

Satuit Boat Club
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
May 18, 2020

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

Meeting called to order at 20:00

COVID-19 update: Bob

- Dinghies are allowed on the docks as of the May 15
- Next phase of opening begins on May 29:
Open our grounds and launch services. Ed will publish a list of hours. Members only, no guests. Clubhouse closed, rest rooms open, parking lot open, lockers open, kayak rack open, outside furniture available, grills not available. May bring your own food and beverages. Dock carts will be available but, just as you now do in the supermarket, you should sanitize the handles before use. The same is true of ramp rails, restrooms or any other surface that might be infected. Masks ~~required~~ should be carried on person and worn when appropriate; practice social distancing. Launch limited to driver plus 4 members. Docks available for member tie-ups. Call us on VHF channel 9 before you head in.
- Spray and hand sanitizer will be made available
- Material safety data sheet will be posted
- Board discussed availability of grills and whether those should be included in the areas of that are open for use by members
 - We would prefer to open the grills for use but discourage gathering in the grill area
- How can we limit the use of cash for club transactions?
 - Gregg to investigate use of Square/Venmo

House update

- Plumber has been found to address the remaining gas line issues

Launch update: Kevin

- Launch is ready to go
- In-water inspection will be on 5/28, but we can run it before then
- Waiting for bill for rudder
- Ed has received a few requests for transients
 - Discussed possibility of reduced mooring fee (\$30) but without the use of the clubhouse or launch service
 - Ideally money would be sent electronically
- Board discussed when launch service would start
 - Fran starts operation 5/19

- Very few SBC member boats in at this point, so there does not seem to be an urgent need to begin launch service this weekend
- We will obtain masks, wipes, and gloves for use by club employees and members
- Planned start date for launch service is May 29, but given advance notice the launch service may be available sooner on an as-needed basis

Membership update: James

- Vote on McDonough application
 - The board voted to accept McDonough membership application
- Membership book
 - Phyllis is working on finalizing the proof before sending it to be printed
 - Bob noted that there are inaccuracies in the policies/procedures listed in the book, and there are also several areas of the constitution that need to be updated
 - Unfortunately we will not have the time to address those before print this year, but we will work to start that process as soon as possible for next year

Dock update: Perry

- Docks are in good shape
- 1-2 more chains will be added when a diver becomes available
- Perry investigated options for improving dock safety
 - Recommendation: add one additional ladder and new life rings
- Raised the possibility of getting a club credit card to ease the purchasing process for club materials
- Pilings
 - Harbormaster rejected our 10-A due to lack of Army Corps of Engineers permit despite the fact that we do have the required permit
 - Work on SBC pilings project is on hold until we get our permit
 - The town's piling project has been delayed until October 15
 - If we get everything done by mid-September it is possible that we could piggyback on the town's installation to reduce our costs
 - This could save around \$5k, but if we do not get everything ready in time the permit will still be valid for 2 years

Race: Sandy

- No organized events, lessons allowed right now
- If restrictions are lifted/relaxed in June, we could still do Horace/Chowder in July and August
- Still time to announce race dates

Junior Sailing: Lisa and Sara

- Single-handed boats like Optis will not have any problem racing this summer

- 420s: Currently requiring same-household, but in the future may allow teammates to compete if both sign waivers and stay with the same crew
- Mercuries could be used if same-household restrictions are lifted
- No indoor activities allowed (e.g. due to inclement weather)
- Most organizations are trying to find a way to do some form of racing program
- SBC will not start until after July 4
 - If we are able to run the program, masks WILL be required on land and on docks.

Club boats

- If Mercuries are not used by junior sailing, hopefully we will still be able to make them available for use by members
- Working on a plan to launch Mercuries
- Other boats will temporarily be stored at Jay's house until they can be used by junior sailing

Other business

- Discussed how we can have general membership meetings given the current restrictions on gatherings
 - One option would be to use Zoom or similar video/phone conferencing services
 - The board is seeking input from the membership about whether this form of meeting would be beneficial or if there are any other suggestions for how we might conduct a general membership meeting effectively given these restrictions

Next EC meeting will be June 8 at 20:00

Meeting adjourned at 21:40