



## **WOOO Board of Directors Meeting Minutes-APPROVED**

**Wednesday September 4, 2024 at 12:00 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting: Portland Yacht Club or Online/Zoom**

### **AGENDA**

#### **Call to Order / President Ron Schmidt**

Thanks and recognition of PYC for their support

#### **Roll Call–Secretary Maura Alice Hayes**

Minimum Quorum of 4 met

### **2024 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **PRESIDENT**

X Ron Schmidt (The Planning Group/Oarboard)

#### **VICE PRESIDENT**

X Kelly Butler Holtz (Oregon Yacht Club)

#### **SECRETARY**

X Maura Alice Hayes (Macadam Bay)

#### **TREASURER**

X Stan Tonneson (Rocky Pointe Marina)

#### **TECHNOLOGY OFFICER**

X Kellyn Gorman (Bridgeton Harbour)

#### **DIRECTORS**

Doug Romjue (Executive Director CRYA)

X Harry Braunstein (Portland Yacht Club)

X Marlon Bump (Riverplace Harbormaster)

Mark McCuddy (McCuddy's Marinas)

X Pascal Le Guilly (Schooner Creek Boat Works)

Justin Teutsch (Columbia Crossings, Inc.)

X Don Gire (Tomahawk Destiny)

X Kellyn Gorman (Bridgeton Harbour)

X Randy Phillips (CRYC)

Ron Bergmann (2024 President CRYA)  
X Dan Comfort (JBMI)  
Bob Wilson

## **Welcome & Introductions / President Ron Schmidt**

### **Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Kelly Holtz to approve the August 2024 minutes, the motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

### **Treasurer's Report / Stan Tonneson**

Current Balance \$13,650.

## **NEWS AND INFO FROM OUR GOVERNMENTAL ALLIES**

### **Portland Fire & Rescue Harbormaster (PF&R)- Sean Whalen**

The Dragon Boat races will be out this weekend near River Place all day, both days. Coast Guard will attend.

Re: The moorage standpipes. Sean has been engaging with the moorages on this; he has provided a list of companies who can test standpipes as a service. PF&R does not endorse these companies.

Don Gire asked about commercial testing of the fire systems. A 150-lb pressure test is performed every five years by a certified vendor who submits the findings to the fire department.

The annual inspection should include a NFA25 pipe, threads, valve inspection by a competent person. No certification is needed but annual documentation should be sent to the Fire Dept. via the Portland Fire Inspection Testing Form found on their website. The link will be posted on the WOOO website.

### **Multnomah County Sheriff's Department (MCSO) River Patrol - Sgt Matt Adams**

The river patrols are busy! They have seen increased boat thefts; four this morning from the east end, two from the Willamette, and some others from the North Portland Harbor. They welcome photos or security footage of suspicious activity or illegal wake activity. From their website, email the Marine Safety Complaint Form to their compliance person. The RPU has been doing a lot of cleanup of derelict vessels in combination with OSMB. Deputies have also recovered some bodies from the river, including three suicides last week.

**Department of State Lands (DSL) - Chris Castelli**

**Josh Mulhollem:** An upcoming meeting will cover two legislative concepts: Policy statutory obstacles re: ADVAC vessels and Program Funding, potentially through boat purchase revenues.

Three large vessels are being removed and disposed of, two in Coos Bay, and one in Rainier. A significant, privately funded grant application is underway for \$10 million. It is an ADVAC initiative that could help finance future boat turn-in programs and other projects.

**Ellie Forness:** She was hired three months ago as a Government Relations Manager. Her background is in legislative internal government communications.

**Danielle Boudreaux:** Rule-making Coordinator. The next RAC meeting is this Wednesday, at 9 AM. The agenda is posted on their website. There will be time at the end of the meeting for comments on the RAC issue.

**Blake Helm, Proprietary Specialist:** Division 82 will affect waterway lease rates which are being updated. Substantial Rule-making updates are underway; the last rate increase was in 2013.

**Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB)-Alan Hanson, Policy & Environmental**

Re: ADVAC They have removed seventy vessels since getting the ADVAC fund. They will retain \$150,000 in ADV funds.

**Brian Paulsen**

He listed some law enforcement boat patrol statistics for this season.

Re: Wake signage, permitting rules determine acceptable signage.

Posted river signage must be accurate and permit-approved.

**River Committee Advisory Committee—(RCAC) - Kelly Holtz**

The committee is recruiting and has recently received three applications.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****Columbia River Yachting Association (CRYA)-**

**Doug Romjue**

**Ron Bergman**

No report.

## **WOOO Member Directory/ Website/More**

### **Kellyn Gorman, WOOO Chief Technology Officer (CTO)**

She has posted standpipe testing resources on the WOOO website.

Kellyn suggests that WOOO contribute funds towards wake signage.

