

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

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Pete Onstad called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Larry Parkhurst, Marc Anderson

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The Committee approved the February 11, 2009 minutes on a motion by Jim van Bergen, seconded by Roy Quaintance. Motion carried 6-0.

Matters from the Floor

Dyke Williams, 3725 Parkway, was present to discuss a number of safety and liability issues at the marinas with the Boat Committee, including:

1. The proper inspection of mooring chains & cables
2. User information on the damage that can be caused by muskrats
3. The proper use of dock bumpers, dock lines, knots, cleats, lighting & reflectors
4. Proper tiedown methods for canoes and slides
5. Repair of the deep holes at the ends of the launch ramps from motoring onto trailers
6. Removal of weeds from the boating and swimming areas
7. Problems associated with sailboats breaking free of their moorings
8. Lake jurisdiction
9. Ice rescue capabilities
10. Gas/oil spills and the use of inboard engine absorption pads and required bilge pumps

Dyke Williams further recommended that the Boat Committee consider the following future actions that would enhance the safety of boaters on the lake and at the marina:

1. Publish a courtesy and safety booklet covering all aspects of boater safety, training and boat operations
2. Provide boat safety training through the Power Squadron and the Yacht Club
3. Consider requiring proof of adequate liability & property damage insurance, proof of boat handling & safety training, require a working weather radio on board, and conduct annual safety inspections
4. Provide more small craft storage, drive-up and launch facilities, and floating docks for canoe launching
5. Appoint a "harbormaster" for each bay

The Committee thanked Dyke Williams for his recommendations.

Plaques of Appreciation to David Paulson

The Boat Committee presented a plaque of appreciation to David Paulson for his 11 years of service with the Deephaven Boat Committee.

Remaining Improvements to Breakwater Dock & St. Louis Bay Dock

Discussion was held on the following list of remaining improvements to the Breakwater Dock and the St. Louis Bay Dock.

Breakwater Dock

1. Stringing the ropes around the pilings – to be completed by City crew.
2. Fill drop-off between walkway and dock entrance.
3. Relocate park bench at entranceway.
4. Install a bench on platform.
5. Treat tops of pilings or install caps.

St. Louis Bay Docks

1. Treat tops of pilings or install caps.
2. Renumber dock slip spaces.

The Boat Committee asked staff to look into the costs and color options available for the purchase of caps on top of the pilings.

Further discussion was held on the rub rails that have been installed on several of the ten new docks that were installed last year. Pete Onstad stated that the Committee has several options to consider regarding these rub rails. He stated that one option is that the City could provide and install rub rails and charge each dock permit holder a fee for the cost. A second option would be for the Boat Committee to establish specifications on rub rails and require every permit holder to adhere to the requirements. He stated that the third option would be to do nothing and let each permit holder install his or her own type & style of rub rail.

Pete Onstad asked Roy Quaintance if he would research costs and styles of rub rails for the Committee to review at next month's meeting.

David Irwin suggested that the Committee might need to take some action on this now before leaseholders start installing their own rub rails in April.

Pete Onstad stated that this item could be presented for Council discussion at next Monday's Council meeting to obtain input on what direction the Council would like to proceed on rub rails.

Non-Resident Dock Usage

Chris Struble, 3658 St. Therese Street, was present to discuss the email he had sent on the abuse of the mooring spaces by allowing individuals and/or non-residents the use of a mooring space even though the space is registered to the resident. He stated that there doesn't appear to be anything in the City's ordinance that would prevent this type of behavior from occurring. He stated that he is aware of one instance where a resident allows his nephew to use his dock slip and circumvents the City Ordinance by having his name listed on the title to his nephew's boat.

Sue Jerutis suggested contacting the City Attorney to see if there is any recourse to prevent this type of activity.

Pete Onstad stated that he is aware of three instances where there is fraudulent use of the dock slips. He stated that he knows of one resident who is living in a care facility outside of Deephaven and his daughter is living in his house using his slip. A second instance is where a resident owns the boat but the boat is really used by his son. The third instance is a resident has sold his boat to a non-resident who also has use of his dock slip.

Sue Jerutis recited sections of the Mooring Lease Agreement which requires each permit holder to certify that they are not allowing unauthorized parties to use their mooring space.

Dana Young suggested that he ask the City Attorney his opinion on what action can be taken to prevent the fraudulent use of the mooring spaces.

Review & Prioritize list of 2009 Goals

The Committee postponed prioritizing the following list of 2009 goals until next month's meeting:

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

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Roy Quaintance, seconded by Jim van Bergen. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Boat Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2009.