



**WATERFRONT ORGANIZATIONS OF OREGON - July, 3, 2024**

**Board Meeting Minutes APPROVED**

Noon WOOO Board Zoom/Live/Hybrid Meeting

<https://waterfrontoregon.com/>

Call to Order / Ron Schmidt, President

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

**WOOO 2024 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**

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)

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)  
Dan Comfort (JBMI)  
Bob Wilson (Tyee)

### **Welcome & Introductions /**

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

Kelly made a motion to approve the June Board Minutes, Kellyn seconded the motion. The June Meeting Minutes were unanimously Approved by Board.

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

Current Balance: \$14,050.50

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

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

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

4th of July Preparations. In Oregon, fireworks are illegal.

Attend the public fireworks over the water, the Hawthorne Bridge and the Eastbank Esplanade are good viewing locations. Due to weight limits, avoid over-loading piers.

Lake Oswego and Waverly Club also have fireworks shows.

The Portland Fire Bureau will be quite busy, non-emergency calls will have less priority response.

Cathedral Park dock just had a grand re-opening, with a nice metal dock, and a dedicated swimming area.

Sean Whalen is resuming his annual marina inspections. So far, they look pretty good.

Fire Safety Reminders: 50' fire hose, updated moorage map at moorage/ marina entrance, numbered addresses on both sides of homes plus clear moorage signage. Access code must be current too, for timely gate access. Moorages can send him an image of the moorage map, with locations of stand-pipes, etc.

Fire Dept often uses Google Maps too, so make sure that they are correct.

Ron: You can file an address change with Google to get your address corrected (ie JBMI is half a mile long.)

Stan: Always send a member up to the gate to direct the emergency personnel.

**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** Select the code for River Patrol.

Non-Emergency phone number w/ delayed call-back: **503-823-3333**.

**Deputy Jason Tyrus**-A recent river fatality occurred near the Hawthorne Bridge. A collision between an inner tube rider and a motorboat resulted in internal injuries leading to death.

Many people are recreating in areas where they are not meant to, creating law enforcement challenges when there is an emergency and they need help. (ie. Between Hawthorne and Sellwood Bridges-Toe Island.)

**Deputy Mark Rose**-A small airplane with retractable wheels crash-landed in shallow water close to an island on the Columbia, resulting in no injury. River Patrol retrieved the pilot in their boat. The plane is still in the water. A suicide/body recovery occurred near the I-205 Bridge. A second suicide call. They received multiple calls about transient populations.

Someone mentioned some reporting issues near South Channel / 122 Street. Rick Nelson, Islands: A lot more RV communities are appearing near their moorage.

Oregon State Marine Board has a webpage that describes the reporting protocol.

Marlon Bump: Last weekend, in a pass-through zone near RiverPlace Marina, a young woman died colliding into a boat while on an inner tube. Marlon wants more signage in those areas that states “No Towing”.

Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office / MCSO / River Patrol: The OSMB handles the signage. It is not an easy place to install signage. Boaters are obliged to know the rules. The deputies have been enforcing these rules for years.

**Phil Hudspeth, Oregon State Marine Board/OSMB Policy & Environmental Program Coordinator**

Their website has definitive maps of recreation zones.

Don Gire: North Portland Harbor has a 2 mile zone of damaging wakes. All floating homes are damaged by hundreds of boats coming through at high speeds. They want proper signage on both ends of the spit as there are submerged hazards that boats routinely crash into. The Coast Guard and others are aware of this phenomenon. Many homes are getting damaged without the benefit of insurance coverage by these wake issues.

One large sign on the west end of the railroad bridge was paid for—and insured—by a local moorage to protect themselves.

Many boaters do not know the directional differences between the red and green lane markers.

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

Due to human compliance issues, signage is not always the answer.

Ron: There used to be dedicated signs at these locations that were large and clear. They were officially removed, as OSMB didn’t wish to maintain them.

Kelly: There are local zones with special needs that need to be identified.

Ron: The Coast Guard needs to address some of these boating safety areas.

There is a need for a future meeting with OSMB, Coast Guard, and River Patrol. Signage is a big issue for WOOO. Formation of a Sub-Committee is in order.

You can report submerged obstacles on the OSMB website.  
Historically, civilians marked these dangers with floating milk cartons.

OSMB-Phil Hudspeth [phillip.hudspeth@boat.oregon.gov](mailto:phillip.hudspeth@boat.oregon.gov)  
503-378-8587

OSMB staff went out last month, tagged 29 boats around the Holgate Channel and Cathedral Park areas. They have contracts to remove 4 boats at Cathedral Park, the Denali, plus 10 boats on the Willamette and the Holgate Channel. They are working with Columbia County to identify derelict vessels in the Multnomah Channel.

On the OSMB website, you can report boats for them to track.  
They are working with the DSL and other agencies.  
Boater Registration funds their endeavors; they need to encourage current boat registrations.

Ron: Moorages are trained to push off transient floating objects so that we do not become responsible for them. The Good Samaritan rules still need restructuring to protect helpers from potential liability.

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

July 21 is the new deadline for committee member applications.

