



## **WOOO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Wednesday November 6 at 12:00 PM**

**Hybrid attendance: live at Portland Yacht Club and online by ZOOM**

**Best Practices Discussion begins at 11 AM**

**Call to Order / Vice President Kelly Butler Holtz**

**Thanks and recognition of PYC for their support**

**New Events Manager-Rachel McDermott**

### **Roll Call**

#### **Secretary Maura Alice Hayes**

##### **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**

Kellyn Gorman (Bridgeton Harbour)

##### **DIRECTORS**

Doug Romjue (Executive Director CRYA)

X Harry Braunstein (Portland Yacht Club)

Marlon Bump (Riverplace Harbormaster)

Mark McCuddy (McCuddy's Marinas)

Pascal Le Guilly (Schooner Creek Boat Works)

Justin Teutsch (Columbia Crossings, Inc.)

Don Gire (Tomahawk Destiny)

Kellyn Gorman (Bridgeton Harbour)

Randy Phillips (CRYC)

Ron Bergmann (2024 President CRYA)

X Dan Comfort (JBMI)

## **Welcome & Introductions / Vice President Kelly Butler Holtz**

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

Dan Comfort made a motion to approve the October Board Minutes, Stan Tonneson seconded. The October 2024 minutes were unanimously approved.

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

Annual dinner cost \$1,780

Eleven dinners were subsidized

Total dinner expense: \$3,086 including \$400 for music  
less \$1,306 cost subsidy for 11 dinners

Previous Balance: \$13,650.50

Paid \$250 for liability insurance

Remaining Balance: \$12,086

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

### **Portland Fire Harbormaster - Sean Whalen**

Waterfront-wise, it is a quiet time.

Winterize your marina now. Make sure that standpipes are completely dry.

Prevent ice formation on your gangway. Have de-icer on hand.

Fire boats prefer house numbers to be visible river-side. Make sure that your boat is winterized, has good battery action for pumps, etc.

### **MCSO River Patrol - Excused for Post-Election Duties Downtown**

### **DSL - Alan Hanson**

None present, no report

### **Oregon State Marine Board-(OSMB)-Phil Hudspeth**

Eight vessels were recently removed from state waterways, totaling 44 vessel removals this season. That will deplete current funds for removing abandoned/ derelict vessels. A total of 88 vessels have been removed over the last three calendar years.

OSMB is preparing for the upcoming legislative session, with one bill introduced, related to waterway guides.

### **River Community Advisory Committee /(RCAC)- Kelly Holtz**

The committee has two new members, Dan Comfort and Sarah Ross.

Multnomah County recently convened an informational meeting with stakeholders about plans to mitigate the harmful algae bloom occurring in recent years in the Ross Island lagoon. They are proposing to increase river flow by installing a flushing channel through the island's berm to increase water flow stagnation. The algae bloom is always present, but when water surface temperatures rise, gets trapped and proliferates. A \$150,000 study has been approved to study the problem with many agencies working on fixing this issue. Willamette Riverkeepers Bob Sallinger was one of the presenters. He passed away several days afterward. He was a pivotal activist in local environmentalism. He will be missed.

### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Columbia River Yachting Association/ (CRYA) Doug Romjue**

Not present, No report

Sign up for the CRYA newsletter at [Columbia River Yachting Association](https://crya.us)  
<https://crya.us>

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

#### **Kellyn Gorman, WOOO CTO**

Absent; No report

#### **WOOO WAC Wake Advisory Committee**

#### **Kelly Butler Holtz**

OSMB has approved new wake signage at both ends of the Holgate Channel. Channel Islands Moorage maintains incomplete signage from the Columbia, south side of McGuire Island to the end of the island.

Ron: North Portland Moorage needs some wake-signage buoys.

### **WOOO DAG Dredging Advisory Group**

#### **Department of State Lands/(DSL) Fill/Removal Rules and Rates & RACs**

#### **Define Purpose of WOOO DAG**

#### **Recruit Members & Select Chair**

### **Stan Tonneson Update on DSL Fill/Removal RAC**

There have been 5-6 meetings thus far. They post the DSL Rule-making data on the DSL website . They are raising removal/ fill permit rates to cover their overhead costs. Thus far, they have been collecting only 22% of their costs. The committee is proposing a 5-year graduated rate increase for a fill permit:

First year: 60% increase

Next year 73% increase

Next year 85% increase

Next year 98% increase

The ADV program needs operating funds.

Of the \$18.7 million dollar budget for ADV removals, \$3 million have already been earmarked for just three boats, so it will not go far.

Ron is concerned about derelict boats that may migrate into a water zone that DSL leases to us, but then requires us to pay for boat removal.

Kelly: DSL's recent boat turn-in program was very successful because the boat owners did most of the work.

Stan: In the committee, the turn-in program was an offered solution.

There are no updates on the Dredge Removal/Fill Rates. The DSL RAC meetings are still underway. One can view the meeting online and review charts. They list a contact to call. DSL RAC

The budget accounting process is complicated by shared costs with overlapping agencies. DSL is in charge of many departments beyond waterway concerns, including food inspections in Oregon.

Ron: Jim Ryan, Janzten Beach Moorage will represent WOOO on the DSL Waterway Lease Rule Advisory. Committee

### **Social Committee**

**Jane Gire Chair -**

#### **Feedback on Dinner - Open Conversation**

Thanks to Jane Gire for a great job: it was a nice event, with excellent food, a fire boat display, live music, and a good turnout of 57 people.

Harbormaster Sean Whalen was awarded WOOO's Certificate of Honor for his contributions to the safety and security of the waterfront community. The night was a success!

### **Other Committees**

### **Old Business**

#### **Floating Home Insurance Markets**

Ron Schmidt says Don Gire has assembled a summary list of existing insurance companies offering floating home insurance. More viable options are still needed.

Don says the Lloyds of London program is locally written through Hull and Co.

So far, American Modern (Fathom Agency) doesn't have a quick follow-up for their applications and offers a Named Perils policy with inadequate coverage. Red Shield is currently the best option for floating home insurance.

## **New Business**

### **Challenge on Waterfront Accessibility made by OSMB Chair Laura Jackson**

Kelly summarized Chair Jackson's speech made at the WOOO Annual Dinner. Jackson reports that motorized boating numbers are decreasing, while use of non-motorized watercraft is on the rise. The speaker named some examples for creating more recreational opportunities and ways to get people in the water..

Willie Levinson has been promoting more access to the rivers through his non-profit, the Human Access Project. The City has not been supportive of development on the water.

General conversation: The non-motorized craft do not view themselves as boaters. They sometimes create unsafe situations by their lack of boating skills and knowledge regarding: marine right-of-way. They need to learn some boating rules.

Reduced boating registrations are affecting program funding. The non-motorized craft may need permits too, especially the commercial craft rental businesses. River Patrol says that 70% of the river patrol calls involve non-motorized craft.

Stan: OSMB spends money on public safety, facilities, and administration. Law enforcement does not receive funding from Waterway Access Permits issued to SUP users and kayakers.

John Weigant: The 1859 Congressional Act states that navigable waters should be forever free.

Some think that the permitting process could resemble the driver license process with renewals for revenue. Delinquent registrations need compliance; perhaps moorages could encourage boat owners to stay current on registration renewals.

**Christmas Ships donation**

Stan made a motion to donate \$600 to the Christmas Ships and \$600 to the Nautical Safety Foundation. Dan Comfort seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

**Open Board Discussion****Meeting Adjourned at 1:18 PM**

**Next Board Meeting first Wednesday of the Month 12.4.2024**

**Meeting Notes submitted by WOOO Secretary, Maura Hayes**