

## WATERFRONT ORGANIZATIONS OF OREGON-June 6, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes APPROVED

Noon WOOO Board Zoom/Live/Hybrid Meeting

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Call to Order / Ron Schmidt, President

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

X Ron Schmidt (The Planning Group/Oarboard)

VICE PRESIDENT

X Kelly Butler Holtz (Oregon Yacht Club)

**SECRETARY** 

X Maura Alice Hayes (Macadam Bay)

**TREASURER** 

Stan Tonneson (Rocky Pointe Marina), excused

TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

X Kellyn Gorman (Bridgeton Harbour)

#### **DIRECTORS**

X Doug Romjue (Executive Director CRYA)

Harry Braunstein (Portland Yacht Club)

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)

Randy Phillips (CRYC)

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

#### Welcome & Introductions /

#### Kelly Butler Holtz, VP and Ron Schmidt, President

Kelly made a motion to approve the May minutes, Kellyn seconded. May Meeting Minutes unanimously Approved by Board.

## **Treasurer's Report / Stan Tonneson** (excused):

Current Balance as of June 4: \$14,050

Don Gire made a Motion to approve the current Treasury Report, motion was seconded, and was unanimously approved..

#### NEWS AND INFO FROM OUR GOVERNMENTAL ALLIES

Captain Steve Bevens, River Patrol

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)

503-988-6788 MCSO River Patrol

Deputies Jason Tyrus, Mark Rose 503-823-3333

**Office number 503-988-6788** Choose one of the codes to contact River Patrol.

The best message number to use is the Non-Emergency phone number **503-823-3333**. It will have a delayed call back.

Deputy Jason Tyrus:. People are still acquiring discarded boats that become derelict and cause a lot of damage.

There may be some future citizen patrol opportunities as "extra eyes".

Deputy Mark Rose: Abandoned Vessels. OSMB is going out with deputies soon to tag more boats for removal. Some overtime hours will be spent patrolling around Government Island this summer.

Question: When will the large NO WAKE signs be posted?

A long discussion ensued on signage needs and locations.

Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) will answer that.

For Signage questions, contact Randy Sigman at the OSMB (503-871-4941.

#### Lt Jennifer Ciobanasiu 503-988-7300

Jennifer.ciobanasiu@mcso.us, <a href="www.mcso.us">www.mcso.us</a> has 15 years of patrol behind her and is being trained for the RPU captain's role available in September. She has been a Lieutenant for two years, trained last month at the MSCO Marine Law Enforcement Academy, and can now drive a boat! She grew up in the Pacific NW. The River Patrol Unit is now fully staffed.

## Chris Castelli, Dept of State Lands (DSL) ADVAC Program

Josh Mulholm, Dorothy Diehl, and Kevin McAfee are all very busy tagging ADVs throughout the state They are working on two major vessel removals, one in Coos Bay (\$1.1 million removal cost), and one in Rainier (Dredge Anderson).

The State Land Board is meeting next Tuesday. \$11 million in funds will be carried over to the new budget year. Policy and funding discussions are underway.

Surcharges on boater registration are not feasible.

Late fees/penalties for unregistered boats may be possible.

## Alan Hanson, Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB):

They have \$400,000 to spend on boat removals. A couple of vessels near Cathedral Park Bridge have been tagged, they will be removed after 30 days. Removal bids are being collected. Five other boats have been tagged, with a 30 day waiting period.. They do a follow-up. The Denali should be getting out of the river this summer.

DSL staff will return next week to the Holgate Channel waterway for follow-up inspections.

OSMB-Phil Hudspeth <u>phillip.hudspeth@boat.oregon.gov</u> 503-378-8587 is currently working on the Rogue River and will attend a future meeting.

River Community Advisory Committee (RCAC)-Kelly Butler Holtz

The committee is seeking new committee members. The application period has been extended. Meetings are held approximately every three months on ZOOM. Contact Kelly for details.

Ron: Dave Grant was involved in the early permitting process, Title 28 was never intended to require permits for float replacement.

