

Waterfront Organizations of Oregon (WOOO) Board Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2025 **Time:** 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM **Place:** Portland Yacht Club

1. Roll Call & Introductions

Officers Present:

- **Ron Schmidt:** Present
 - **Kelly Holtz:** Present
 - **Stan Tonneson:** Present
 - **Kellyn Gorman:** Absent
 - **Quinn Flanigan:** Present
 - **Doug Romjue:** Present
 - **Harry Braunstein:** Present
 - **Marlon Bump:** Present
 - **Spencer McCuddy:** Absent
 - **Pascal Le Guilly:** Absent
 - **Justin Teutsch:** Absent
 - **Don Gire:** Absent
 - **Kirk Lance:** Absent
 - **Dan Comfort:** Present
 - **Bob Wilson:** Absent
 - **Tracy Robinson:** Absent
 - **Abby Boudouris:** Present
 - **Rick Nelson:** Present
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2. Social Chair Report

- **Jane Gire** reported on the upcoming Annual Member Meeting/Dinner scheduled for this Saturday.
 - **Details:** Happy Hour at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM, Program at 7:00 PM
 - **Location:** Columbia River Yacht Club, Portland Oregon
 - **Note:** Members were encouraged to attend to vote on the slate of officers.
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3. Approval of Minutes

- **Motion:** By Kelly Holtz to approve the minutes of the October 2025 board meeting. Motion seconded by Stan Tonneson.
 - **Vote:** Passed unanimously.
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4. Treasurer's Report

Stan Tonneson reported:

- **Previous Balance:** \$16,933.00
 - **Expenses:** \$23 (Lunch: Corky Collier), \$258 Liberty Mutual Insurance for liability insurance.
 - **Income:** \$250.00 from Bridgeton Harbor.
 - **Current Balance:** \$16,902.01
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5. Agency Reports

Portland Fire & Rescue (Sean Whalen)

- **Dinner Attendance:** The fire boat was scheduled to appear at Saturday's annual dinner around 5:30 PM, but was cancelled because it would be too dark to see at that hour.
- **Invasive Species:** Confirmed jet boats are not affected by milfoil, but prop boats are chopping it up.
- **Equipment Update:** The *David Campbell* fireboat has been retired and moved to Astoria for display. It will eventually be housed at the Maritime Museum.

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office / River Patrol (Jennifer Chiobaniashu)

- **Ross Island Enforcement:** A major operation was conducted last Wednesday to gather ~35 boats (approx. 15 inhabited) near Ross Island.
- **Strategy:** Working with the Governor's office, Mayor's office, and social services to move individuals along (5 nautical miles or into housing).
- **Holgate Channel:** Teams were out today identifying boats.
- **Recovery:** Noted one body recovery recently; overall fatality numbers are lower than average this year.

Department of State Lands (Josh Mulholland)

- **Ross Island:** DSL is collaborating with MCSO and the City on the ADV cleanup. Optimism was expressed regarding the involvement of social services and the Mayor's office.
- **Cleanups:** Ongoing work in Troutdale and lower Willamette/Columbia beaches.

- **Lease Rules & Regs:** The new rules will go to the State Land Board on **December 9th**, with implementation expected **July 1st, 2026**.
- **Public Comment:** Steve Harkins (JBMI) expressed frustration regarding DSL's delay in posting public comments/replies. Blake Helm (DSL) apologized for the communication breakdown.

Oregon State Marine Board (Phil Hudspeth)

- **Board Updates:** The Board welcomed two new members (Fiona Wylde and a representative from Central Oregon).
 - **Statistics:** 152,000 boating registrations issued in 2024.
 - **Fatalities:** 12 boating fatalities recorded year-to-date. **Zero** incidents involved motorized vessels; 11 of 12 victims were not wearing life jackets.
 - **Rulemaking:** Other work on "Sleds" rules and a new petition for a "Slow No Wake" zone on Ana Reservoir is ongoing.
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6. Committee Reports

- **CRYA (Doug Romjue):**
 - Annual meeting held at Columbia River Yacht Club.
 - **New Officers:** Tracy Robinson (President), Jason Resch (VP).
 - **Success:** Funding granted by the Marine Board to State Parks for the **Schwitters's Landing** dock repairs.
 - **Vegetation Work Group (Rick Nelson):**
 - Held a "Best Practices" meeting. No immediate solution found; the state currently classifies milfoil as natural grass (despite its invasive status) and provides no funding.
 - **Kelly Holtz** noted experiments by **Karen and Chris Sampson** (Sampson Built Solutions) for the Vancouver Fire Dept. regarding suction removal of milfoil.
 - **Next Steps:** Planning to contact a resource from East Multnomah County (Aquatic Insight) regarding water treatments.
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7. Old Business

Industrial Environmental Overlay / Conservation Zones

- **Discussion:** The City of Portland is updating its mapping, including new conservation zones overlaid on industrial waterfront properties (partly driven by FEMA/NMFS biological opinions).

- **Impact:** Concerns raised that new "conservation" designations will make permitting for basic repairs (e.g., roads, transformers) significantly harder and more expensive after zoning changes are made in July .
 - **Action Item:** The deadline for public comment is **Monday, November 10**. Quinn Flanigan and Justin Teutsch to coordinate a response/comment guide for members.
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8. New Business

Donations

- **Motion:** Ron Schmidt proposed annual donations.
 - **Details:**
 1. **Christmas Ships:** \$600
 2. **Nautical Safety Foundation:** \$600 (Noted they distribute ~1,600 life jackets/year).
 3. **Portland Yacht Club Employee Christmas Fund:** \$600 (increased from previous years in gratitude for PYC venue use).
 - **Vote:** Motion to approve donations as stated made by Dan Comfort, seconded by Harry Braunstein , and **passed unanimously**. Total expenditure: \$1,800.
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Adjournment

- **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, **December 3rd, 2025**.
- **Note:** Victoria Grace will fill in for Don Gire on behalf of Tomahawk Island as needed.

Minutes submitted by Quinn Flanagan, Secretary.