



WATERFRONT ORGANIZATIONS OF OREGON - January 3, 2024

Noon WOOO Board Zoom/Live/Hybrid Meeting MINUTES APPROVED

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Call to Order / Ron Schmidt

Thanks and recognition of PYC for their Support - Asia Von Sonn
(Consider booking your next event at PYC)

Thanks to VP Kelly Butler Holtz and PYC Gen Manager Daniel Wilkins
for taking on the Zoom/IT operations.

Introduction & Roll Call of the 2024 Board

Secretary Maura Alice Hayes

2024 BOARD

PRESIDENT

X Ron Schmidt (The Planning Group/Oarboard)

VICE PRESIDENT

X Kelly Butler Holtz (Oregon Yacht Club)

SECRETARY

X Maura Alice Hayes (Macadam Bay)

TREASURER

X Stan Tonneson (Rocky Pointe Marina)

TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

X Kellyn Gorman (Bridgeton Harbour)

DIRECTORS

X Doug Romjue (Executive Director CRYA)

X Harry Braunstein (Portland Yacht Club)

Marlon Bump (Riverplace Harbormaster)

Mark McCuddy (McCuddy's Marinas)

X Pascal Le Guilly (Schooner Creek Boat Works)

Justin Teutsch (Columbia Crossings, Inc.)

- Don Gire (Tomahawk Destiny)
X Randy Phillips (CRYC)
X Ron Bergmann (2024 President CRYA)
X Dan Comfort (JBMI)
X Bob Wilson (Tyee)

Welcome & Introductions / Ron Schmidt

(Those Zoom participants not identified will be removed from meeting)

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Stan Tonneson moved to accept previous meetings. Kelly Butler Holtz seconded the motion. Minutes unanimously Approved.

Treasurer's Report / Stan Tonneson

December totals \$12,419

Expenses:

\$450 spent on Annual Party

\$600 Donation to Christmas Ships

\$600 Donation to National Safety Foundation (PFD program)

D & O Insurance \$1260

\$1000 towards Rain Tax Fund

Some New Members have paid dues

Current Treasury Balance: \$8,829.31

He is billing unpaid membership balances by mail.

It is challenging to get the bill to the right person in each organization.

Harry Braunstein suggested raising the dues to \$200 annually.

Current Dues:

\$125 Voting Members (Organizations)

\$75 Associate Members

Kellyn suggests systematizing and automating the dues.

This needs to be explicit on the website.

List the Membership Benefits on the website.

Some industrial players have benefited financially from WOOO's work, (most recently on the Rain Tax), and they can be mobilized as members.

Ron challenges each member to recruit one additional member this year.

NEWS AND INFO FROM OUR GOVERNMENTAL ALLIES

Sean Whalen, Harbormaster, Portland Fire Dept:

Justin from DSL will secure more vessels, remove some boats (location?)
Portland Fire Bureau is fully staffed, but have vastly more calls to respond to.
In 2013 they responded to 87,000 calls. In 2023—118,000 calls, all with basically the same staffing numbers. For River Calls: In 2013—509 calls. In 2023—667 calls.

Industrial inspections are currently underway.

Sergeant Dangler, MCSO River Patrol Unit

Abandoned derelict vessel (ADV) removal has had a setback on the Multnomah Channel. State Auditor is examining the project costs. The sailboat below the Sexton was just removed.

Working with DSL on ADVACs. The past year's citations 1,111. Staff will be starting their moorage checks to generate renewals. They will issue warning citations.

The River Patrol budget this year looks good/stable, but not their land budget. Deputies Matt Adams and Ryan Barrett will be on duty in March.

Laura Jackson, Chair, Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB)

She has an environmental planning background and long history of active river recreation.

Alan Hanson, OSMB

He is a new hire on Day 2 in this job/role. He has a law degree, has worked in financial institutions, and the OR Dept of Agriculture.

Kelly Holtz, River Committee Advisory Committee (RCAC)

They cover matters relating to Title 28 and the river-related building codes. Some revisions have been proposed for City Council approval. They are developing a brochure that breaks down Title 28 to be more user-friendly to homeowners and contractors.

Ron Schmidt: Most moorage boards do not wish to be experts on the Building Codes.

