

Port of Hood River

MARINA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday May 17th, 2018 – 8:00 a.m.

Port Conference Room

*THESE MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL until approved at the next regular meeting.*

**Present:** Members Josh Sceva, Steve Tessmer, Shawn Summerrett

Staff Members: Brian Shortt, Daryl Stafford, John Mann

**Absent:** Committee: Lance Staughton, Steve Carlson

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 by Daryl Stafford.

**Additions to Agenda:** None

**No Minutes to approve.**

**Marina Manager Report.**

Stafford briefed committee regarding her new position and the transition. Recent Dock walk found several boats with expired registrations. She is contacting owners to remedy the situation. All boats are safely secured and no problems were found. Discussed Waterfront Events happening this summer and the increase of visitors. Wait lists are still growing for the Marina and turnover is low. High water is causing stress on the ramps, docks and maintenance has been monitoring. Concern regarding electrical and its tolerance for the above average water. Pool Levels are forecasted to stay high for a while. News letter with Spring reminders regarding boater safety and good boating practices, insurance, registration, dock housekeeping, power cords, and moorage fees not yet paid.

**Dock walk reports**

1. A Dock- Sceva. A dock in good shape
2. B Dock- Stafford: Several non compliant cords. Contacted owners.
3. C Dock- Stafford: Non 30' boats on East side of North C dock. Tenant items on docks, fingers,
4. Boathouse Dock- Tessmer Monitoring chains and attachments under stress due to record high water. Working with Port Maintenance to identify and fix problems.
5. Youth Junior Sailing / South Basin Dock- Summersett: Youth Sailing Program is taking the summer off. Monday night sailing will still happen. Organization is restructuring.
6. HR Canoe Club- Sceva: Club currently not using SB dock, considering subleasing space to Kite Schools for their Jet Skis. Most of the canoes are in Nichols Basin this year.

7. HR Yacht Club- No member present. HRYC board is discussing who will take Lance Staughten's place on the committee.
8. Cruise Ships- Stafford: Schedule is filling up. Several date and time changes due to challenges presented for large boats with current and high water in other locations.
9. Seasonal Lottery- Stafford: All slips have been spoken and paid for.
10. Guest Dock- OSMB conducted their annual inspection of the pump out station and it got a good report. She suggested we order a new handle soon.

## **Discussion Topics**

1. Rules and Regulations- Stafford: New billing payment policy has confused many boat owners. Above average amount of delinquent accounts. Suggested policy clarity with dates that payments are due and when penalties will be imposed. Other policies discussed were subleasing, selling of boats and new owners taking over of slips, Wait List terms and New Tenant Policy. Shortt suggested better slip strategies to optimize boat length and size, conducting a rate survey, and revisiting Moorage Agreements.
2. Restrooms- Mann: Working on plan to dedicate one small restroom to Marina Tenants Only. Summer hours will be started Memorial Day Weekend. Damage seems to be frequently incurred from the homeless population, use of cameras and better lighting was discussed. Long term redesign will be expensive however needed.
3. Youth Sailing Program- Summersett: Advertising for Youth Sailing Director, no qualified applicants at this point. Current Directors have become too busy to be able to run it so they decided to pause for a year so that the integrity of the organization would not be compromised.
4. Long Term Planning
  - a) Better use of open Park space to help pay for the land and maintenance costs.
  - b) Would like to have the opportunity to review the next budget before it is passed by the commission with regards to the Marina expenses.
  - c) Proposed boat storage in gravel lot area to generate income. There has been a need for that identified.
  - d) Plans are going forward with budget allowance for a Storage Shelter for canoes and SUPs in Nichols Basin. Design and management proposals are still in the early stages.
  - e) Tessamer: Discussed Framework to improve the economy of scale and development of logical places. Long term permitting process should

immediately be underway for 5, 10, 20 years. Suggested hiring outside firm to make it happen. Current staff does not have the time or experience to dedicate at this point.

- f) Short: Master Plan of the Port and the challenges of how to tie it all together. Bridge project has taken over precedence at this point.

Prepared by: Daryl Stafford