



WOOO Board of Directors Meeting Minutes-APPROVED

Wednesday August 7, 2024 at 12:00 PM

Waterfront Organizations of Oregon (WOOO) Board Meeting

Location: Portland Yacht Club or Zoom/Online

BEST PRACTICES DISCUSSION began at 11 AM

WOOO BOARD MEETING began at 12 NOON

Call to Order / President Ron Schmidt

Thanks and recognition of PYC for their support

Roll Call/ Secretary Maura Alice Hayes

WOOO 2024 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS Board Roll Call

Secretary, Maura Hayes QUORUM PRESENT (minimum: 4 needed)

X PRESIDENT Ron Schmidt (The Planning Group/Oarboard)

X VICE PRESIDENT Kelly Butler Holtz (Oregon Yacht Club)

X SECRETARY Maura Alice Hayes (Macadam Bay)

X TREASURER Stan Tonneson (Rocky Pointe Marina),

X TECHNOLOGY OFFICER Kellyn Gorman (Bridgeton Harbour)

DIRECTORS

X Doug Romjue (Executive Director CRYA)

Harry Braunstein (Portland Yacht Club) EXCUSED

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 Randy Phillips (CRYC)

Ron Bergmann (2024 President CRYA)

X Dan Comfort (JBMI)
Bob Wilson (Tyee)

Welcome & Introductions / President Ron Schmidt

Approval of July 2024 Meeting Minutes
Motion made by Stan Tonneson, Kelly Holtz seconded; July 2024 board minutes unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report / Stan Tonneson

Ending balance \$13,650.

Stan is confirming that WOOO decided not to charge PYC a membership fee in consideration of them hosting the WOOO meetings at no charge.

NEWS AND INFO FROM OUR GOVERNMENTAL ALLIES

Portland Fire Harbormaster - Sean Whalen

PF&R recently responded to several big fires, including one on Ross Island. The fire was managed by their fire boat that ferried people and equipment. Another metal fire occurred, also accessed by the river fire boats.

Sean has been doing floating home inspections.

Some additional fire safety items to think about: BBQ's should be used at least 3' from any structure or building/rafters, allowing *the unit to cool off completely before replacing*.

Place "No Swimming" signage near all marinas at the top and bottom of gangways to prevent swimmer fatalities by ESD or Electric Shock Drowning.

(Rocky Point Marina gets theirs from National Society Fire Safety-"Warning electrical shock possible"....)

A swimming distance of 75' away from the vessels is considered "safe".

Ron: Best Practices Group should consider including safety advice for BBQs and other hazards. (ie distance guidelines, fire extinguishers, non-burnable surface surrounds)

One can use an electric current sensor, but readings can change quickly.

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)

River Patrol- Sgt Matt Adams

A busy summer! They responded to a recent fatality off Lemon Island (Columbia); dragon boats were swamped and overturned (Willamette), and several other boat accidents.

Officer Ben __: Since July 1, they have made 500 boat stops between the Hawthorne Bridge and the Waverly Club. They issued four citations within one hour. They are counting on word-of-mouth warnings from violators to get the word out about wake rules, plus the deterrence factor of \$250 citations.

RPU recently recovered three stolen boats. They urge citizens to inform your neighbors to monitor your boats and floats when you are away.

Remember: Calling 911 is for *active* crimes.

Marine incident form. OSMB has their own. Attach a photo with your reporting form.

Brian Paulsen: With the OSMB "Report A Boater" site, you can attach photos, which they forward to law enforcement.

Randy Phillips in Chat: Some folks have had success using Apple Air Tags to recover stolen/lost boats.

Brian Paulsen in chat:

830.037 Notification of stolen boat; notice in electronic file system; issuance of new title or certificate of number. (1) Any law enforcement agency within the State of Oregon that receives a report of a previously unreported stolen boat shall notify the State Marine Board within 72 hours after receiving the report. The report shall include all information concerning the theft and the boat involved.

Kellyn Gorman uses air tags for stolen cars, which can be used for boats too. A huge benefit. She tracks her luggage that way. Wallets too.

Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) - Brian Paulsen

Boating Safety Manager

They removed 64 vessels, 6 from Cathedral Park. The Denali will be removed later this month.

River Community Advisory Committee, (RCAC) - Kelly Butler Holtz

Committee recruiting

The committee needs another member to serve on this committee.

Contact her to find out more.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CRYA Doug Romjue

They are planning 2025 Opening Day activities on the Vancouver Waterfront.

12:50

Kellyn Gorman, WOOO CTO

WOOO Member Directory/ Website/More

She has added links to connect Constant Contact, the Waterfront Resources link, membership benefits, application and payment information to move it towards more automation. She will also get transcription options set up for writing future meeting notes.

Social Committee, Jane Gire Chair

The SMILE Boating Parade is on August 24 along the North Waterfront of the Columbia River South Channel.

The event flyer is posted on the WOOO web page.

10:30 coffee and donuts sponsored by WOOO while the boats assemble.

Free registration for the attending boats. They may help tow boats from the west to the east if you are registered ahead.

Tune to Marine radio-channel 13.

