

Satuit Boat Club  
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting  
January 13, 2020

*Present:* Bob Ulwick, Dave Sullo, James Baldassari, Gregg McBride, Jay Swartz, Perry Lewis, Kevin O'Leary, Lisa Scanlon, Sarah Smith, Sandy Hayes, Tad Beagley

Meeting called to order at 19:00

Minutes:

- Sarah Smith and Lisa Scanlon introduction
  - Sarah and Lisa will be running the junior sailing program this year, taking over for Brian Greenburg
  - Brian will be helping out with junior sailing committee and has hired sailing instructors for next year
- Junior sailing
  - Dave is working on chase boat maintenance over the winter
  - Dave brought up the opti and merc fleet; do we need all the boats we have?
    - Sarah mentioned that many kids participate because they do not have to buy their own opti and/or come from a family without sailing background
    - We need at least 6 optis (classes are usually with 6 kids) but probably not all 12 that we have now
      - Maybe we could get rid of 4 that are in the worst condition
- Adult sailing
  - Kevin mentioned that club members may be interested in using the Mercuries
    - Could we offer an additional membership (season pass) for use of Mercuries
      - Possibly also require participation in a work party
    - Maybe we could offer 2 of the boats for use by adults
    - We may need some kind of sign out/in process
    - Poll the club membership to get a sense of interest
- Launch update: Kevin
  - Need about \$5k maintenance at Scituate Boat Works
    - 3 broken motor mounts: \$3800
    - Rudder leaking
    - Cutlass bearing
  - Kevin and Ed met to discuss driver staffing
    - Looking for more adult drivers because many of the younger drivers are unavailable
    - Ed works with Fran and the Yacht Club to fill in when necessary
    - Perry raised the question of whether we could offer pay-or-play hours for driving the launch, or potentially reducing the cost of membership (unless this causes issues with insurance/liability)

- Secretary update: James
  - James made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2019-11-11 EC meeting
    - The motion carried
  - 2 members have resigned: Bob Rappold and Fred Baker
  - James made a motion to admit Jim and Anne Roman as new members
    - The motion carried
  - James made a motion to admit Jennifer and Christopher Morrison as new members
    - The motion carried
  - James to coordinate with Greg on invoicing the new members for initiation fee plus first year's dues (minus the waiting list deposit)
  - Streamlining voting
    - EC committee discussed getting the EC minutes out to membership sooner
    - EC minutes will be e-mailed to EC requesting a vote; responses required within one week
      - Non-responses will be considered abstaining
      - A majority (6) of EC members must approve
- Treasurer update: Greg
  - Greg would like to switch to the cloud version of Quickbooks to avoid potential data loss
    - This will improve access by the accountant
    - Cost is approximately \$20-30/month and is already within the treasurer's budget
  - Exploring options for allowing members to pay electronically (bank transfer, credit card, etc.)
- House update: Tad
  - Gas leak has been repaired
  - We may encounter similar issues in the future in other areas
    - Problem areas have been identified; waiting for a quote from the plumber
  - Investigating roof maintenance: short-term patching and eventual replacement
  - Kevin raised the question about whether we should have a person designated to own club insurance
  - Need to consider replacing large clubhouse windows
  - Capital planning
    - If the building were to be demolished for any reason, the replacement would have to be built on 8-foot pilings in order to comply with code and flood insurance requirements
      - Current liquid assets probably not enough to cover a catastrophic event
- Floats update: Perry
  - Perry and Dave have been meeting with Greg Morse to discuss the plans for pilings and new float configurations

- Perry presented plans/drawings for the recommended piling/dock configuration
- Original budget still seems reasonable at this point
- Depending on the condition of the blocks, we may be able to sell them or at least have someone remove them for no charge
- Next steps:
  - Get plan approved by MA EPA: 6 month review process
  - Apply for permits after approval received from EPA
    - Permits valid for 2 years, so we can choose when it makes sense to begin the work
- Dredging and pillings could potentially be done as early as Fall of 2020
- Once the pilings are done we can begin the process of dock electrification
  - Electrician lined up to perform work as well as annual maintenance
- When we have converted to pilings we will have the option to hire someone to install/remove the docks should we choose
- EC discussed ideas for using additional slips that would be possible with this plan
  - Rent slips to members for additional revenue
  - Purchase a small fleet of boats (e.g. J/70s, Rhodes 19s, small power boats, etc.) and allow members to buy shares in them
- Race update: Sandy
  - Horace Day in July
  - Chowder Cup in September
  - Scituate Invitational TBD
  - Planning 3 special events with club Mercuries:
    - Fleet race
    - Team race
    - Match race
  - Weekend event: e.g. race (or cruise) to PTown, Marblehead
- Entertainment update: Jay
  - About 80 people at holiday party
    - Made donation to Scituate Food Pantry
- Dockwa
  - Bob brought up the question about whether we should consider adopting Dockwa for mooring reservations
  - Ed Leary provided research he had done with concerns that he has about the service
  - The board would like to have Dockwa come back to present again and to explore all risks and concerns at that time
- Capital planning update: Tom Hall
  - Survey to be sent soon to membership to gain feedback on priorities and how members currently use the club
- Next membership meeting: 2020-03-09
  - EC: 19:00
  - General: 20:00

Meeting adjourned at 21:34