

Minutes
RCYC Board Meeting
November 13, 2023

Call to Order by Commodore Tod Bassham @ 7:00pm

Attendance

Board Members and Resident Members: Tod Bassham, Loren Beach, Gary Brown, Kelly Brown, Karen Jacobson, Richard Samuels, Cathy Skach, Kathy Souhrada. Quorum established.

Introduction of Prospective Members

Don and Alice Kinzer (Hunter 41) They have met RCYC members on some of their outings, who described the club and its benefits of membership. They both took ASA 101 & 103 at Island Sailing club. They have been sailing on the Columbia and in the San Juans.

Young and Rick Joen (Albin Vega 27) Young took ASA 101, 103 and 104. Has a Hobie Kayak and wanted a larger vessel and so bought the Albin Vega which has not yet been in the water.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Adopted by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report

Latest Financial Reports have been distributed, and will be posted along with the minutes.

On Saturday November 18th, the The regular Budget Committee will be meeting again. They are moving along with their recommendations regarding reserve funds and fees structure. Also on Saturday the finance committee will be having a meeting to develop the 2024 budget. Karen thanked anyone who is a committee chair or lead who has submitted a request for their line item budget items. If there is anyone who has any further input in that regard, please send Karen an email and the item will be added to it the list.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Commodore, Tod Bassham

Rain Tax II update: Commissioner Mingus is having a series of listening sessions, on the 14th at 5-6pm and 16th at 4-5pm. Tod does not know the structure of these meetings, but presumes they are Zoom, and that people sign up to speak.

WOOO has requested everyone send comments to City Commissioners. Even better to present in person to testimony.

Last month the Board authorized a \$5K donation to organizations that are opposing the rain tax. There are two such organizations; one is WOO, which is lobbying, meeting with commissioners and trying to derail the effort. The other organization is an LLC that was formed by our neighbor Rod Buck who put some money into it and has hired a public relations consultant who is advising him on a lobbying effort at city council. The decision by the Board was for Tod and Gary to give each of the groups \$1K and hold in abeyance the rest of the pledged 5K to help fund possible legal action if the "fee" is adopted.

Security at SE corner of marina/dinghy dock. There is a parallel concern about the questionable security there. The Commodore will appoint a small committee with Chris Wade in the lead. Chris will evaluate the condition of Dinghy Dock 'A' as to whether it should be repaired, refurbished, or perhaps moved to replace one of the docks further downstream that is in bad shape. Chris will look at how much demand

there is for *all* of our dingy docks and whether we can lose one of them and still provide enough storage for all of our members. The committee will also look at security in that Southeast corner and if it's possible to add chain link fencing or some other kind of barrier to discourage people from trespassing there. Tod recommended Ron Moran and Gary Brown recommended Tom Stringfield as members on the committee.

Walk 3 BBQ raised \$240. The question was raised as to what should be done with the fund. Matt Richard suggested that we use \$70 toward speaker wire for the speaker project. Loren Beach suggested portable lighting for above the BBQs.

Vice Commodore, Gary Brown

Work Hours Update, document provided: VC_report_Nov2023

The Club is currently at 5000 hours; approximately 25% of the membership works a large part of the total hours. The real question is "are we getting the work done that needs to get done at the Club, and are there enough opportunities for everyone to get their work hours in?" The average number of hours worked is about 40 hours per membership worked and we're required 16, so, there are plenty of opportunities. At present, there are nearly 30 **memberships** deficient in hours. These memberships don't appear to be responding to offers of work opportunities and Gary expects the possibility of being bombarded with last minute requests for work opportunities. The decision will need to be made whether to come up with work for them to do, orto charge the hourly fees. Gary isn't going to send out a series of individual emails to deficient members as he did at midyear, with the caveat that members should know by now when their hours are due: by the end of day December 10th.

An issue that has arisen is what hours do we count for work hours? Our Bylaws have one little statement: "Hours are for the Development and Maintenance of the Club". There has been a broad interpretation of what Development and Maintenance of the Club means. Maintenance is clearer, but Development can mean a lot of things because we do a lot of things - we have social events, cruising events, and racing events. We have the Clubhouse which we use for these for all sorts of other purposes. The question discussed was what about members who help put on the BBQ walk parties. Some members consider those hours as work hours and others do not. Some are saying they shouldn't be counted towards the annual requirement. The Work Hours Work Group in 2021 determined that "an hour is an hour". Gary Brown proposed that whatever the Board decides, it should be kept as simple as possible. We left it to members' own judgement this year and the result hasn't been bad. All of the work in the Club got done. No members deficient in hours relied upon BBQ work hours to make or get close to their total.