Other Committees

Old Business

Fire Standpipe Testing Requirements

Summary from Best Practices Meeting:

Previously, the Portland, Fire & Rescue Department (PF&R) tested the pressure in our standpipes, however, they are discontinuing this service. Sean Whalen explained the private company options to have standpipes inspected every five years by a certified fire protection firm. Annual maintenance could possibly be completed by knowledgeable maintenance people who know your system. Certification is available at [National Fire Protection Association](#).

For those who have used a service, please share your resource with WOOO for the new website Resource section.

Department of State Lands (DSL) Lease Rules, Rates & Rule Advisory Committees=:

DSL fill and removal permits. The Oregon legislature has authorized them to recover their costs with increased fees, allowing them to increase their permit rates by 500%. They have 5 alternatives: double the fees, percentage options.

Kelly: Their DSL dredging permit cost \$3220 in application fees.

Andy Jansky of Flowing Solutions: You pay the DSL removal/fill permit fee on a yearly basis, for 5 years. DSL has you reapply every five years. The Army Corp of Engineer's permit fee has a maximum of \$100.

WOOO was not invited to participate in the DSL's Removal/Fill RAC.

DSL said that there are consultants representing us. Andy Jansky was not invited.

401 Certification from DEQ, they did a two rate fee adjustment. DSL will adjust the fee process behind closed doors. Make sure that your group is closely monitoring the proposed fees in the public process, *do not allow them to do the two part approval process*—it will likely entail a huge fee at the second meeting. Make sure that you know what the fees are that they are proposing in the public process.

Stan Tonneson listened to the first DSL RAC meeting and will attend future meetings. It will be a phased fee increase program. The DSL permitting cost only covers 22% of their actual costs, with the balance coming from the Common School Fund.

Teachers, school officials are represented at a meeting that is related to fill removal due to revenue issues. As part of their fee re-set, they hired a lot more staff and consultants, it has become more complicated, it is even hard for Andy Jansky to get through the permitting process. They need more money to pay for a more robust process for issuing permits.

The state OARs require the same permitting process for residential vs commercial. Neighbors complain about dredging debris being added to the public waters. Andy sees these public comments and needs to address them.

The city is checking in with DSL, costing many additional hours of administrative time and resources, adding to administrative costs.

Stan asked the DSL director about their costs and revenues; the DSL budget is \$5 million, but their revenues are \$3 million.

DSL Fill/Removal Rules and Rates & RACs

We need WOOO “in the room” with proper representation. The WOOO Dredging Advisory Group should be reactivated., (DAG)

Karla Divine is representing WOOO on the Submerged Waterway Lease RAC. We have one seat on that committee for property owners/floating home marinas.

Submerged land lease increases will affect our costs.

Stan Tonneson: The fees will increase 3% every year on the base amount. It has some overlap with funding ADVAC/Derelict vessel programs.

Andy Jansky: You can have multiple leases and subleases for the same property. The Parks and the City of Portland are all separate leases.

You can renew your current lease and lock it in before it expires.

When you sell or transfer a marina, you can assume the existing lease. (Stan Tonneson has ideas on this.)

Wake Rules and Compliance

There have been a lot of issues about non-compliant wake problems.

A guest speaker, Jim Hinsvark from Wasabi Paddling Club, presented the wake concerns of the Dragon boat community:

Contemporary boat wakes can spread out 400' on each side of the boat. Two dragon boats were capsized within the last month. He described the incidents in great detail. It was quite traumatic for all, especially for the boat steerer who saw the approaching wave hit—she has since resigned from paddling.

The current wake rules are in place, but are poorly followed. The safety education is not working, boaters claim not to know the wake restricted areas. Unless the Sheriff witnesses the incident, citations cannot be issued. Thus, if you swamp 66 people and capsize 34, there are no consequences after the fact.

Stan: Nothing will happen until someone dies. Boat ownership doesn't mean boat ridership.

If the sheriffs are giving citations, that might help.

Kelly Holtz: One river patrol boat at any given time across two rivers is inadequate. Response times are slow. They need resources for expanded coverage.

Brain Paulsen, OSMB

15% of the entire OSMB state budget goes to Multnomah County at about \$800,000 per year.

The number of registered boaters has decreased in recent years, thereby decreasing marine patrol operating budgets. Boating registration needs to increase. 40% of their marine budget goes to law enforcement. It is difficult to recruit and fill positions. 70% of boaters that interface with law enforcement are now paddlers, who contribute no real fees.

Andy: He recently observed only eight trailers parked at the Willamette Park boat ramp, signifying a vast decrease of motor boaters using the Willamette River. Marinas now have more boat vacancies. Law enforcement needs to consider different funding sources. He also notices that there are fewer marine vendors to call upon.

John Weigant: Perhaps change the boat registrations to be priced from feet to horsepower?

We had a prolonged discussion on the wake-generating boats and the need for larger signage.

Jim Hinsvark (Wasabi): When the Dragon Boats capsize, the paddlers are truly terrified! It is very hard on the coaching staff. These wake boats are assaulting other boats on the river.

Stan Tonneson: Senator Kathleen Taylor is the one to talk to, she is well-connected.

Ron Schmidt proposes a sub-group to follow up on wake strategies and solutions. Marlon Bump, John Weigant, Jim Hinsvark, Don Larson, with Stan Tonneson helping on the legislative front.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:01pm

Next Board Meeting first Wednesday of the Month 9.4.2024

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Columbia River Yachting Association <https://cya.us>

Bridgeton Road Association www.livebridgeton.com

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