Kelly: The current code is posted online. There are different rules for residential vs communal structures. The rules are a work-in-progress.

#### **Committee Reports**

# Columbia River Yachting Association, CRYA Update, Doug Romjue

Opening Day had less-than-ideal weather.

Martins Slough Dock is for private usage.

They hope to move the Opening Day parade to Vancouver next year; there are a lot of logistics involved.

#### Stormwater Fund Update

Tim Gorman (absent)

Steve Hawkins: \$72,559 in expenses was spent. All but \$10,000 has been covered. Some pledged funds are still pending (\$700 from Macadam Bay and \$5,000 from McCuddy's). WOOO has helped to reduce the debt through member outreach. If/when the \$5000 comes in from McCuddy's, that will diminish the balance.

## **WOOO** Member Directory

## Kellyn Gorman, WOOO Technology Officer

She has just posted updated insurance information to the website. The WOOO Member Directory is underway. Preferred professionals have been updated. Moorage Leaders Best Practices Page should be easily accessible.

# Social Committee Jane Gire, Chair

The Smile Parade will be held on August 24, in the North Portland harbor linking Hayden Island, Bridgeton, and the business community. Jane requests \$200 from WOOO to fund a breakfast. WOOO will get promotional coverage and will support a fun waterfront organization. WOOO could set-up a membership drive at the breakfast.

A Motion was made for WOOO to donate \$200 to this breakfast. Motion was seconded, with unanimous Approval.

## **Insurance Update**

#### Don Gire:

Four insurance markets are now available: Red Shield United Home & Family American Modern Property Casualty Lloyds of London

Markets have increased.

American Modern provided one agent in the Columbia River and Willamette River to write up floating home homeowner policies. Only two carriers currently cover replacement costs: United is thinking about it.

Most carriers offer Replacement Cost policies if insured at least 80% of replacement costs. Less for depreciation. With Whole Repair cost policies, if you have non-standard construction, they do not cover replacement. Named Perils of the Sea is still a vital coverage necessity. American Modern's policies are still unknown for floating homes.

## **Sheriff Office Budget needs:**

Kelly made a **Motion** to send WOOO's letter of support for the funding of essential services. Don Gire seconded the motion, **passed unanimously**.

## Department of State Lands (DSL) Rate Structures, Chris Castelli

Waterway leasing rules are still being crafted. Blake Helm can present more details at our October meeting.

The Rule Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet monthly until the September dates. There are six advisory positions. Chris states that one advisory position will be assigned for WOOO/floating homes. There will be five or six meetings, held approximately one month apart. The DSL manages 500 commercial leases and 2,000 dock registrations. Application fees and formulas will be updated.

John Weigant/The Islands Moorage wants help navigating the dredging process.

What services do applicants receive from the Removal/Fill (dredging) permit fees?

Melinda Butterfield, DSL

Melody White, Army Corp of Engineers

Their outreach person for fill removal is \_\_\_\_.

Don Gire: A past \$400,000 dredge called for a \$3000 consult fee—steep! Ron suggests that Andrew Jansky from Flowing Solutions should be on the RAC.

Split Utility Options for Floating Homes: Sue Gress/Blue Frog and Buoy One Marina had difficulty billing/dividing collective utility bills to individual members due to law restrictions. Mobile home parks can use certain rules that the floating homes cannot use. Based on State Law Rule 584, there are three ways to do Sub-Metering: meters, divide bills or create your own rules—which floating homes are legally unable to use. (Example: She has a water bill of \$5000 a month for 27 houses. She is in an awkward position of now having to reimburse the members large sums of money that she had previously charged them for their share.)

Ron suggests that Stan Tonneson may be the best person to discuss strategies.

Sue is wondering how floating homes got rule separation from what the mobile homes can do.

Ron will query WOOO members to see if this is an issue that WOOO should pursue.

#### **Other Committees**

# Meeting Adjourned at 1:41 PM

Next Board Meeting first Wednesday of the Month on July 3, 2024

Submitted by Secretary Maura Hayes