



WATERFRONT ORGANIZATIONS OF OREGON -

September 6, 2023-Minutes - APPROVED

Noon WOOO Board Zoom/Live/Hybrid Meeting

<https://waterfrontoregon.com/>

Call to Order / Ron Schmidt

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

Thanks to WOOO VP Kelly Butler Holtz and PYC General Manager Daniel Wilkins for taking on the ZOOM/IT functions!

WOOO 2023 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS Board Roll Call

Secretary, Maura Hayes QUORUM PRESENT (minimum: 4 needed)

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)

Harry Braunstein (Portland Yacht Club)

X Marlon Bump (Riverplace Harbormaster)

Mark McCuddy (McCuddy's Marinas)

X Pascal Le Guilly (Schooner Creek Boat Works)

X Don Gire (Tomahawk Destiny)

Justin Teutsch,(Columbia Crossings, Inc.)

Welcome & Introductions / Ron Schmidt

Previous Meeting Minutes: Two separate motions were made by Don Gire, and seconded by Stan Tonneson to approve the minutes for July and August 2023 Minutes. Motion unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report / Stan Tonneson:

Previous Balance as of last meeting:_____

Current Balance \$14,694.84

NEWS AND INFO FROM OUR GOVERNMENTAL ALLIES

Chris Castelli, DSL. Department of State Lands:

The Tiffany will be removed by the end of October. WCT Marine got the demolition contract. Global will be collaborating with waste removal.

Final cost: approx. \$1.2 million dollars.

Babeko's , The Dietrich's Marina: the lease has been in long-time disrepair, waterway lease has been terminated as of August 31. They can and will likely appeal within 60 days. Third parties can come in and take over the lease if all is compliant.

MC Sheriff Nicole Morrissey O'Donnell:

She appreciated our help with the budget issues; we helped retain 2 river patrol deputies through our letters and calls.

The 1.5% budget constraint (\$2.5 million) on the recent budget was challenging.

(Choppy internet-poor audio)

Represents one-time only funds. They / we will need to push for more funding in the future cycle, starting in October / November. They did need to shift one river patrol deputy into a different division using the general fund dollars.

Questions:

Staffing needs on the far east side?

Westside car patrol covers Sauvie Island to the far West Side

What was the previous patrol coverage to comparison when pushing for budget needs for 110 miles?

Sgt. Steve Dangler, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)
503-988-6788 MCSO River Patrol

Seasonal increase in recreational life on the river.

500 boat inspections done over the summer.

5 more derelict boats removed from the Ross Island area.

2 fatalities, one bridge jump (survived/recovered)

OSMB Boat Turn-In Program is fantastic. That funding is drying up by the end of October.

The Queen of Seattle is moored across from Waverly Club. The vessel is unsecured, some of the lines are already broken. They will be working on that soon. A private company still owns the vessel.

West Hayden Island has a similar issue, with old pylons rotting away.

ADVAC Task Force is tasked with securing boats before they break loose. No actual number of citations.

Some issues have continued with the boat rental companies.

A new rental community has opened on the Columbia.

Renters at floating hot tub company do not need a boater safety card. Boats are slow and get swamped easily.

A question was asked about the large boat Plum Crazy, that has been moored for over 10 years near Ross Island. They are moored within the water rights of Ross Island Company / Pamplin Media; removal becomes complicated. Over 46 derelict boats have been removed from that area recently.

MCSO,
Sean Whalen, Harbormaster

Who should WOOO woo in the city as advocates?

No particular person or department was named.

Derelict Vessels: 176 was the original number, reduced down to 135 due to the multiple collaborations within the Portland area.

Vessel: Mark Twain no one bid on it. No seizure planned right now.

Chris Castelli, DSL:

“Thanks for the good meeting. I'm going to jump off here in a minute. But please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Thanks! Chris Castelli-DSL”

Jacob Taylor is the project manager. DSL is recruiting for 2 positions for ADV Task Force: Waterway Stewardship position. Compliance Outreach Coordinator. See new website for details.

From Chat: Just looked at the roster for the ADV Work Group. Yes, we have Portland Parks and Rec, and Portland Fire and Rescue. Along with MCSO and Metro for other local government representation to PDX.

90 applications for issued for seizure.

Look up specs.

Average size 8-30'

MC Sheriff Office-Chief Deputy James Eriksen

Body Cam Program was presented via Power Point Presentation:

Deputy Ericksen has 25 years on the force, he is meeting with local groups to discuss the body cam program. The cameras are now more affordable, the storage of the data is expensive. It can help with accountability, state evidence for the DA.

Accountability vs Privacy.

