

Minutes
RCYC General Meeting
December 20, 2023

Call to Order by Commodore Tod Bassham @ 7pm

Board Members and Resident Members Present

Tod Bassham, Loren Beach, Pam and Carl Corey, Gary Brown, Kelly Brown, René Emch, Kathy Souhrada, Cathy Skach.

The meeting was held by Zoom and at the Clubhouse, There were 30 members at the Clubhouse and 23 on Zoom. A quorum was established.

Adopt Agenda: No corrections to the agenda. It was moved to adopt the agenda. Approved.

Program: Archer Mayo, Columbia River Search and Recovery Diver.

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Archer Mayo, Columbia River search & recovery diver. Archer shared tales of the hilarious, tedious, and sometimes tragic world of search & recovery diving in the Columbia River. He has the skills, tenacity, and equipment to recover what was seemingly lost forever. He told captivating stories of lost and found in a world that is so close to RCYC members - often just 25 feet down - and yet so far away.

Introduction of prospective members and any guests

Young 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.

Swearing in of New Members: none

Reports of Officers & Directors

Commodore:

Rain tax Victory. The Commissioner withdrew the rain tax proposal. We received a request for assistance from one group in opposition to the tax, they spent a lot of money hiring a PR guy and they did a lot of work to help persuade Commissioner Mingus to change his mind to withdraw the proposal. We may or may not reimburse them. We may consider that question for some of their expenses in January. if a request is made in January to help cover some of the expenses as the board has already approved.

Dredging is Done, celebration!

SE corner Dinghy Dock is falling apart and floatation is missing. The Dinghy Dock committee is looking at the feasibility of some kind of barrier or fencing there to discourage trespassers. Report to come in January.

Commodore's Farewell music jam and potluck coming up Saturday Dec 30. Happy hour 5:00, potluck 6:00, music 6:30. Everyone is welcome.

New Year's Eve party hosted by Matt and Laura Richard, December 31. It will be a "Bring Your Own Everything" event.

Soup and sail on January 1 at 10am. Bring a can of clam chowder. Boats meet up at buoy 14 at 11am to start the parade down the channel past PYC.

Vice Commodore

We finished the year for work hours on December 10th with around 6500 hours reported. Over 70% of hours performed here onsite. There were six memberships not met their hour requirements, to the tune of 20 hours. Please remember, we want your work hours more than your money. On the bright side, there were close to 30 hours averaged per membership.

Gary presented the document RCYC Roles. Gary shared that it takes 70 members to fill all of the positions.

Secretary:

Communications:

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.

Membership changes:

Ethan and Natasha Van Matre have requested to move from Cruising status to Active Member status effective January 1, 2024.

Allen Weber has moved from Active to Inactive status as of October 1, 2023.

Rear Commodore

Loren has spoken with the facilities director of Riverside Country Club. The menus are currently being revised and will be emailed to Loren soon. The various volunteer positions for the Commodore's Ball committee are filling and so far things are on track.

Treasurer (Bruce Newton reported for the Treasurer who was at the Pink Martini concert)

Current financial reports are available on the Club web site, posted with December Board Minutes.

BPBC Committee has been meeting for nine months and has been looking at the Club's financial trajectory over recent couple of years. The Club has spent more than it has collected, and so is slowly running out of cash. Also, over the last couple of years, inflation has become a factor. The committee is looking at making a recommendation to increase dues and fees. A large part of that consideration is driven by the upcoming unknown cost of the breakwater, which is likely to be a factor in the next five years,

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Tool report (Kelly brown)

Kelly reported a problem with people dumping tools on the bench. Kelly is giving notice that if a note is not left on tools left out that they will be deemed available for the next project.

Work Boats (Kelly brown)

The Launch has been fully serviced and is in the parking lot waiting for the spring.

COMMITTEE & LEADS REPORTS

First Mate (Deedie Bassham)

Deedie expressed her thanks for the help she received over the last year to the following members: Fran O'Bryant, Linda Shaw for party planning, Laura Richard for flower arranging, Leslie Phillips for advice, Kathy Beach for everything, John Flenniken for waiter wrangling and thanks to everyone for a wonderful year.

Moorage (Matt Richard)

Steve and Lisa Peterson have returned to active status and have brought in their Hunter 306 to be moored temporarily in David Paul's slip, on walk 3, slip 12.

The new year is upon us and that means if you have an Oregon decal on your boat, it needs to turn into a '25 decal. Hopefully you've contacted the State marine board and taken care of the paperwork for your '25 decal.

Current moorage reports is available at Club web site, posted with December Board Minutes

Cruising (Bill Kramer)

Dredging (Christian Steinbrecher)

Dredging is finished for the year. Half of the work was between walks 1-4 and half was walk 5. 600 yards came out of walks 1-4 and 600 yards were taken from walk 5. Those folks from walk 5 needed us to go to work and we'll be looking for them on the dredge crew next year. ;)

There were a couple of surprises: we broke a spud cable, we broke a fitting off the back and one of our hands wrapped a cable around a cutter head which then needed replacing.

This coming summer we've got a maintenance project planned for the dredge. The question as to how we will do that will depend on how many people step forward to help out. If we get enough people we'll put the dredge on a truck downriver and bring it back here and peck away at small portions of the work until next November when we've got to put it back into the water.

Website (Cathy Skach)

Marcin Manek will be the new chair of the web team.

Work Parties & Upkeep (John Osborne)

Work parties are finished for the year. All tasks were accomplished, thanks to everyone's help. Greg Douglass will be taking over for 2024 and his assistant will be Mike Hibbs. They will be working with Dawn Shuldt as she keeps up the spreadsheet.

Social Events (Linda Shaw & Fran O'Bryant)

The Christmas party was fabulous. It was a lot of hard work which made us more like family.

Insurance Tracker (Gary Whitney)

Gary is stepping down and Libby Meurth will be stepping in.

New Business

Tom Stringfield would like to revive an old tradition of wearing a name tag and being required to put a dollar in a jar if you don't have one on.

Allen Bergen is interested in reviving an old tradition of starting meetings with the pledge of allegiance.

CJ made a plug for the forum and his clinic after the meeting.

Question from the chat: How do members get name tags: Answer: ask Membership Chair, Coral Simdorn.

Question was asked about how to get slip name-tags? Answer: Ron Moran

Passing of the Gavel ceremony. Hail to the Chief!

Gwinner Awards?

Tod nominated Kelly Brown, Jim Clark, Dennis Armstrong, Pam and Carl Corey, Dan Canfield, and Jay Theile for tackling a large jib sail that unfurled in 25 knot wind conditions. Seconded. Passed.

Good of the Order?

Thanks to Mark Salholm for the snacks for the meeting.

Thanks to Chris Sheesley to the presentations during the last year.

Tell Tales

Adjournment @8:33