Stan Tonneson: Home spacing is very important for Fire Safety.

Bob Wilson: Many years ago, WOOO helped the city with some of the initial Title 28 Guidelines. The city was excellent to work with and valued our (WOOO) knowledge.

Ron: Permit requirements for placement of stringers is still a guideline that needs refinement. (He will put this on New Business for WOOO.)

Committee Reports

Legislative Update

Stan Tonneson

No current news

Stormwater Committee

Tim Gorman, Chair

"Rain Tax II" Funding Campaign: Tim Gorman, Don Gire, Stan Tonneson

Bob Wilson, Working Group Member

How to proactively reinforce no overwater stormwater fees into the future?

Stan Tonneson met with the Buck Family, who appreciated our attempt to reimburse some campaign costs. The Buck Family will itemize costs.

\$48,000 was donated. \$25,000 is still due.

A letter has been drafted to send out to organizations. A reasonable financial donation was suggested based on the size of the facility.

The established Go Fund Me page can also help with contributions.

Sundance, a property owned by an investment firm in Seattle, can be approached as members and contributors because we saved them a lot of money.

There are many people who want to contribute to the cause, but need the information.

The money goes to the Rain Tax Fund, *none goes to WOOO*. Any overages will be reimbursed.

A MOTION was made and Approved the letter requesting the Rain Tax Funds.

Bob Wilson: Many years ago, Stan Tonneson suggested that we should form a neighborhood association. With the reorganization of the city, they will have various managers representing different areas. We might have more representation under this system if we organize correctly. Any ideas for how to proactively achieve something like this to expand our influence in the county and the city?

Stan Tonneson: Excellent idea!

How to establish a neighborhood association?

Laura: She has been active in her Richmond neighborhood association. (Perhaps consider the location differences?)

It can get confusing about who we represent, due to multiple constituencies — boat houses, moorages, industrial, commercial marinas—all with unique needs. The city bureaus often have internal conflicts with each other.

Ron Schmidt: An administrative update or legislative intent is needed on the stormwater terminology for the future. We need a conversation with Commissioner Mapps or Jack on how to do this proactively to reduce a potential Rain Tax III scenario. The ordinance had terminology about impervious surfaces, then expanded its definition to extract fees. Overwater vs overland (taxation) percentages. We need that formally revised to state no fees for over over-water surfaces.

George could be key in this endeavor. Ron will pursue this. Ron proposes getting more proactive rather than reactive. Can Bob work with Stan on the legislative end?

Bob Wilson suggests getting more younger members involved on WOOO initiatives. Lobby some suitable candidates; sell what the benefits are in this way of life, expand the WOOO organization to include younger generations.

John Wiegant wrote a letter to Commissioner Mapps, identifying our beneficial attributes as constituents. He will send a copy to our Board.

ADVAC-Abandoned, Derelict Vessel Task Force

Stan Tonneson

Next meeting is Tuesday, revealing what they will propose to the Governor 's Committee. They *will* have a program to deal with the ADVAC to report to the legislature. The Boat Turn-In Program was high on the list for ADVAC prevention.

Technology

Kellyn Gorman WOOO CTO

The website Phase I is updated, and better organized.

Phase II will address the Resource Page. Kelly will help edit.

All Directors should send photos and Bios to her.

More copy is needed to promote WOOO on the website. Show its value, and why they want to be a Member! Kellyn welcomes skillful communication to help with marketing WOOO on the website.

Environmental Protection/Green Moorage

Dan Comfort is addressing potential environmental pollution in the river lifestyle. Responsible construction practices are needed over the river, especially with TREX/or synthetic building materials. Dan proposes that each moorage invest in containment tarps, canopies, shop vacs that can be loaned to all home owners during construction. Contractors need specific guidelines for working overwater.

Dan Comfort will send us a DRAFT document on this topic for consideration.

Stan Tonneson owns a certified Clean Marina, which has many features in place for water protection, but has never seen construction criterion addressed.

Laura suggests that we send completed suggestions to the OSMB and other entities that administer this program..

Meeting Adjourned at 1:55

Next Board Meeting first Wednesday of the Month February 7, 2024

DRAFT submitted-Secretary Maura Hayes