

**DEEPHAVEN BOAT COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015  
MINUTES**

**Call Meeting to Order**

Administrator Dana Young called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Members Present**

Tom Drummond, David Matteson, Jim van Bergen, and City Administrator Dana Young

**Members Absent**

Brian Larson and Doug Ruble

**December 10, 2014 Minutes**

The Committee approved the December 10, 2014 minutes on a motion by Tom Drummond, seconded by David Matteson. Motion carried 3-0.

**Matters from the Floor**

There were no Matters from the Floor this evening.

**Management Report**

Administrator Young provided an update on the turnover of the different mooring spaces for the 2015 season.

**2015 Chair & Vice-Chair**

Motion by Jim van Bergen to appoint Tom Drummond as 2015 Chairman of the Boat Committee. Seconded by David Matteson. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Jim van Bergen to appoint David Matteson as 2015 Vice-Chairman of the Boat Committee. Seconded by Tom Drummond. Motion carried 3-0.

**Appoint Jim Friedlander**

Jim Friedlander was present to discuss his interest in joining the Boating Committee.

Motion by Jim van Bergen to appoint Jim Friedlander to a three-year term of office effective until February 2018. Seconded by David Matteson. Motion carried 3-0.

**Resignation of Doug Ruble**

Discussion on the potential resignation of Doug Ruble was postponed until the next meeting when Doug Ruble was expected to be present to discuss whether he would be able to continue to serve on the Boat Committee.

**Potential Changes in LMCD Rules on Municipal Marinas**

Administrator Young stated that he talked with LMCD Director Greg Nybeck about the upcoming request from the LMCD inviting those cities with municipal marinas to discuss potential changes in current LMCD rules. He stated that he is still waiting to receive the letter from the LMCD.

He stated that the LMCD has already made several changes in their rules concerning commercial marinas and yacht clubs that included expanding the dock use area to 200 feet. He stated that the one issue of interest to the City Council was to obtain permission to allow the use of buoys for powerboats.

Tom Drummond asked if the City Council would have to approve any recommendations from the Boat Committee regarding LMCD rule changes. Dana Young stated that the City Council always has final authority on any recommendations.

David Matteson noted that sailboats tend to be less abusive to the mooring chains than powerboats. He cautioned that while sailboats may have recently declined in popularity, trends do change.

Dana Young stated that this Committee will have the opportunity for further discussion regarding these potential changes to the LMCD rules on municipal marinas when notified to proceed by the LMCD.

### **2015 Goals & Objectives**

Dana Young stated that apart from addressing the LMCD rule changes, the other potential goal for the Committee this year is to finalize specific designs for the reconfiguration of the shorespace area in St. Louis Bay. He stated that funding has been included in the 2015 Marina Fund Budget for design assistance.

Further discussion was held on continuing the review of the Ten Year Rule / Waiting Lists.

Tom Drummond stated that he thought the goal of the Committee should be to try to establish a middle ground solution.

Jim Friedlander stated that there is presently a 50-50 split on the docks between those that are grandfathered in and those residents operating under a ten year lease. He stated that with such a large number grandfathered in, it really limits dock spaces to only around 46 slips.

Tom Drummond stated that he would like to work on recommendations that might provide different plans or solutions for the Council to consider.

Jim Friedlander noted that there is nothing in the City Code that prohibits raising rates to market value.

Tom Drummond stated that past member David Irwin suggested increasing rates according to the length of time you have a lease.

Jim Friedlander stated that he felt a ten year lease was a reasonable length of time provided at a reasonable cost. He stated that you can get somewhat fatigued of the lake after a while. He added that there are only 100 slips and 400 on the waiting list.

David Matteson stated that he might have felt differently about the Ten Year Rule if everyone was required to be on a ten year lease. He added that he is also not a fan of using negative incentives to drive people off the slips.

Jim Friedlander stated that there is a possibility that someone might feel inclined to give up their slip if someone on the waiting list were to offer them \$2,000 for the slip. Dana Young noted that this might cause other problems by allowing someone at or near the bottom of the list to buy their way onto a slip.

Tom Drummond recommended that everyone should be prepared to pitch their favorite idea at the next meeting.

**Other**

There was no other business to discuss this evening.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by David Matteson, seconded by Jim van Bergen. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Boat Committee will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2015.