

Port of Hood River
MARINA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 16, 2017 – 8:00 a.m.
Marina Center Boardroom

Present: Committee members Steve Carlson, Jaime Mack, Josh Sceva, and Steve Tessmer; Commissioner Brian Shortt; Michael McElwee and Laurie Borton from staff.

Absent: Member Lance Staughton; from staff, John Mann

Guest: Mike Petty, Captain, M/Y Pastime

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Shortt at 8:08 a.m.

1. **Additions to Agenda:** None.

2. **Introduction of Guests:** Mike Petty, Captain, M/Y Pastime. The Pastime has wintered over in the Marina for the past two years (September through February). Petty was invited to the meeting to comment on the layovers. The decision to bring the boat to Hood River from Alaska is made by the owner, who lives in California; but it has allowed Petty to be closer to his family which has also been a benefit for the Port. When Petty was asked if any amenity could be added and he suggested additional moorings but he also said he understood balancing amenities with budgets. During the cruise ship season of September and October the Pastime relocates from the commercial dock to the guest dock and he experiences first-hand the heavy use of the dock and that some vessels coming in cannot be accommodated. He is aware of some Marinas that allow guests to use slips but also knows this can create intensive management.

3. **Approve Minutes:**

Motion: Approve minutes of November 17, 2016 meeting.

Move: Carlson

Second: Tessmer

Vote: Unanimous

4. **Marina Manager Report, Laurie Borton:**

- Dock Walk Reports: as aptly reported by Steve Tessmer—snow, ice, and more snow & ice. Carlson reported on loose ties for an A Dock tenant who has been contacted to check on the boat. Sceva reported the A and Shell docks were fine. Carlson reported on cords in the water on C Dock and one vessel with ropes that should be replaced; he would also provide more specific notes by email later in the day. Borton provided a photo taken of the snow load that is causing the west side of the boathouses to be off kilter; however, Tessmer indicated he did not feel it was a problem and the snow should be gone by the weekend.
- Retirement/Marina Manager after March 1: Borton will be retiring and Janet Lerner, who previously stepped in as Interim Marina Manager will temporarily fill that role. Borton reported that statements for 2017 moorage and T-hangar tenants have been issued and she is currently working on filling three moorage vacancies.

5. **Facilities Manager Report, John Mann:** Mann was unavailable for the meeting; however, Executive Director Michael McElwee reported the Facilities department now has a better approach to clearing pathways on the dock after purchasing additional snow plowing equipment.

6. **Discussion Topics:**

- **North C Dock Electrical Update/Vessel Temporary Relocations** – McElwee reported power has held due to a bypass of the main breaker but the problem has not been solved. A marine engineer will be

consulting with the Port as soon as weather and temperatures improve. Data readings from the main panel have been recorded and will be reviewed by the engineer. McElwee said there had also been a couple of near trips on B Dock, which is on a separate circuit as well as on the Boathouse dock. Borton commented on a small number of C Dock North boats that have temporarily relocated into vacant slips to ensure electrical continuity. Those tenants have notified the office and have provided meter readings.

- **HRYC's South Basin Dock Lease for 2017** – A copy of Lance Staughton's report given at the February 7 Commission meeting was provided to the committee. The Yacht Club has expressed their interest in renewing the South Basin Dock lease for 2017 but with some modifications that will be negotiated at staff level. It is likely the Port will manage the seasonal lottery again in 2017 and details will be brought back to the March 23 meeting.
- **Waterfront Parking Plan Update** – Because waterfront businesses feel metered parking will create conflicts by 'driving' recreational users into employee lots, there is opposition to metered parking on the waterfront. This has resulted in the City forming a parking committee. McElwee said it is highly unlikely that metering will occur on waterfront streets in 2017. Metering for the boat launch parking lot was initially included in the Port's plan; however, this will not happen near-term as parking revenue will decrease funding received from the Oregon State Marine Board. Shortt suggested potential (future) metering between the Chamber and DMV buildings; and he also commented on the need for better "way finding" signage at all waterfront locations illustrating connection points with the City, Parks & Rec., etc.
- **Marina Long Range Permitting Meeting with Peter Olmstead, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers** – Olmstead's meeting with the Committee has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 23. Previous attempts to meet were cancelled due to travel considerations during the winter months. It was decided the March 23 meeting should be an open discussion, without providing an advance agenda with prior concepts, but that boards from the November 2015 marina planning work session should be made available for the discussion. The intent is to seek a better understanding of the permit process from Olmstead, a regional permit coordinator, and whether a long-term master plan and list of projects can be approved. There was consensus to meet first with Olmstead and then invite representatives from the Oregon State Marine Board to future meetings. There was also consensus that the Port should continue to send messages to the OSMB of our interest to expand the guest dock. Shortt recommended that Olmstead be contacted prior to his March 23 visit to request that he review the Port's file to identify if there are any open permits still in place.

7. **Next Meeting: Thursday, March 23, 2017, 8:00 a.m., Gorge Innoventure Conference Room. Please send your Dock Walk Reports to Janet, marina@portofhoodriver.com, by March 16.**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Shortt at 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Laurie Borton, 02/16/17

TO BE APPROVED AT THE MARCH 23, 2017 MEETING