Incoming Commodore Gary shared a document called: RCYC Roles 2024 rev3

Chairs and Leads: Gary has contacted each person in the "confirmed for 2024" column of this worksheet. Each one has confirmed for 2024. A few lead positions are sthey are highlighted in yellow. Please point out individuals to Gary whom you think would be a good fit for these positions and Gary will reach out to invite them to take on these roles. He would like to get these last ten spots filled in November.

Leadership training in mid-January: Gary is proposing Saturday, January 20th, 9am as the New Leadership orientation date.

Chair/lead training to be scheduled for some time in February.

Rear Commodore

Commodore's Ball update: confirmation for both the band and venue contracts was recently requested and is expected soon.

Secretary

We received a note from Bette Johnsrud, thanking us for the condolence flowers sent and the kind words that went along with them. A Celebration of Life will be scheduled for Jim Johnsrud in the Spring. Bette's card will be posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse.

REPORT OF DIRECTORS

Committee/Contact Reports

Work Boats (Kelly Brown)

Allison Mazon is currently revamping the electronics on the launch so that the batteries are always charging and the bilge pump is always working. The steel workboat has got a new steering system to make it easier to operate. All bilge pump components are working in both the steel and fiberglass work boats. Kelly has been replacing lines on the boats and making sure there are fire extinguishers on the boats and PFDs all secured on all boats. Kelly has asked Allison about a different style of bilge pump for each of the two work boats just to insure that if one gets clogged or stops working, the other will function. We have had one sunk boat already, and she has agreed to do that over the winter. Lastly, as soon as the trailer lights are working, the launch will be taken for its winter maintenance.

Moorage (Matt Richard)

Latest Moorage Report has been distributed, and will be posted along with the minutes.

Dredging and Breakwater Committee (Christian Steinbrecher)

Dredging is into Walk 3 right now. The dredge has had a couple of unexpected breakdowns which have slowed things down a little bit.

Martin Foster did a dive under the breakwater and found a lot of encapsulated foam as well as a lot of unencapsulated foam. The unencapsulated foam is cylinders. It is Martin's opinion that without the foam, the Breakwater would lower at least to the level of the deck planks being at water level. The Breakwater committee should have a complete report wrapped up by the December Board meeting.

Work Parties and Projects (Matt Richard)

We had our last work party on November 4th. We secured our water, secured the shower, and secured the pump-out station. The mast crane had bolts and the top sheave were replaced. It was a really good work party. We had 20 signed up and 5 on the dredge crew. We fed them all and it was a good time.

Insurance (Gary Whitney) There are only a couple of expired registrations since July/August.

Website (Cathy Skach) No report at this time.

Social Activities (Linda Shaw and Fran O'Bryant).

We are holding a decoration making event on Friday, November 18th at 10am for the Christmas Party coming up on December 1. The holiday party will be a single event with limited seating inside. There will be additional seating outside. When it comes time for dessert and the gift exchange, it will be inside with standing room only.

Unfinished Business

Update on SOP for temporary storage in parking lot/dry moorage area (Barbara Weiss/Cathy Skach)

Parking Lot SOP, document provided: Parking Lot Vehicle Storage SOP_rev10-19

This proposal would go into the Yearbook, not the bylaws. Motion to Adopt the Parking Lot Storage SOP. Seconded. Passed.

New Business

Membership changes

Cathy Skach moved to accept Steve and Lisa Petersens request to move from Inactive to Active effective November 13, 2023. Seconded. Passed.

Loren Beach moved to accept Eric Parker and Diane Shiner request a change in membership status from Active to Inactive effective November 1, 2023. Seconded. Passed.

Gary brown moved to accept the resignation of Brian Terrett, effective November 1, 2023. Seconded. Motion passed.

Good of the Order

Loren Beach congratulated the members of Walk 2 for putting on an excellent BBQ.

Adjournment @ 8:23