

**DEEPHAVEN BOAT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2009
MINUTES**

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Pete Onstad called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Members Present

Pete Onstad, Larry Parkhurst, David Irwin, Sue Jerutis, Jim van Bergen, Michael Kelly, Roy Quaintance, City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

Marc Anderson

January 14, 2009 Minutes

The Committee approved the January 14, 2009 minutes on a motion by Jim van Bergen, seconded by Sue Jerutis. Motion carried 7-0.

Matters from the Floor

There were no Matters from the Floor this evening.

Plaques of Appreciation to David Paulson and Steve Pavek

Dana Young stated that David Paulson and Steve Pavek could not make it this evening due to business commitments and both are planning to come to next month's Boat Committee meeting to receive their plaques.

Michael Kelly stated that Steve Pavek wanted to inform the Committee that the Tom Brislin Memorial Fund has raised over \$4,000 in donations. He stated that the funds were donated to the LMCD for the purchase of navigational solar powered lights that will be installed on buoys around St. Louis Bay and Carson's Bay.

Welcome David Irwin

The Committee welcomed David Irwin to the Boat Committee.

New Member

Dana Young reported that Steve Hemink had to withdraw from consideration as a member of the Boat Committee due to his appointment to the Planning Commission.

Pete Onstad noted that this would leave the Boat Committee one member short of its full compliment of nine members. Dana Young stated that he had received a recent application for membership from former Planning Commission member Wayne Nelson. The Boat Committee asked staff to invite Mr. Nelson to next month's meeting.

Sue Jerutis asked if the upcoming City Newsletter couldn't include a request for volunteers along with an enclosed Volunteer Application form. Dana Young stated that a request for volunteers had already been placed in the January Newsletter but there was no response. He added that it might be difficult to include a separate Volunteer Application form in the April Newsletter due to its length. Dana Young

suggested that a request for volunteers and the Volunteer Application form could be included in the notice to permit holders on the change in the mooring deadline from June 15th to June 1st.

Sue Jerutis also suggested posting a notice on the City Website.

Breakwater Dock & St. Louis Bay Dock Construction

Dana Young provided an update on the progress of the Breakwater Dock & St. Louis Bay Dock. He stated that the construction on both projects is in full swing and both seem to be progressing very well.

Roy Quaintance noted that he had talked to the subcontractor on the Breakwater Dock project and he was told that they are waiting for the welder to attach the platform, which should take about three days.

Both Roy Quaintance and Jim van Bergen voiced concern regarding the quality of the wood used for the St. Louis Dock Project. They noted that the wood appeared darker and had many more knots than the ten docks built by Minnetonka Portable Dredging last year.

Dana Young stated that he would have the public works crew review the docks and would talk with the contractor.

2009 Committee Goals

Pete Onstad stated that Mayor Skrede had asked for the Boat Committee to look into the problem with the riprap along the shore spaces. He stated that the riprap was too small in size when it was first installed and, as a result, much of the rock has fallen into the water. He stated that boats using the shore space now have to moor their boats further from the shore.

He stated that there are a couple of possible solutions to the rip rap problem. He stated that the Mayor suggested removing the rip rap and install steel pilings, similar to the breakwater structure, along the shore with a boardwalk along the top. The shore space docks could then be accessed off of the boardwalk.

He stated that a second solution would be to remove the rip rap and install newer, larger riprap.

Pete Onstad stated that it should be a goal of the Boat Committee to look into possible alternatives for repairing the riprap.

Roy Quaintance exits at 7:45 p.m.

Further discussion was held on improving the docks in Carson's Bay. Dana Young recommended that Chair Pete Onstad and Vice-Chair Sue Jerutis meet with the LMCD staff to discuss the proposed dock improvements and the potential ramifications the improvements would have on both the existing length variance and the dock use area.

David Irwin stated that he would like to see a more aggressive approach taken to ensure that there are no idle recourses throughout the boating season. He stated that he has noticed several empty mooring spaces throughout the summer, particularly with buoys, and felt that it was a shame that all the resources were not fully utilized. He suggested that it should be a goal to have every mooring space leased by a certain date.

Dana Young stated that every mooring space is leased. However, there may be open spaces due to mechanical problems, or a new lease holder is looking to find a new boat, or city staff might be having difficulties working down the waiting list to find someone who is willing to buy a boat and lease a space so far into the season.

Dana Young stated that staff is also somewhat hampered by needing to ensure everyone on the waiting list is contacted according to their ranking on the list and that they be given an ample opportunity to decide whether to accept or decline a mooring space. David Irwin suggested that it might be more important to ensure that all mooring spaces are filled rather than strictly adhering to someone's position on the waiting list.

Larry Parkhurst stated that he also felt an important goal is to maximize the number of boat storage units that the City is eligible to receive.

Michael Kelly stated that while it might potentially open a can of worms, it might also be worth re-examining the Council's decision to establish the 10-year mooring lease limit for docks.

The Committee reviewed the following list of goals that had been suggested by former Chair David Paulson last year.

1. Repair the rip rap along the shore space in St. Louis Bay.
2. Address the B1/B2 disparity and expand B2's as needed.
3. Resolve the slide winch situation in order to protect the infrastructure and improve the appearance of the shoreline by establishing reasonable standards for winches.
4. Continue to work on the consistent enforcement of marina ordinances.
5. Improve all language within the marina ordinances so the community is clear on expectations.
6. Develop a stronger working relationship with the Park Committee in order to foster alliances on mutually beneficial issues.
7. Improve our communication with the City Council by either having regular representation at council meetings or by presenting our thoughts at least quarterly to the Council.
8. Review the lease procedures to ensure that every mooring space is leased by a specific date.
9. Review the possibility of adding additional boat storage units.

Other

Pete Onstad stated that the City Council approved the amendment to the Watercraft Space Ordinance at their last meeting by changing the date that boats have to be at their mooring space from June 15th to June 1st.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Michael Kelly, seconded by Jim van Bergen. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Boat Committee will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2009.