



Waterfront Organizations Of Oregon

JULY 12, 2023 APPROVED Minutes

Noon WOOO Board Meeting Zoom/Live/Hybrid Meeting

<https://waterfrontoregon.com>

Call to order / Ron Schmidt

Thanks and recognition of PYC for their support

Board Roll Call / Don Gire

QUORUM PRESENT (4 minimum)

WOOO 2023 officers & board directors:

President

X Ron Schmidt (The Planning Group/Oarboard)

Vice President

X Kelly Butler Holtz (Oregon Yacht Club)

Secretary

E Maura Hayes (Macadam Bay Moorage)

Treasurer

X Stan Tonneson (Rocky Point Marina)

Technology Officer

X Bryrick Shillam (Portland Realty Services)

Directors

E Doug Romjue (CRYC)

E Harry Braunstein (Portland Yacht Club)

X Marlon Bump (Riverplace Harbormaster)

Mark McCuddy (McCuddy's Marinas)

Pascal LeGuilly (Schooner Boat Works)

Justin Teutsch (Columbia Crossings, Inc)

X Don Gire (TDA: Tomahawk Island Floating Homes)

Tom Ulrich (McCormick Pier Marina & HOA)

X Randy Phillips (Columbia River Yacht Club)

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 Introduction of Attendees:

Paul & Patricia Busher of West Hayden Island Moorage, Dan Gulbrandson founder of WOOO and present owner of A1 Marina (a derelict boat removal contractor), Steve Harkins, West Hayden Island Moorage, Randy Phillips (Voted in as a member), Columbia Yacht Club, Tim Gorman, Bridgeton

June 2023 Minutes: A change by Stan Tonneson was approved changing "75 members" to 75% of members". July modified minutes approved by the board.

Treasurers Report

\$125. reimbursed for postage, \$1,225 paid in 2023 dues = current ending balance \$13,692.67

35 of 50 members have paid dues. Email and Mailings reminding members to remit payment has occurred. The mailings prompted payments but membership should check their records and if unpaid, please pay annual dues as soon as possible.

Government Organizations:

M.C. Sheriff Deputy Steve Dangler:

The Sheriff's Department has been busy as July summer attractions and great weather puts the focus on the waterfront, picnicking, boating and swimming. The 4th of July Festival & Fireworks lead that parade. MCSO patrolled and assisted hundreds of boaters. In one event (boat accident) the Officers were assisted by Marlon Bump (Riverplace Harbormaster) to safeguard and process that crash. Thanks Marlon and MCSO.

Other events patrolled and assisted by MCSO included:

- Good in the Hood

- Hit Parade Program

- Summer camp for kids water safety

- "World Oregon" Discussion of waterfront issues with 5 African dignitaries

- Various 7/4th parties including breaking up fights and rowdy revealers

- The removal of 3 firearms removed from on-water vessels

- Tagging 3 boats on the Willamette, 2 at Chinook Landing

The recent decision to provide 4 MCSO vessels, 8 Patrol Officers was a positive development.

Discussion was held regarding WOOO's desire to increase vessels and officers even more, possibly back to the 14 Patrol Officers as previously staffed.

Efforts continue to address Multnomah Channel patrol issues further in the future.

Ross Island ADV (abandoned derelict vessels) cleanup continues to be difficult as The Ross Island Company owns the water rights at Ross Island (Willamette) and effective ADV removal & patrol can get complicated.

DAV activity is now entering Round 4 and includes NOPO Harbor funded removals.

A State funded Boat Return Program (\$350K) will help unclog waterways and shorelines with 19 removed, 19 more to go with 69 applications pending. \$100K spent and \$250K funding for between now and October 23. As a comparison, Washington State has an open budget for their similar DAV program.

The program goal is to remove ADV boats before they sink. It's much less expensive if they can be just towed away and trashed rather than also being refloated.

MCSO advised that people must not give old disabled boats away or sell for very cheap – as that causes continued growth of derelict and sunken vessels once abandoned.. .Best people use the new Turn in Program.

President Schmidt thanked the Sheriffs for their exemplary and persistent work in helping our Water environment to be safer and more under control and for their continued support of WOOO.

Legislative

Stan Tonneson that HB2914 & 303 were passed and awaiting signature by the Governor. This appropriated \$18.7 million to DSL, Marine Board, Parks, etc. A task force was enabled to “follow the money” and report back to State Legislate on progress to drive positive laws on boating including ADV.

General Board and Member Discussion:

John Weigant (The Islands Moorage) asked if MCSO patrols and enforces requirement for human powered vessels (kayaks, canoes, SUP, etc. under 10 feet) to have Water Access Permits? Answer by MCSO was yes. The funds from Permits do go directly to OSMB for building and operating marine infrastructure that is directly used by human powered vessels. The more Permits issued increases funds to support these vessels.

Marlin Bump questioned how many sunken boats have been removed? Mostly larger vessels removed (i.e. Oh Baby cost \$85,000. For removal). Sunk vessels numbers are largely unknown until different tidal and seasonal water levels expose them. Currently 3 larger vessels have been targeted in West NOPO Harbor. Last count of floating & known sunk vessels in MC is 100, down from earlier 176. Progress is being made.

Deputy Sheriff Dangler advised that 5 arrests were recently made Re: old warrants from a boat off the water. The MCSO focus is to patrol Columbia River from mile 107 to 109 plus downtown Willamette and MC areas of Multnomah Channel. Call non-emergency police numbers or 911 to report incidents. Do not call Sheriff Office direct to report waterborne issues. 911 will control necessary enforcement contacts. All incidents need to be reported so as to drive the Data that supports need for funding in these areas. Full reporting also drives patrol points and high volume hour needs. For “wake issues”, call authorities only if (non-emergency) damage occurs. Please see the MCSO Marine Safety Complaint Form located on line at waterfrontoregon.com.

Rain Tax 2

An expanded discussion was held regarding a second attempt by civil authorities to find a different method of taxing floating & marine properties other than the first attempt that was defeated which assessed floating home roof area. WOOO maintains that when rain falls on most Marine properties that are in the water, that the water goes immediately in the River and does not utilize the cities stormwater sewer system. On land facilities of these marine facilities (parking lots, land structures, etc.) do collect runoff water and use their own drainage outfall instead of the storm sewer system and yet do pay for this infrastructure and service and contribute fully to the “off site” system charges.

Discussion followed on runoff to the river via a stormwater system could help prevent chemicals, tire residue and other potential pollution material from reaching the River and everyone involved would be contributing to the revenue method to handle that. Again, trying to tax direct "Sky to River" or exempt property going "untouched" into the River is not the way! Examples from recent civic meetings were further discussed.

Options of addressing the City Council or other governmental bodies were discussed. The Vigor Company was contributing to funding investigation and attorney fees on Raintax !. We appreciate that winning effort so very much. It appears Vigor is working directly with BES for solutions. We hope they will continue to be an ally and partner. -Also, it was suggested that our Legislative contact should be brought into this as necessary.

Marine involved structures that run-off direct into the River without need for stormwater sewers amount to only 0.2% of Portland's metropolitan roof area. The cost of paying for increasing Stormwater System capacity needs to be equitable shared.

(Due to the extra time of discussion on the water system and Raintax 2, time has run-out and the Best Practices Session that usually follows WOOO, was cancelled.)

WOOO Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm.

Minutes taken by Don Gire as Maura Hayes, Secretary, was unavailable for this meeting that was delayed one week from normal due to 4th holiday.

7/19/2023 deg