The six-person advisory committee meets several times a year by ZOOM to review and refine Title 28 guidelines.

### **New Business**

#### **Kellyn Gorman, WOOO Technology Officer**

Kellyn is creating a membership page on the WOOO website to recruit new members.

1. Drive membership through the website

2. Explain why potential members will want to be part of WOOO
3. From the proposed membership levels, decide what will be granted to that membership tier.

A potential member will ask themselves:

Why should I become a member?

What's in it for me to become or continue my membership?

What do I get for my paid membership?

What does my membership provide to the waterfront community?

Proposal: 3 Membership Levels:

- Bronze - residential floating home folks.
- Silver - smaller businesses, influential folks
- Gold - mostly large businesses and movers/shakers...:)

Reasons to become a member:

These will need to be agreed upon and then assigned to a membership level. They can be assigned to more than one level, with Gold having the most benefits:

1. Give back to the waterfront
2. Status in the waterfront community
3. Connection to city officials
4. Help shape the waterfront for years to come
5. Increase home, land, and business values
6. Impact of unfair taxes and laws on the waterfront community and businesses
7. Five-minute floor time with WOOO members at monthly meetings
8. Have business name listed in directory on webpage
9. Highlighted business on web page
10. Advertising on FB page? On Constant Contact newsletter?
11. Should consider adding attorneys, real estate, marina highlight areas, etc. on webpage.
12. Monthly member blog post on website.
13. Special identification flyer for boats in the SMILE parade, etc.

#### 14. Other membership benefit ideas?

Identify a reason and benefit for each category.

Clearly identify what is offered in each membership level.

Clear pricing for each for what the member receives.

Once decided, update the Membership form, set up the ability to become a member right from the website, and track membership on the website.

Stan can download a list of members, membership status, and level from the site as an Excel spreadsheet.

If Square is enabled, it has three membership levels in "store"- Bronze, Silver, Gold. Set it up so they expire from the year and offer to set up auto-renew, with reminder emails.

Once this is decided, then phase II will need to be issued on furthering the mission statement on what WOOO will invest revenue back into the community.

Kellyn endorses more systemic automation, especially for membership renewals.

Stan listed some of the limited arenas that WOOO has been spending money on, consider expanded usages of the dues.

Ron: To everyone right now, list how you value WOOO?

Replies:

News-of-the-River

The Rain Tax

Keep informed

Information to improve moorage operations

Social relationships

River information

Sounding board for river needs

Agency functions

Action Group  
Shared Knowledge Base  
Networking  
Efficiency  
Access to Info-Real World Application

Eric Hunter, Diversified Marine-ADV Work Group  
Railroad Bridge has priority access. Cars on I-5 do not have priority, because bridge-lifts occur on a navigable waterway.  
River system has its priorities: wakes, ADV's  
We do not see these issues as having priority because they cost money.  
WOOO funds can supplement needed projects that may not be able to wait for the OSMB to act. Perhaps WOOO can front funds, with later reimbursement by the OSMB?

Our participation is needed to gather info for ourselves and others.

Columbia River Yachting Association (CRYA) has a newsletter that is useful for sharing info.

WOOO has Constant Contact which can be useful for sharing info.  
Newsletters are a lot of work, but perhaps can be unified/shared amongst like-minded groups.

### **Social Committee-Jane Gire Chair**

Opportunity for PR and Support of Waterfront Social Events

**SMILE Parade August 24, at 11 AM Brunch**

**Ron made a motion to increase WOOO's contribution to \$300 in order to bring WOOO to Sponsor Level. Motion made, Motion seconded, Motion unanimously approved.**

### **DSL Lease Rules and Rates & RACs**

Ron: re: Department of State Lands (DSL) Rate Structures

We still need placeholder recognition since all of the advisors are professional consultants.

Karla Devine is an advisor. We need dredging consultants to get on the Advisory Board. Ron suggests Andy Jansky, of Flowing Solutions as a useful advisor.

The first RAC meeting is **July 10 at 9am to discuss Oregon's Removal-Fill Law. All meetings are public**, we can ask questions, but we cannot be part of the discussions.

The advisors should be those who understand the Dredging Process.

Stan Tonneson-\$18.7 million fund to spend on ADV's by the state land Board. The Monsanto Fund is a one-time fund. There is a lot of discussion re: commercial vs recreational vessels.

John, The Islands Moorage: He wants more support from the DSL for the Dredging Process. He is uncomfortable that *only* consultants are part of the Rulemaking Advisory Board. We shouldn't have to pay \$350 per hour to consultants to navigate a very complex dredging process. Agency support for compliance is needed.

Ron: Let's reconvene a Dredging Advisory Group!

### **Nominating Committee**

WOOO Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker and Awards Selections

Ron: Consider suitable candidates for a keynote speaker and nominations for awards.

### **Future Sub-Committees:**

Special area Signage Meeting between WOOO, Coast Guard, OSMB, MCSO  
Dredging Advisory Group

WOOO Recruitment

WOOO Nominating Committee

**Meeting Adjourned at 1:33 PM**

Next Board Meeting first Wednesday of the Month on August 7, 2024

Submitted by WOOO Secretary Maura Hayes