Ron Schmidt requests that everyone's organization submits their list of vendors to Kellyn to post it to WOOO's website. Perhaps list by region? Please submit resources , not recommendations.

## **WOOO Wake Advisory Committee (WAC)**

Jim Wiegant, Don Larson, Marlon Bump, Kelly Butler Holtz met on August 29th. The Committee is focused on three approaches: Signage, Enforcement, and Funding.

Wasabi Paddling Club created and submitted a wake signage proposal to Multnomah County Commissioners. The proposal must be reviewed by OSMB for compliance.

Multnomah County Commissioner Julia Brimm-Edwards was receptive to the cause. Jim Zimmerman from her office is working on these ideas.

Don Larson's moorage (Class Harbor) maintains a large (retired) floating buoy for wake signage in front of their moorage. They adopted it from the marine board, by agreement to maintain and insure it, at a cost of \$2000 per year. It has a small light. The large buoy has made a huge difference in reducing wake speeds in the North Portland Harbor.

The RPU boathouse located on the Willamette is not currently being used due to funding shortfalls. It would be good to get it operational.

The committee has learned that Seattle finances their Harbor Patrol via the Police Dept. The Seattle Police Foundation is privately funded and helps support the Seattle Harbor Patrol.

The wake advisory committee will re-convene soon.

**Don Gire:** Recently, Tomahawk Moorage in North Portland Harbor had a 20' hot-rod boat speed by going 40 mph generating a large wake. An "inside" house sustained significant damage when the wake lifted their swim float up, crashing it into their house.

Their moorage has printed ten aluminum signs that say "SLOW-NO WAKE ZONE" on stakes attached to their home floats which stretch out over one mile. It might slow some people down. Half of the boaters are

ignorant of how their wakes affect moorages and might adjust their boating behaviors, while the other half is less responsive, more reckless.

**Marlon Bump:**

A funding base is needed, particularly to cover RPU law enforcement on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Ideally, the Willamette Boat Station should be operational for policing the Willamette River.

Wakes are mostly seasonal, so the funding needs would be seasonal.

**WOOO Dredging Advisory Group (DAG)**

George Donnerberg, of Maquire Point has been working for over a year on a maintenance dredging permit which was ultimately denied. He experienced the frustration of dealing with multiple agencies, layers of complexity and expense, all to no avail— they were back to “ground zero” after a year. Oregon Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) says dredging in areas under 20’ are now considered shallow water habitat, adding to an already onerous permitting process. Other moorages have also experienced this bureaucracy. Perhaps WOOO can take leadership on this to collectively research the process, identify all the required steps and processes that create obstacles and minimize unnecessary administrative expense for all? Approach the State legislature. Eurasian milfoil is growing in areas that haven’t been dredged. It is an invasive perennial that takes hold in shallow sunny areas.

Kelly Butler Holtz: The DAG has a problem to consider: the Fish & Wildlife obstacles (shallow water habitat) and the permit rate increases being proposed by the RAC.

The overall costs of getting all these studies and tests plus \$45,000 in expenses for permitting.

Ron Schmidt: There are some member organizations that have never dredged or need to, others have regular need for maintenance dredging. Some moorages have a monthly dredging fee to use toward these needs.

Marlon Bump: Andy Jansky should be consulted for input.

## **Social Committee**

### **Jane Gire, Chair**

The recent Smile Parade was a big success, it will likely become an annual event.

## **WOOO Annual Dinner & Meeting— Saturday, November 2nd**

### **Location: Columbia River Yacht Club**

Cost: \$40 per person donation. Everyone is welcome.

A keynote speaker and award selections are still needed.

Suggestions are welcomed. Rick Buck will be mentioned.

## **Other Committees**

### **Nominating Committee**

Section 3. Election of Directors A. At least forty-five (45) days prior to the annual meeting, the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of three (3) members, two of whom shall be directors.

Most of the board will likely serve again.

The WOOO Nominating Committee is:

Harry Braunstein, Marlon Bump and Mike Schuman.

### **New Business**

John Wiegant: Re: Dredging. Why do multiple neighboring moorages have to do separate dredging and permitting tests and permits for the same environment? Can't DSL handle a group permit for neighboring properties?

Ron: Consider a scenario where our "landlords" at DSL assist the permitting process for dredging since they hold the leases and have access to pertinent data that's already been collected. When a moorage leases land, shouldn't it be useful for such? In the RAC lease negotiations, get the landlords to handle the permits.

Randy Phillips, George Donnerberg, Kelly Butler Holtz, and John Wiegant volunteer for the Dredge Advisory Committee.

Ron: Can George be the Chair and Kelly the Co-Chair?

Lease Advisory should be addressed in the RAC Discussions too.

**Open Board Discussion**

**Adjourn**

**Meeting adjourned at 1:31pm**

**Next Board Meeting first Wednesday of the Month: 10.2.2024**

Meeting minutes submitted by Maura Hayes, WOOO Secretary