They will have the option to shut off the camera or blur out faces of surrounding people. Deputies will turn the cameras on for actual events.

In school settings, __

Technology exists to turn the camera on when the gun or taser gets pulled out or if the officer is on the ground.

The videos cannot be modified.

Policies will be created regarding a lot of potential scenarios:

Officer-involved shootings

Traffic Stops

Holding people for probable crime

The Pilot Program will begin in Winter 2023. Once reviewed, they will ask for funding for 100+ cameras___.

What happens if the camera isn't turned on?

It is always on , but when you hit the button, it starts recording 30 seconds back.

Waterproof?

Officers typically wear 35# of total patrol gear. The camera will add very little weight.

Cost: Over a billion dollars. This includes the photo-shopping/privacy blurring, which may require 3 personnel.

New Topic/Question:

For Communications with River Patrol, we need a real-time tool for sending no-wake info/video/photos/forms.

Officer (name?) with Sgt Steve Dangler

They developed a form for reporting Stolen items, wake reports, etc. to police. Look for it on the front page of the WOOO website.

For more immediate action: The phone messages at the RPU office do not get picked up. 1/3 of the calls actually are 911 calls if it is causing imminent danger to life and property.

ADV Task Force established by HB 2914 Abandoned derelict vessels on state owned lands

Chris at DSL has met with a lot of stake-holders. The project objective is to develop comprehensive ADV protocols, identify needs, create data-bases with realistic removal targets, and to secure sustainable funding.

Twelve meetings are planned, beginning on Sept 12 and 24. Stan Tonneson will be attending. Budget, scope, history are topics.

Stan Tonneson (the only marina owner) listed some of the other entities participating in this planning group.

All meetings are public. We can all attend but cannot participate. Doug Romjue will be filling in at 3 of the meetings. Contact them if you have agendas. You can watch and text your idea or comment “live” to Stan or Doug. The legislature has labeled this ADVAC program as an emergency.

Rain Tax II:

This Board meeting will take the place of the Best Practices Meeting in order to cover the Rain Tax II.

Ron hasn't heard very much feedback from many about the Rain Tax. The riverfront community needs to be educated.

Tim Gorman: Storm water run-off is paid for by the city from the permeable surfaces on your property. Over-water structures do not impact storm water infrastructure. BES gave no reply/confirmation. They said that we are contaminating the river when the rainwater hits our roof and drains into the river.

Our parking lots contribute to storm water drainage, they are considered permeable.

The city's response has been one of re-directing.

Strategic public input is needed at the October 18 City Council Meeting.

Approach the City Council as allies.

1. Come up with a better tax or fee.
2. Citizen testimonials: identify yourself and how the tax will impact you.

Stan: They are listening to our objections so that they can re-write the policy to override them. A water consulting firm may be helpful.

They will change the definition of what is a permeable surface.

A dedicated fund should be started to fight this. At the upcoming council meeting, we can request for them to slow their roll.

You will need a consultant to help the attorney create opposition to the city.

Some possible attorneys: Clafford.

Attorney DiLorenzo is \$1500 per hour.

Portland Yacht Club stormwater bill will be doubled to \$40,000.

The tax will cost Rose City Moorage \$650 per month

John Weigant of Islands Moorage can commit to \$1000 for the fund. They are only charged for their parking lot. "Run off " over ground is the current terminology. Storm water. Most moorages are profitable to the city.

Ken: The city may form a tax to mitigate filters on the downspouts to control potential contaminants. That would be more defensible.

Various people discussed how it will affect the costs to their moorage, and conjectured about equity with land structures.

Bob Wilson, past president of WOOO and Randy Phillips of CRYC are both active in this topic. Political and legal avenues are needed. The legal front can happen after it is in place because so far, the BES language has been vague.

Don: Where do the stormwater charges go? If it goes to the General Fund, then it is a tax.

In chat: <https://www.portland.gov/bes/where-sewer-rates-go>

Two members at Bridgeton (Thomas and Walters) may have skillful political strategies.

Convert stormwater tax to Clean Marina mitigation?

How to vet the attorneys?

Ron: Kent Graper (sp?) is quite savvy.

Ron asks Marlon: The Clean Water Act

What kind of litigation against the city could involve The Clean Water Act.

We are being accused of polluting the waters with our roof run-off. If you utilize the The Clean Water Act, it can have unintended consequences for floating homes.

Stan Tonneson: Consultants with *multiple* PhDs have the best results, they have the most credible credentials. In this case, a lawyer is needed too.

Meeting Adjourned 2:40

Best Practices Meeting canceled

Next Board Meeting first Wednesday of the Month 10.4.2023

Minutes Taken by Secretary Maura Hayes