



## **WATERFRONT ORGANIZATIONS OF OREGON - June 7, 2023**

Noon WOOO Board Zoom/Live/Hybrid Meeting

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Call to Order / Ron Schmidt

Thanks and recognition of PYC for their Support - Asia Von Sonn

Board Roll Call / Maura Hayes      QUORUM PRESENT (4 minimum)

## **WOOO 2023 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **PRESIDENT**

X Ron Schmidt (The Planning Group/Oarboard)

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

X Kelly Butler Holtz (Oregon Yacht Club)

### **SECRETARY**

X Maura Hayes (Macadam Bay Moorage)

### **TREASURER**

X Stan Tonneson (Rocky Point Marina)

### **TECHNOLOGY OFFICER**

Bryrick Shillam (Portland Realty Services, LLC)

### **DIRECTORS**

X Doug Romjue (CRYA)

X Harry Braunstein (Portland Yacht Club)

X Marlon Bump (Riverplace Harbormaster)

Mark McCuddy (McCuddy's Marinas)

X Pascal Le Guilly (Schooner Creek Boat Works)

X Justin Teutsch, (Columbia Crossings, Inc.) NEW Appointee

X Don Gire (Tomahawk Destiny)

Joe Nelson (President Jantzen Beach Moorage, Inc.)

X Tom Ulrich (McCormick Pier Marina & HOA)

Thank you to the Portland Yacht Club for hosting WOOO for their monthly board meetings. Please support them if you need a venue space.

### **General introductions**

Kelly Holtz moved to appoint Justin Teutsch as a new WOOO Board of Director. Stan Tonneson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Welcome to the Board, Justin!

More detailed introductions of WOOO Board Members followed.  
Stan Tonneson, Rocky Point Marina  
NEW Board Member Justin Teutsch, Columbia River Crossing

Stan Tonneson moved to approve Previous Board Minutes.  
Kelly Butler Holtz seconded the motion.  
The May 2023 Board Meeting Minutes are approved unanimously.

### **Treasurer Report:**

Stan Tonneson has mailed membership renewal invoices to members, 75 members have yet to pay.  
Balance: \$12,593.27 if existing payments clear.  
The names of all the member organizations that haven't paid were mentioned.

## **GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

### **MCSO Deputy Steve Dangler:**

Wheels are in motion to keep the River Patrol Unit fully staffed. They appreciated all our letters endorsing law enforcement funding. A great new management team is in place.

They pulled off two ADV's (Abandoned Derelict Vessels) off the water in the last 2 weeks. Another 24" boat is underway.

The Phase four clean-up is commencing. 50 boats were taken off the water in the last 6 months!

They are doing a lot of marine academy training.

They are using Senator Taylor's funding for the ADVs in the Multnomah Channel.

Prop 113 didn't go through. They are super busy with the Rose Festival preparations. The boats are all coming in today and tomorrow: 3 Navy vessels, 3 Coast Guard vessels, 3 Canadian vessels. Some funding and staffing conflicts are affecting the staffing for the Rose Festival.

Ron asked about the boat located east of 122nd.

"The Red Arc" was put out to bid at OSMB. No bidders!

Multnomah Channel: 3 or 4 boats still need to come out.

The *Joy* (get it floating first), then Metro will pull it out. It might be beached all summer.

The Arc 125 / Marine Dr.

OSMB might be able to access some of Sen. Taylor funds if the map range can be extended.

They just got a boat off the landing, torn up at Terry St.

Orange sailboat?

Political battles continue to keep River Patrol funded, with competing needs to fund investigative functions, sex-trafficking, and other needed services.

If this current round of funding had failed, they would have lost two staff members. Our letters contributed to increased budget funding!

**Terrie Graves, DSL (Dept of State Lands)**

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Compliance and outreach for ADVAC for navigable waterways.

Prop 115 was going\_\_

HB2914 establishes Oregon Abandoned and Derelict Vessel program in DSL. did not pass with funding. They may get some funding from the Governor's \$58 million budget for ADVs and other purposes, including the common school fund. It should come at the end of legislative session.

