



WATERFRONT ORGANIZATIONS OF OREGON - January 4, 2023

WOOO Board Meeting Minutes— Zoom/Live/Hybrid

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Call to Order / Ron Schmidt

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

WOOO 2023 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS Board Roll Call:

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

PRESIDENT

✓ Ron Schmidt (The Planning Group/Oarboard)

VICE PRESIDENT

✓ Kelly Butler Holtz (Oregon Yacht Club)

SECRETARY

✓ Maura Hayes (Macadam Bay Moorage)

TREASURER

✓ Stan Tonneson (Rocky Point Marina)

TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

✓ Bryrick Shillam (Portland Realty Services, LLC)

DIRECTORS

✓ Doug Romjue (CRYA)

Harry Braunstein (Portland Yacht Club)

Marlon Bump (Riverplace Harbormaster)

Mark McCuddy (McCuddy's Marinas)

Pascal Le Guilly (Schooner Creek Boat Works)

Kyle Downs (Columbia Crossings, Inc.)

✓ Don Gire (Tomahawk Destiny)

Joe Nelson (President Jantzen Beach Moorage, Inc.)

Linda Donewald (Columbia Ridge Marina)

Kellyn Gorman (Bridgeton Harbour)

Tom Ulrich (McCormick Pier Marina & HOA)

✓ Ken Cassidy (CRYC)

Welcome & Introductions / Ron Schmidt
Previous Meeting Minutes Approved by Board

Treasurer's Report / Stan Tonneson:

Previous Balance as of last meeting: \$11,679.
D & O Insurance extended to \$1 million: \$1164
Zoom \$149
Current Balance: \$10,366

Technology Officer Report / Bryrick Shillam:

All: Check WOOO Website, send in contact updates.
<https://waterfrontoregon.com/board-members>
<https://waterfrontoregon.com/links-and-professionals>

NEWS AND INFO FROM OUR GOVERNMENTAL ALLIES

Jacob Taylor, Dept of State Lands (DSL) jacob.Taylor@dsl.oregon.gov :

Sakarisa Vessel is out of the water. Lindberg Beach is up next for clean ups.
Unique solutions needed for Chris Jones' vessel on the Columbia. It is at risk and in the way. Preventative actions needed so that they do not sink.
Legislative funding updates are still pending re: Derelict Vessels.

Ron Schmidt: How do we influence (salvage) funding for derelict vessels?
Jacob Taylor: Write to elected officials. Talk to Maleah.

Commander Chris Gjovik, Portland Police Bureau North Portland Precinct:

They have been doing outreach to Hayden Island retailers which are prone to some of the same criminal elements that are seen at the marinas and are doing directed patrols to city parks. Personnel Report: 47 people are getting off of probation so that is good news for police staffing. 80 or 90 candidates await training spots in the academy before full deployment.

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

Several vessels have been posted for action, which is a 2 month process for moving or seizure of boats. Bid Process in January includes 16 vessels: Lindberg Beach, Swan Island, North Portland Harbor. This requires multi-agency participation. They are only down 1 position. Training 20 officers towards full staffing. They will have a \$1.5 mil budget constraint starting in Spring. Battling for funding.

Tim Bridgeton Harbor: have the boats been raised in this area?

Sgt. Dangler: They (we) grabbed a couple, but budget constraints need to be balanced for action. Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) looks at certain factors for derelict vessels (DV) that does not always allow for managing all vessels.

Tina, Bridgeton Harbor: At what point is the boat posted or tagged for removal?

Sgt. Dangler: If in imminent danger of sinking. But then the funds need to be allocated. They towed certain boats back to the police yard. A labor-intensive 25' boat was towed to the parking lot, which cost \$700 to tow plus further transport costs comes to \$2000. Other agencies must help absorb those costs.

Stan Tonneson asked about any news about the Swan Island Boat Ramp?

Sgt. Dangler: It is being transferred to the Bureau of Environmental Services (BES). (N. Basin) Designated parking lot is being staged as a potential houseless camp. Still in limbo.

(BES) owns that property, but is affiliated with Parks Dept, which is talking of closing the ramp.

Sgt. Dangler discussed some budget issues that may impact their work.

Ron: Your presence on the water is essential.

John Colon sunken boat was blocking waterway after he was booted out of Columbia Crossing for non-payment. Hazardous material was removed, they are working on a solution.

Sean Whalen, Harbormaster, Portland Fire Bureau

Following the freezing weather, for Fire Safety, look at your Standpipe Systems, make sure that they still work. Check for leaks.

Maura asked about strategies for blocked moorage fire lanes (for 3 days) due to a dumped stolen vehicle. He suggested talking to the Fire Marshall or to have it towed yourself?

River Community Advisory Committee (RCAC) Meeting Recap

Kelly Holtz, Bryrick Shillam, Tim Larson

September was the first meeting, five other members of varying waterfront interests: moorage owners, marinas, real estate, etc. Bureau Development Services (BDS) issues the building permits for all structures in the city. Questions are answered. Sean Whalen also tunes in to answer safety questions.

Title 28 was written to ensure safety.

Committee updates and reviews verbiage to reflect current needs.

A code revision is underway which must be approved by the city council to change the codes. The primary change is modernized language, improving terms and definitions. The December 20th revision proposal will appear in council early this year. "Improvements to moorage" definition is still pending.

