

WOOO Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday Aug 2nd 2023 at Portland Yacht Club

Meeting called to order at 12 noon by Ron . Problems with Owl/Zoom and meeting put on hold for 10 minutes. At 12:10 pm meeting called back to order without Zoom attendance.

Role Call- Board Members present

Stan Tonneson

Ron Schmidt

Don Gire

Marlon Bump

Kelly Holtz

Mark McCuddy

Harry Bransteen

Quorum requirements met.

Prior meeting minutes were voted to be tabled until next meeting pending changes proposed by Kelly Holtz.

Treasurer Update - Stan Tonneson- balance \$13, 975.67 plus \$250 being held

Governmental Update

- Oregon Dept of State Lands
 - HB 2914 established abandoned/derelict vessel program and fund
 - HB 5029 allocates funds from Monsanto fund to ADV program
 - Task force is being developed with Dept of State Lands, including hiring staff for removal and disposal program management and admin activities
 - Convening working group to get input on what program should look like. Will look at Washington State as a model
 - Two large vessels removed at cost of 7m near I-5 Bridge
 - Now removing FV Tiffany in Columbia County near Rainier. NTE 1.42m. Global Diving and Salvage awarded the contract (out of Seattle, but equipment serviced here)
 - Removed vessel from Astoria Waterfront. Working to recover costs from owner's estate (100'sk)
 - Working on renewing contracts for ongoing ADV removal
 - Bebeckos – DSL has been allowed to cancel lease pending final modifications by both parties. There is a possibility that Bebeckos could appeal to the State Appeals Board.
- River Patrol Update - Captain Steve Bevins and Noah Livermore
 - Big thanks for WOO's support on keeping deputies in the Budget
 - Need more deputies to properly partner with all the departments/organizations requiring assistance
 - WOO also lobbied with the Marine Board for Budget renewal. Marine Board has not increased the River Patrol Budget for 10 years, but it is renewed for another two years
 - River Patrol vessel has approval for repairs, now waiting on parts
 - Deputies are currently fully staffed. Will now be able to use Sgt. Dangler as a Sgt and not a deputy
 - Have been busy with body recoveries and warrant arrests

- PWC rescue of two women near I-5 Bridge. This has become an increasing problem. Unsure if rental safety checklist is addressing this. River Patrol working on public education
- Sandy River body recovery
- Doing a lot of contacts and inspections
- 823 non-emergency number - BOEC Dispatch Center run by City of Portland. River Patrol pays for the dispatch service. Extremely short-handed on dispatchers to levels never seen before. Sheriff's Office has online reporting service. We should push with the Commissioner for improvements
- Body cameras for Sheriff's Office - Will be presented at next meeting, asking WOO for review and support for budget process
- Board member concern with Incident Report Documents. Will be addressed with new business in next month's meeting
- Harbormaster Update
 - Making headway with City of Portland on ADVs. Working to get agencies to work together to proactively address ADVs before sinking

Stormwater Updates

- Expect to go to City Council for approval in Fall 2023 with rates going in to effect in Spring 2024
- Calculations based on current rates = 3,000 - 5,000 per month increase for PYC
- West Hayden Island Moorage and McCuddy's Marina on board for rate study. Still waiting on CRYC to provide account information. Rate study information will be shared publicly
- Mayor Wheeler has voiced that he does not want to extend new taxes
- BES trying to combine with sewer fees, which are expected to be reduced
- Few attorneys willing to take on the City, and require 50k retainer
- Vigor funded legal representation during Rain Tax I in 2018
- How can we voice our concerns to the press, City Hall?
- There will be a public meeting with BES to share expected rate impacts on floating home communities
- Can we start by contacting attorney who represented Vigor previously?
- BES arguing that over water surfaces are contributing to contamination/pollution
- BES has a website with more detailed information. Ron to communicate this along with the rate study
<https://www.portland.gov/BES/aligning-rates-and-charges>
<https://www.portland.gov/bes/documents/preliminary-report-rate-study/download>
- Do we know if BES has addressed the previous appeal that demonstrated an impervious surface only applied to over-land surfaces?
- Request all Board members review the BES website
- Next step is to form a task force of volunteers to address this

Social Committee

- Annual Dinner will be November 4. Program being developed

Other Committees

no reports

Old Business

- Taking insurance off the agenda

- Rental boat concerns - Difficult topic without enforcement. Keep it on the agenda, to be addressed with the Marine Board

No New Business

Meeting adjourned at 1:55pm