The *Tiffany* is a priority 1920 metal vessel located near Rainier, OR. The *Alert* and the *Sakarissa* have been removed. They are receiving bids for the Tiffany by end of June. She is renewing information for their vendors, to assist the bidding projects.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Legislative Updates:**

Stan Tonneson: HB 2914 Things are moving forward to develop an ADV Program.

Graves: It was sent out of committee with recommendations to pass— with bi-partisan support. The Senate is not operating at capacity right now, due to Republican walkout. It was expected to go on the floor tomorrow.

The HB 2914 Task Force: They are assembling lists of candidates that they wish to invite. So far, other state agencies. She has recommended WOOO be represented on the Task Force. They will move ahead whether or not they get the funding because it can create the program structure for the future. They are funding a Facilitator position.

**Stan Tonneson, Legislative Update (continued):**

SB 198 The Property Tax for Boat Houses Passed/was rescinded.

Stan and three other WOOO board members testified, they presented their bullet points.

Next up: The Rain Tax fight.

Ron: 2016 Storm Water City needed to justify hiring a consultant. They took aerial photos of floating homes, claiming that....

\$180,000 bill for \_\_\_rain water tax.

Floating homes fought it, won, but now the Rain Tax 2 is underway!

### **Cathy Evanson, Storm Water Committee**

“Rain Tax” summary

A rate tax study to justify the tax

Costs are shifting from sewer to storm water fees.

The rate studies are inconsistent in comparing comparable communities on all fronts. They used Lake Oswego, where they do not even have floating homes. A fee and a tax are defined differently. A fee is defined as a service. Floating homes (overwater structures) do not receive onsite storm water service. Clean water is important to us.

Cathy thinks they have been withholding information; they want to keep scheduling inadequate meetings without answering the relevant questions. Next: The city posted a meeting that (our) group declined due to lack of information before the meeting! We also requested a Hybrid Zoom/Live Meeting, which they haven't arranged or agreed to.

Ron: Last time it was proposed \$25 per month, per floating home. For Jantzen Beach it could cost \$7000 month! PYC \$3700 month

Cathy believes that their rate study is wrong.

The City Council must vote to pass new rates.

Member: Storm water assess through their agencies. Water bills tend to be fees. Equity: high rises would pay for their roof top but not pay per unit. A general discussion re: pollutants, moss, roofing materials, etc. The city claims that floating homes pollute the river. If they charge us for these perceived pollutants, what service will they be contributing?

You cannot .....Impervious surfaces.

We shouldn't be negotiating lower fees.....

Cathy: These rate increases..

Every new fee from every department in the city will be debilitating to the city as a whole! DES got a small increase.

1:39-1:44 lost audio, internet?

Steve Harkens analyzed the water data. Snow loads were causing the honey pots to flush constantly. Steve will help analyze some of the rate study data.

Justin Teutsch: Clean Water

Stan Tonneson: They discussed Black water, grey water, treated outflows vs stored sewerage. No disposal of black water in CA or WA.

Cathy: We hope to get answers to our questions at tomorrow's meeting and assemble people who can go to the meeting with the City next week. She also seeks a brainstorming session with some knowledgeable people.

Ron: If you put a meter on the output of your sanitary sewer, you can get a discount.

Extensive bureaucracy

Tax vs Fee: Taxes are imposed for revenue purposes, while Fees cover the cost of providing a service.

A BES Zoom meeting was set for tonight, then arbitrarily changed to June 28. Our people are pushing for answers BEFORE the meeting. Stan has offered his help too.

Suggestion: Some attorneys do pro bono (comp) work.

Young attorneys can take on things that help them build their reputation.

Kelly Butler Holtz: This good stormwater discussion is today's Best Practices group discussion. No open discussion today unless time allows.

Jack Whitmore of Big Eddy is looking for a Property Management company referral.

**WOOO Meeting is adjourned at 2:09pm**

**Board Minutes Taken by WOOO Secretary Maura Hayes**