All minutes are public. Anyone can provide input.

<https://www.portland.gov/code/28>

Previous meeting minutes and agendas are provided in the documents section of the RCAC website.

<https://www.portland.gov/bds/river-committee/documents>

<https://www.portland.gov/bds/river-committee>

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/67555>

Ron Schmidt: Can one replace all stringers without a permit? This has been in contention for many years. This needs to be resolved in the new RCAC document changes.

Bryrick Shillam: Yes, he thinks it is considered maintenance.

Committee Reports

ADVAC

Existing and new legislation / funding to cover loose, floating marine hazards:

“Good Samaritans”

“Innocent Victim Marinas”

Ron Schmidt: We need this issue addressed legislatively. Please step forward and join Stan Tonneson to get this in place, fiscally and legislatively.

Currently if a DV comes barreling down the waterway, if we try to help, we become responsible for the vehicle and any damage that it does.

Stan Tonneson:

5 bills from different agencies to address this issue, yet nothing is posted as yet.

Sign up on their (bill) email list to see how it is progressing.

First state action is to modify rent control that is in place to a lower number.

Security

Linda Donewald Chair

Report to / send info to CRAMSG.communications@gmail.com

Not present, no report.

Social Committee

Jane Gire, Chair

Summer Meeting: She met with Daniel Wilkins, PYC Catering (General?) Manager.

Does WOOO want a social event in the Summer?

If yes, how and when? Lunch or Happy Hour? Indoors or outdoors?

Send some input or preferences.

Other Committees

Old Business

Floating Home Insurance

Ron Schmidt: There is a need for a competitive marketplace.

United Heritage has restrictions on new business, resulting in severe rate increases by Red Shield. Insurance option shortages limit choices.

United and other companies are less than enthusiastic to add accounts. We need other insurance options out there to avoid a monopoly. Monopoly is not good for consumers.

Don Gire (retired Insurance CEO) used to find insurance markets for campgrounds around the states. He is thinking about who can fill this insurance niche (vacuum). A discussion with Red Shield would be good. The new underwriting VP found that United Heritage was underwriting but not localizing their properties. They must diversify account locations so not to take a big hit from a catastrophe. Heritage doesn't want any more accounts in this region. One can call them, they might accept you *if* there is a smaller number of Heritage accounts near you already. We might see a loss of Heritage in the future. Don had to pay large Red Shield costs with much less coverage. Realtor Karla Devine says that people are losing home sales because they cannot sign on with Heritage, many are not interested in signing on with Red Shield. Karla Devine, Don Gire, Dan Haber (marina owner) have expressed interest in being on a new Insurance Committee.

Property Tax Filing Requirement for Boathouses

Draft copy soon to be posted on the legislative information system.

Ron: Jantzen Beach Moorage was penalized \$7000 in the recent past due to this unfair tax penalty system. Boat houses are still needing legislative protections from the unjust tax penalty.

Ken Cassidy and CRYC Commodore Fred Washburn would be ideal for supporting this bill, due to all of their boat houses.

Rental Boat Concerns

Marlon Bump /

Tom Uhlrich: Nothing ready as yet. They are getting the common rental language underway. Rental Boats are more of a revenue stream with no incentives for boating safety *unless* they get fined.

Rick Nelson, Island Moorage: had an "absolute freeway" this summer! OSMB was contacted re: Wake Zone and rental boat issues. 200' wake zone.

Rick is willing to work on this committee.

Sgt. Dangler: The boats are still *responsible* for wake created beyond the 200' zone but practical enforcement remains the issue.

Re: buoys. They become a costly endeavor as they get vandalized or hit and present some liability concerns. It costs a couple of thousand dollars to replace buoys: expensive!

Multnomah Channel residents of Sauvie Island are below sea level, situated around an entire levy. The erosion is compromising the levy. No one is stepping forward to rebuild the levy. Those residents may be ideal advocates for this legislation.

Jacob Taylor: says the Army Corps Of Engineers may be the relevant agency for anti-wake endeavors.

The new wake zone rule changes on the Willamette River have moved the wake problems up north and to other areas.

Sgt. Dangler reiterated his interest/ suggestion in getting a boat permitting process in place.

ZELLO app can be a way to warn waterfront people ahead if a boat is coming their way. Grassroots Policing/ Neighborhood Watch Systems.

Doug Romjue: Cameras on the river side of your homes document boat/ time and maybe OR Numbers. Simple home security system.

New Business

Board Discussion: Future Meetings Virtual only or Live/Hybrid
Hybrid is preferred for broader options.

Input from Agencies/ Allies?

Agencies attend live quarterly?

PYC Ballroom, Dining Room or Board Room?

Volunteers

Launching Zoom Meeting - Lisa

Laptop Purchase

Ron is using his personal laptop for WOOO, but needs it elsewhere when he travels. Dedicated Laptop?

It will be minimally used, but must handle videos, meetings, etc.

Approved the purchase of a laptop up to \$400-500 for WOOO Usage.

Bryrick Shillam will make the purchase selection.

Open Board Discussion

Adjourn

**ZOOM WILL CONTINUE FOR BEST PRACTICES MOORAGE LEADERS
GROUP**

Next Board Meeting first Wednesday of the Month 2.1.2023

Submitted by Secretary Maura Hayes