

Urbanna Harbour Yacht Club
Board Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2019

Attendance:

David Laughton, President

Hazel Laughton, Treasurer

Susan Armentrout, Secretary

Steve Bingham

Joy Mullins

Phil Mullins (outgoing)

Mike Silvay (incoming)

Dan Matsey, absent

5 slip owners and Roger Van Lew were also present

David Laughton called the meeting to order at 10:01 am and the minutes from the June 8, 2019 Board Meeting were presented and approved (**Motion** Hazel/Second Phil). In the interest of time, David allowed the topic of New Business/Fixed lifts to be taken out of order.

New Business/Fixed Lifts: Two owners were present and had previously submitted to the board a written request for the Board to reconsider its June 8th decision to continue the prohibition on fixed lifts. Significant discussion occurred on the perceived aesthetics of lifts, impact on property value (positive & negative), storm and dock safety issues and insurance implications. Additionally, it was determined that there was nothing in writing or online that would let a new slip purchaser know lifts were prohibited. (SHOULD I PUT IN THE PART ABOUT REAL ESTATE AGENT COMMENTS?) Feedback collected from slip owners who could not attend the meeting was presented as well (6 owners representing 12 slips against fixed lifts, 10 owners representing 10 slips in favor). Strong opinions in favor of lifts, and against fixed and some floating lifts was expressed by board members and owners present.

The Board agreed that additional information needed to be collected as follows: Other marina best practices on lifts (Steve Bingham to follow up), Insurance

implications if any (Hazel Laughton to follow up) and a complete poll of current owners on the topic. Hazel Laughton made a **motion**, seconded by Susan Armentrout, to draft a ballot to be presented to the entire membership for a vote. The motion passed, and the Board agreed to meet briefly after the meeting for a work session to draft the ballot.

Treasurer's Report:

Hazel Laughton submitted the following:

Our bank balance as of today are:

Checking	\$56,958.37
Savings	\$29,792.59 –Sona
C & F Bank – Capital	\$87,396.35
Capital at Sona Bank	\$28,391.56
CD's at Sona	3 x \$35,892.23

Concerning dues on two outstanding slips-Slip 27 is proceeding towards Auction which will take place in October. Slip 32 is being sent a final certified mail from our lawyer before setting the legal action in motion.

Our new lawyer – following Byron Parker leaving our area – it taking over our State Corporation Commission paperwork -at a considerable financial savings.

Old Business

New Dinghy Rack: Susan Armentrout reported that 5 owners/renters expressed interest in renting north dock dinghy space at \$75/year. These five do not currently rent space. Additionally, some neighbors expressed possible interest in renting as well. As the north existing rack space is full, and there are only two spaces left at the main entrance, building new racks was presented. Roger Van Lew estimated materials would cost \$375 to build a structure similar to the ones we have. Volunteer labor should keep total costs below \$500. Susan made a **motion**, seconded by Hazel to proceed with building the racks at a cost not to exceed \$500. The motion carried.

Insurance Project Update: Susan Armentrout reported that there are currently only 20 boats docked at UHYC that we do not have current liability insurance in hand or on the way for. Susan will begin making phone calls and sending registered mail on any remaining after Labor Day. Going forward, the process can

be managed more easily by periodic inspections of boats in the harbor, and sending renewal reminders monthly, using the database created.

Board Vacancies/Job Descriptions:

Hazel and Susan are working on written job descriptions for the various board officer positions and committees for the board to review at a future meeting. It is anticipated that all board members will have assigned responsibilities in order to better distribute the volunteer workload, and to make transitions easier in the future.

Urbanna Creek Effluence:

A copy of the Urbanna Town Council's letter to HRSD, Middlesex County and DEQ was distributed to the board for review and consideration. The gist of the letter is to express support for the 5 year plan to shut down the existing water treatment plants currently dumping into Urbanna Creek in excess of recommended rates. After some discussion, Susan Armentrout made a **Motion** to have UHYC send a similar letter of encouragement on behalf of slip owners and members who enjoy the creek. A draft would be presented to the board for approval. Phil seconded the motion and it carried.

Other New Business:

Mike Silvay brought up needing a plan about the discarded tires and other objects behind the docks near the pool area and neighborhood.

Susan Armentrout brought up the need to replace a pool umbrella that was destroyed in a storm.

Phil Mullins discussed issues with recent pool maintenance and the need for a plan to correct the servicing issues. Also, we need to plan for the pool closing by the end of September. Mike Silvay is following up.

The Board thanked Phil for his years of irreplaceable commitment to UHYC, and wished both he and Joalyn the best in their new adventures.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

