, Daniel DeLude

cash on hand \$298k, Long-term loan \$51k

Past due account is around \$79k. Of that \$49k is older than 365days.

Past due accounts will be assessed as described in our standing rules. \$25 late charge. 1.5% monthly late fee.

(review standing rules and by-laws if you have any questions regarding this.) We can't continue to allow our past to come back where people pay when they are able vs when bills are due.

Sherriff/ Lien sale procedures have been received from our lawyer so we now have a flowchart, processes and know what happens in order to sell abandoned boats and in some circumstances just dispose of abandoned items. We should have as a goal to have one in the Spring and another in the Fall each year and keep up on it so our yard doesn't fill with abandoned boats, etc.

Number of boats completely paid up for summer.

City lease payment

Dockwa / Marinago back-office systems review

It was noted that the Lower harbor dock section from gate E to gate F will need to be removed. That will be a big project, that we likely don't have a big enough crew to get done this year. This is a project we can plan and prepare to do for next year.

The entry for Miller dock, Gate E. The crossing is beyond its life. Dan will be working to get a quote to replace that.

Operations: Chair-Mike Patten, Daniel DeLude

Soundings are pretty good in the harbor right now.

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Social: Co-chairs: Kristina Cummings, Bobbi Daly Social is on a trip working on planning our social events for this year.
More to come soon.

Community Project: Chair-Barb Haake

The St Paul City council approved our project as one of the three projects Congresswoman Betty McCollum allotted out of the ten community projects she was allowed to suggest in her Congressional district. We received support from the Ramsey County Commissioners with a personal letter from Rafael Ortega, our local commissioner; a letter from FOP2 written by Greg Genz and Kevin Chapdelaine; and from WSCO. Personal letters from Carol Pine and Eric Cobb, both Liveaboards, was much appreciated. Our St. Paul Councilmember Rebecca Noecker was the main driver who helped get 100% approval for our dredging project from her fellow councilmembers. Tom Surprenant contacted St Paul Mayor Carter to enlist his support.

Just having Councilwoman Rebecca Noecker secure the city council's support in SPYC/SPSBH's request for dredging will help us with the COE that will do the project. Members of our yacht club were instrumental in making this happen, particularly with Barb's drive and dedication. The request was \$550,000 for the dredging in our lower harbor.

(NOTE: The other two projects the City of St. Paul was allowed to suggest were: 1) 600 portable radios for police officers, and 2) a jobs training program to help young people get forestry experience while helping us remove trees infected with Emerald Ash Borer.)

Other items

Board moved to executive session to discuss past due accounts at 8pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm

Upcoming planned events and meetings:

Monday, May 17, 2021 SPYC Board Meeting 6:30pm

Monday, June 28, 2021 SPYC Board Meeting 6:30pm