

Port of Hood River

MARINA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday July 19th, 2018 – 8:00 a.m.

Port Conference Room

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

Present-

Committee Members: Commissioner Brian Shortt 1st Chair, Steve Tessamer, Steve Carlson, Josh Sceva, Shawn Summersett, Ted Lohr, Lisa Bloomster

Port Staff: Michael McElwee Executive, Daryl Stafford

Absent:

Port Staff: John Mann

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 by Brian Shortt

Additions to Agenda: None

Executive Director: Michael McElwee

- Michael welcomed Lisa Bloomster to the committee as our new C-Dock Representative. She is long time C-Dock tenant and sailor and well known in our boating community.
- Summary of Meeting with OSMB regarding future plans for Boat Launch and Guest Dock. Plans were presented to staff from OSMB for a redesign that staff felt would not work. Michael went to Salem to meet with the board to discuss future new designs and upgrades.
- Discussion with group led to suggestions from Committee to have OSMB consider keeping ramp in current location and extending it. Current Ramp is deemed unsafe when water level drops as the trailers fall off the end. Also, the group suggested that we keep the layout of the dock in the L-Shape because it is favorable to our East-West direction.
- Ideas for future planning for a hand launch area for small rafts, Lasers, Sunfish, etc. were brought up, along with a long-term plan for a Swing Arm Marina Crane.
- Current trend was identified as the 30-year old and under as day use boaters so the focus for planning the launch area, guest dock and parking should be suited for them.
- It was suggested that Marina Manager work with OSMB to learn more about their vision state wide.
- Michael shared an overview of plans for the SUP/Canoe Shelter at Nichols Basin. Group conversation of design followed. Consideration of storage options and examples of how other shelters and racks were discussed along with lease options so the project will pay for itself. Commissioner Shortt encouraged group to consider various ways to get the public to use the space such as partners with Parks and Rec in order to gain the greatest benefit for the projected quantity of users. Preliminary designs and site plan application were shared with the committee.

Marina Manager Report: Daryl Stafford

- Port has taken over Shell dock management from HRYC. New Leases will be issued to tenants. One slip was given up, the next person on the wait list accepted. Josh mentioned that the East side of the dock needs some adjusting the next time Eaton is scheduled to come out for repairs.
- Update of Waterfront Events. Beaches are at max capacity. Parking is tight and challenging in concentrated areas. Overall things are going really well.
- Daryl expressed concerns about boat owners that refuse to have current registrations on their boats. If an emergency comes about it is critical that the current owner is linked to the boat by the registration number. She would like to turn off gate keys for those who refuse, and the committee felt that was a reasonable idea.
- New Leases for the 2 boathouses that recently sold are in the works. Inspection for electric thresholds will be scheduled with Steve Carlson. Clean Marina best practice language will be added to educate new owners.
- A hand out of changes to the 2019 Rules and Regulations were handed out to the committee for review, feedback and suggestions.
- The recycle and garbage fenced in area has been removed by the Port Facility Team. The area had become abused and was turning into a trash center for all kinds of things.
- 2018/2019 Budget has been approved. There are funds for the development of the SUP/ Canoe shelter and HRYC building. Copy of the budget are available if Committee would like to review.

Dock walk reports

A Dock- Josh Sceva: A-35 bowline, A-9 spring line, A-22 SUPs on dock,A-38 jet ski.

B Dock- Steve Carlson: All is well.

C Dock- Daryl Stafford: Tenants with worn lines have been contacted. Jet skis have been documented.

Boathouses: Steve Tessmer:

- Steve reviewed proposed lease changes suggested by Daryl and thought they looked fine. He has been in contact with new owners of recently sold boathouses to help them understand the responsibilities of ownership.
- New Leases have been sent to legal and expected to be ready next week.

Youth Junior Sailing / South Basin Dock- Sean Summersett:

- Monday night sailing is happening.
- Discussion about the different groups (HRYC, Jr. Sailing Program, High School Sailing Program, Gorge Sailing Team etc.) coming together to form a stronger Youth Sailing Program. Everyone agreed on the importance of promoting sailing for the kids and that having no program in place this summer left a huge void. Ted said the HRYC will make every effort to work with the other groups to have a program for next summer.
- Commissioner Shortt asked what the Port Commission could do to help get the program back on track.

HR Canoe Club- Josh Sceva:

- Club is up to 92 members with plenty of interest from beginners. He is forecasting continued growth with this user group and would like to be part of the planning for the proposed SUP/Canoe shelter to help accommodate more boats.
- Canoe Youth program is crushing it at the races and that is a great sign for the future of the sport in the Gorge.
- Josh shared information about the event at the Waterfront Park this week, The Gorge Downwind Paddle Champs, that has over 700 participants and their families. People from all over the world are now coming to this event and it has really put paddling in the Gorge on the Map.

HR Yacht Club- Ted Lohr:

- Ted started the conversation about how to grow the sailing programs, plan for small boat and hand-launch areas and promote small boat sailing in the Gorge. Ted and Steve Carlson expressed that they felt the current generation will be trending towards dry storage and racks, and that the committee should keep that in mind for future plans for the Marina area. Trends indicate people are purchasing smaller cruising trailer boats that will have specific launching
- Two big sailing races are scheduled for this August, the Double Damned on 8/4, and the Moore 24 Nationals on 8/10. The guest dock and DMV parking area have been reserved for the events.
- HRYC building is scheduled for improvements this year so Michael asked that the club and staff put together a punch list for improvements.
- Ted noted water in the Basin is getting pretty murky and that any long-term plans should include fresh flow into the Marina.

Long Term Planning

- **Restrooms:**
 - All Waterfront Port Restrooms are at maximum use at this point. Upgrades, expansions and additions are necessary to accommodate the large increase in visitors. Committee requested that future Port budgets take into consideration these needs. Commissioner Shortt shared that the Bridge Replacement Efforts are going to require 60% of the Revenue and that alternate ways to support the property will need to be generated. Staff is addressing this challenge.
- **Support for the Tribes:**
 - Commissioner Shortt has been working with the Tribes on the Bridge Replacement and mentioned that it would be a good idea to coordinate with them regarding long term planning on the waterfront. He said that at one point the Tribe had interest in Nichols Basin. The committee agreed a strong partnership would benefit all.

Prepared by: Daryl Stafford