

Minutes
RCYC Board Meeting
December 11, 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, Barbara Weiss. Quorum established.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Approved by unanimous consent - or as corrected

Treasurer's Report

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

On Saturday November 18th, the budget committee met and created the budget recommendation for 2024. On Saturday, December 2, the new and old Board was invited to a ZOOM meeting during which the recommended budget and the process for creating it were presented by the finance committee.

A brief discussion was held in response to Christian Stienbrecher's question about the value of the Club's capital assets. He asked how values on the balance sheet were arrived at and what the numbers are used for. Karen explained the number on the financial statements is representative of the cost of the original acquisitions when purchased. She also explained that the depreciated value and accurate replacement value are not on these statements because a Fair Value presentation is beyond the reach of the bookkeepers, and would be costly to obtain or maintain. Christian went on to discuss the Club's overall value today and Karen and Matt pointed out that the Club's insured value is closer to the current value.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Commodore, Tod Bassham

RCYC, as well as other river dwellers have victory to declare regarding Rain Tax II, Commissioner Mapps withdrew the proposal to apply fees to over water structures. The other good news is that this delayed the Club donating money to the two groups that were organizing, saving the Club several thousand dollars. We will continue following this issue, as we feel the City may attempt to apply the fee in some other way.

Vice Commodore, Gary Brown

December 10 was the last day to report work hours for the year 2023. With approximately 6500 hours were worked for the year, with 4650 onsite and 1800 offsite. 15 memberships did over 100 hours. Just counting onsite hours, there were 8 memberships that did over 100 hours. 4 memberships that did more than 200 hours and 2 memberships that contributed more than 300 hours during 2023!

All the major and most minor volunteer positions around the club are filled for 2024.

Sean and Jill Harris are requesting a Clubhouse Rental Saturday April 13th to host the US Navy Sea Cadet fund raiser for Color Guard gear and operating expenses. Mark Holzmann moved to waive the fee. Seconded. Passed.

Rear Commodore, Loren Beach

Verified Contract for the Band for the Commodores ball. Working out menus and table seating. Laura Richard has agreed to do floral arranging.

Secretary, Cathy Skach

In mid November, member Libby Muerth had surgery on a 5mm brain aneurysm. She is at home and recovering. The club has sent our wishes for her recovery.

The Club received a note from Jeanne Becker thanking us for the get well wishes and flowers. She says her recovery is on target and that she expects to be in a walking cast by mid December. She's looking forward to getting out in her "transfer chair" and walking again.

REPORT OF DIRECTORS

Committee/Contact Reports

Moorage Chair (Matt Richard)

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

Dredging and Breakwater Committee (Christian Steinbrecher)

Dredge Committee:

Dredging is moving right along. The project has been beset by equipment breakdowns. Next Saturday (12/16) they will be having a demobilization party.

Plans are being made for summer maintenance as provided for in the budget. The question is whether to do the work 'in-house' or to contract it out.

Plans for renewing the dredging permit need to be started. The first DSL permit runs out in 2026 which is not a long time off in the permit world. In the permit world, where things happen in year-long increments. By the latest, September/October of 2025 we need to have a fully developed permit application in place for them to consider. That means in this coming year we need to have some money set aside for consultant work.

Breakwater Committee:

Has examined the Breakwater on 9/16 and 10/23. From the waterline on down, the logs are in good shape. From the waterline up, most of them are pretty rotten. Some logs, which have been out there 30, 40, maybe even 50 years are completely deteriorating. The Breakwater floats because the styrofoam blocks float. Most of the stringers are deteriorated. The joists are in pretty good shape. The deck planks have solar damage. The hand rail is about half deteriorated. The walers and tie up beams are sun damaged. What the committee cannot tell is whether the Breakwater can sustain an event such as the flood of 1996.

What are some of the design elements which can be considered for this breakwater?

- Wave attenuation
- Seating & staging area
- Committee staging area for racing

- Lighting for night time use
- Additional moorage
- Fence/hand rail on N. Side
- Power outlets?
- Water outlets?

Design Options:

1. Concrete floats are no longer being allowed by Washington DSL so it may be possible to purchase a used concrete structure only for the costs of transportation. Bellingham Marine can be contacted for further information.
2. Replace all of the logs and eliminate the unencapsulated styrofoam flotation.
3. Replace a portion of the logs.
4. Put new wood stringers.
5. Add steel stringers on a full or partial wood (log) replacement.
6. Replace the wood decking.
7. Purchase a used concrete structure for the transportation costs.
8. Contact Bellingham Marine.

The Commodore asked the Committee to provide cost estimates for the options provided and possibly for a total rebuild of what we currently have.

Work Parties and Projects, (John Osborne)

Insurance Monitor (Gary Whitney)

Libby and Bobby Muerth have met with Gary and all of the paperwork as well as spreadsheets have been handed over to Gary.

Social Activities (Linda Shaw and Fran O'Bryant)

Thanks to Fran and Linda for a great couple of years and a great Christmas party!

Work Boats (Kelly Brown)

The trailer is completely rewired and the registration is renewed, thank you Allison. This week The Launch will be going to Sport Craft for its annual maintenance. Mechanical problems have all been resolved for the year, including sump pumps. Now there is ONE key that works on both locks for the two work boats.

Sustainability Committee (Bob Phillips)

Think about sustainability as "what is efficient?" in terms of use of resources, our utilities, and our efforts. Bob issued a document with an action plan with several key points. A big part of his plan is education and information about how we use resources at our events. Looking at the future, things that could be done concerning our utilities and how they work/how things cycle during the year, and energy alternatives. The committee is interested in decarbonizing the Club.

Unfinished Business

Work Hours: At the last board meeting the question came up on whether Walk BBQs qualify for Work Hours. We found the answer to this to be No, per current policy. Pam is drafting an SOP on the current policy on what we are counting as work hours at the moment.

Chris Wade on Dinghy Dock security: Chris and his committee did meet but is not prepared to report. He will have a full report in January.

New Business

Proposed 2024 No-Increase Budget, same expenses as this year. (Karen Jacobson):

Gary Brown moved that we accept the budget as set forth by the committee. Seconded. Passed.

Discussion ensued.

Gary moved to amend the motion to exclude Capital Improvements that are listed (\$75K). Seconded. Passed. The 2024 No-Increase budget passes. The document is included with the Minutes on the Club website.

Vote on new Memberships:

Kathy Souhrada moved to accept the new membership of Don and Alice Kinzer (Hunter 41). Seconded Passed.

Membership changes:

Ethan and Natasha Van Matre requested a change from Cruising status to Active Member status effective January 1, 2024. Loren moved to accept the Van Matre's request. Seconded. passed.

Allen Weber has requested to move from Active to Inactive status as of October 1, 2023. Loren Moved to accept Allen's request. Passed.

Good of the Order

Matt Richard reported that the 70 volt speaker system has been installed on the patio so the PA system now works out there. Matt also purchased a portable light kit for the BBQs, which is in the electrical room on the top shelf.

Adjournment @ 8:20