

Satuit Boat Club
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
April 6, 2020

Remote EC Meeting

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

Meeting called to order at 19:00

Coronavirus update: Bob

- Bob proposes extending club closure to May 4th in line with Governor Baker's recommendation
- Perry asked what we should do about dock days
 - Crane guy is ready to go as of now barring additional restrictions by the State
 - If the current restrictions continue it would be difficult, if not impossible, for volunteers to assist
 - Gregg proposed that we could possibly put some of the larger parts of the dock in place and then add the rest later.
 - Perry has been putting together a contingency plan that would allow us to get a minimal dock footprint in place in order to be able to put the launch in operation and/or to allow members to use personal dinghies
 - Gregg raised the question about what additional cost might be incurred if members are not able to assist in dock day
 - Perry asked whether we should consider postponing dock day if the club is not going to be open anyway
 - Sandy: Several marinas in Scituate already have docks in, but they are closed to members
 - Perry: Some marinas are thinking that they should put the docks in now in case they are prevented from putting them in later, and maybe we should consider the same plan
 - If we put the docks in now we would have to hire someone: Harbor Mooring, Fran, ...
 - Kevin: If we were to pay someone to put the docks in, how would that work
 - Perry: We could explain the dock plan to whoever is hired to do the work, and SBC representatives could direct the work
 - Perry: What is our budget if we were to pay someone to put in docks? \$5k?
 - If we pay someone, should we put in partial docks or everything?
 - Board leaning toward doing everything at once because we would have to pay for the crane if we did the rest later anyway
- Jay proposed having the board meet weekly since the situation is so fluid
 - We will meet Tuesday nights at 8pm via video conference

Docks: Perry

- Trying to renew Chapter 91 form 10-a (license for docks)
 - Harbormaster is not responding
 - Town planning meeting is supposed to meet to decide on our dock plan, but they will not be able to do so without the renewed 10-a form
 - The town has put their piling installation on hold for now
- Perry will investigate what it will take to have the docks installed

Boats & Equipment: Dave

- Dave has been searching for Junior Sailing coach boats, but it has been difficult to make progress due to the ongoing situation

Junior Sailing: Lisa and Sarah

- SBC Junior Sailing scheduled to start last week of June
- Town has suspended signups for sailing
- We may follow the town's lead or discuss with the Yacht Club what their plans are
- May have a condensed/shortened season
- We have existing signups, but it is unclear how many additional signups we may get

Launch update: Kevin

- Launch has about a day's worth of work left and should be ready to launch
 - Rudder, finishing up engine
 - Scituate Boatworks is on hold until May 8
- Need to do in and out of the water inspections for Coast Guard
 - Will do virtual inspections where we take pictures and send them in
- Bob: Is there any chance that we might not be able to run launch service this year?
 - It might be premature, but we should consider the possibility
 - We could always put the launch in and then decide what to do later since hauling it is fairly cheap
- Transient moorings: will revenue be down?
 - Sandy: Salem Willows Yacht Club wants to come down in June with 5-6 boats
 - Bob: We can't make a decision about that at this time
 - We should assume that revenues will be down this season
- Dockwa
 - Given the uncertainty and challenges facing the club, the board decided to delay this decision

Membership: James

- Leave of absence clarification
 - This should technically be treated as resigning in good standing

- Members who resign in good standing can come back at the top of the waiting list ahead of new members, and they do not have to pay initiation fees when rejoining
- 3 open slots before cap comes into effect

Treasurer: Gregg

- 20 members have not paid
- Having trouble reaching some members
- We will split up the list among the EC members and have everyone reach out to a subset of the members

Kevin suggested we consider a hardship provision for members who may be having a hard time paying their dues, the Board reacted favorably to his suggestion.

House: Tad

- Surveyed the club this past week after rainy periods, and there was no additional leaking
- Asked two plumbers to look at the gas line, but they have not gotten back to us
- House day may be affected by coronavirus restrictions
 - Bob: Should we just put house day on hold?
 - Tad: We can probably do a few things with a small number of members, e.g. landscaping
 - Limit is 10 people, so maybe we can do a smaller scale house day
 - May be too early to make any decisions
- There was a suggestion to change the combination on the locks to prevent gatherings while the club is closed
 - Most members seem to be abiding by the club closure, so maybe this is not a major issue

Race: Sandy

- Horace Day: July
- Chowder: September
- No exact dates chosen due to the current uncertainty
- Scituate Invitational and Kids Driver races may get pushed back

Entertainment: Jay

- Will ensure food will be available for dock/house days if/when they happen
- Not planning on renting a tent for opening brunch; probably will not have an opening brunch
- May plan a special event later in lieu of the opening brunch

Discussion about capital survey results

- Will continue waiting for more responses to come in

- Responses reflect a mix of people who don't want anything to change and people who would like to see major changes

Perry: Sailboats

- Junior sailing doesn't need sailboats until end of June
 - Where will they be stored until then?
 - Usually they would go in during dock day
 - We will probably put the 4 Mercuries in this year
- Need to determine what our fleet requirements are for Mercs, Optis
- Should we get trailers instead of stands for Mercuries?
- Sandy: there is some talk of bringing frostbiting back to Scituate next year in Mercuries
 - SBC might be able to rent Mercs
- Sarah: We could consider doing private lessons instead of group lessons this year with an instructor in an inflatable and a single student in the boat

Next meeting: 4/21 at 20:00

Meeting adjourned at 20:20