

Satuit Boat Club
Minutes of General Membership Meeting
October 19, 2020

EC Members Present: Bob Ulwick, James Baldassari, Kevin O’Leary, Sandy Hayes, Gregg McBride, Dave Sullo, Lisa Scanlon, Perry Lewis

Meeting called to order at 20:00

Docks: Perry

- All approvals are done; permits filed
- Contractor (Roht Marine) ready to go with agreed upon price and scope of work
 - Waiting for contract to be signed
- If the contract does not end up getting signed by tomorrow we will proceed with Dock Day as planned on Saturday the 24th and then install pilings in the spring
 - If pilings do go in we will need to think about electrifying the docks
 - Contractor has been identified to perform electrical work
 - Will re-bid and get estimates for work which would take place in the spring
- Contingency plan
 - If pilings don’t go in we will need to perform significant maintenance on chains/moorings for next year
 - Budgeted \$5k for this work if needed
- Tom asked about budget for the pilings project
 - \$29k including hauling and stacking docks, installing hoops
 - \$21k of that is the pilings work
 - Docks will be reconfigured as well
 - Outer dock will be 14 feet longer
 - Docks will be moved outward 10 feet toward the harbor

House: Tad

- Spent \$8k of \$10k budget
- Some unexpected work around gas leaks
- Requesting \$15k budget for 2021
 - Will put some of this extra money toward improvements inside the clubhouse
- House Day
 - Will perform some work on Saturday, October 24
 - May schedule a follow-up day the following weekend
- Perry asked Tad whether house has any plans for work on the pier leading to the launch shack
 - Railings may need some work

Treasurer, 2021 Budget: Gregg

- Assuming a full membership, 82 regular, 32 life members
 - Assuming 6 new members (initiation fees) in 2021

- This year: \$20k launch revenues, down \$10k YoY (all-time high)
 - Assuming \$25k launch revenue in 2021
- Interest revenue was down
- Jr. Sailing enrollment was only \$500 off budget despite covid-related challenges
 - Assuming \$30k revenue in 2021
- Kayaks/dinghies were higher than normal in 2020
- Pay or play
 - No billing for pay or play this year
 - Recordkeeping was inadequate
 - Insufficient opportunities to volunteer due to covid restrictions
 - Pay or play system needs to be reformed; the board is discussing ideas
 - No pay or play budget for 2021
- 2020 actual revenue: \$166,386
- 2021 budgeted revenue: \$169,290
- Budget for pilings moved out of float maintenance into separate cap-ex line item
 - Expected cost will be \$29k for the full project
- Fees (town mooring, marina, racing affiliations)
 - Needed to pay marina fee this year in order to get pilings approved
 - Had not been budgeted previously, but this will be an ongoing cost going forward: \$500
- Launch operated fewer hours this year, so associated costs (fuel, labor) was lower than usual
- General administrative costs similar as last year
- Bought iPad and Square account to do electronic payments on launch
- Insurance: Budget \$20k for insurance in 2021
 - Will be higher than normal due to requirement to insure pilings, but cost is unknown at this point
- Maintenance for floats
 - Assuming some budget for chain maintenance in case pilings project is delayed
- House: Significant unexpected costs associated with gas line repairs
- Launch
 - 2020: budget was \$5k, expenses were \$13k
 - 4 broken motor mounts
 - Leif asked why we needed to replace the mounts
 - We found that bushings needed to be installed to prevent excessive vibration
 - Transmission, shaft work
 - Rudder replacement
 - Most major repairs should be done
- Jr. sailing
 - New chase boat purchased
 - Budget was \$10k; purchased a Whaler from CSC for \$7k
 - Will recoup additional funds from selling the scow
- Richard Arnold Memorial Fund

- Harold Arnold donated money to the club after Richard's passing
- Club ended up buying the yellow kayaks on the racks
- Carried remaining \$920 since then
- Sandy asked Carol for recommendations on spending the remaining funds
 - Carol recommended we purchase a stand-up paddleboard
 - The SUP will be available for member use in 2021
 - Leif also suggested spending some of the money on kayak maintenance
- Wages
 - Fewer wages than last year due to fewer hours worked
 - Proposing a new part-time position (30 hours/week at \$15/hour) for 2021: launch assistant
 - Responsibilities could include:
 - Helping launch driver collect credit card fees
 - Mow lawn
 - Pump out dinghies
 - Check dinghy and parking stickers
 - Helping members on the docks
 - Assisting with junior sailing
 - This person would mainly be helping out during busy times
 - Tom Denehy asked where funds would come from for this role
 - Part of it would come from money saved on landscaping fees
 - Tom Gavin asked whether the launch drivers could do these jobs
 - Kevin explained that during busy times these responsibilities are not being performed because the launch drivers are spending all of their time going to boats
 - Brian Greenberg mentioned that some of the Jr. Sailing instructors would be willing to pick up hours
- Motion to approve the 2021 budget was accepted

Launch: Kevin

- Launch has been hauled out and will be winterized this week
- Thanks to Ed for all of his work in adapting to the changes this season
- Let Kevin know if there is any feedback about the launch service this season
- Had trouble finding coverage this fall after students returned to school
 - Will need a plan for next year
 - Maybe contract with SHYC or Fran
 - Ask members to drive
- Did not allow transients to use the club this year
 - May decide to continue this policy for next year to reduce maintenance

Boats: Dave

- Boat a new chase boat and came in under budget
- All chase boats need maintenance this spring
 - Will need members to help

- All engines are solid; hopefully the boats will be more reliable next season
- New 420s in good shape; Mercuries are doing well; may need some new Optis next year
- All chase boats are out of the water and will be winterized soon

Secretary: James

- Monacos decided not to proceed with their application
- At cap of 112 members
- No applications in progress

Jr. Sailing: Lisa

- No updates

Race: Sandy

- No racing updates
- We have had non-members using the clubhouse without a member present
 - If you are inviting a group, make sure that you arrive before the non-members
 - Do not give gate/door combinations to non-members
 - Leif and Bob noted that we have had non-members use the parking lot as well
 - We need to limit the number of people using the clubhouse, particularly under the current covid restrictions
 - Perry asked whether we were planning on changing the combination
 - Bob: Yes, we will consider doing this

Entertainment: Jay

- No updates at this time

Passing of Walter May

- Walter passed on October 7
- Long-time member and past Commodore
- We sent flowers to his family

Next meeting: November 16th at 20:00

- Similar format as this meeting: 15 spots for members and the rest will join via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 21:00