



LIGHTHOUSE

DORCHESTER YACHT CLUB

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It is sad to tell the members of the passing of our secretary Steve Feldman. We offer his family our condolences and wish them well.

The traditional opening night was changed to a family-oriented opening day. For those of you who missed out on the day's events, it worked well. We had burgers and dogs for the kids along with a dunk tank and moon walk. I know we would have made some money if we could have gotten Jack Donegan to sit on the seat of the tank, but it was a bit chilly and there were other volunteers. It also coincided with the opening of the Tiki Bar which seems to be the place everyone will be congregating this summer. The meal was catered by Joseph's and as always was very good.

The Blessing of the Fleet will be held on Sunday June 21st at eleven o'clock and we will dedicate our memorial plaque for Life Members. There will be coffee and pastries for the blessing of the fleet by the Rev. Paul Peterson. It would be nice to see a large turn-out as we are a club, not just a marina, and as always, please be careful coming and going from the club. Whether it be by boat (NO wake) or car (there are a lot of activities at the park).



Special Election at the July Meeting

An election will take place at the General Membership Meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2009 for the position of Secretary, to replace the late Steve Feldman.

Proposed Rule Change

To be voted on at the General Membership Meeting, Thursday, July 9, 2009

To be added to the end of Inboard Float Rules, #2. The same language will be added to the end of Outboard Float Rules, #3.

“All boat owners, before docking a boat at the float to which the boat owner is assigned, must show Proof of Insurance to the Float Committee Chairman or his representative for boats kept in the marina or on moorings of the yacht club. Minimum coverage shall include \$500,000 for environmental damage and \$300,000 for Protection & Indemnity liability. The yacht club will be named a "certificate holder" of the insurance.”

DYC Board of Directors Meeting, June 4, 2009

Present at the meeting:

Officers: Paul Polito, Danny Campbell, Lee Perry

Board Members: Jack Donegan, Ray Tomasini, Frank Antonelli, Bob Mirabito

Committee Chairs: David Greenwood, Walter Belushko, Al Chouinard

Member Steve Cavanaugh filled in as secretary for Steve Feldman, who passed away in May.

Commodore Paul Polito called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm

Correspondence

We received a letter from Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) Clean Vessel Act Program coordinator Eileen M. Feeney, which noted that the final date to submit requests for reimbursements of expenses incurred by participation in the Pump Out Station program were due by July 31, 2009 for the 2008-09 season. Discussion began on whether to replace the old Pump Out Station (POS), which has required numerous repairs and still does not work properly. The Commodore noted that the DMF will reimburse 75% of replacement costs. Per suggestion by Bob Mirabito (who noted that last POS cost \$13,000), it was decided that the information be researched and prices for a replacement be looked at in the ½ hour before the Membership meeting next week, so that this can be brought before the club for a vote.

Treasurer's Report

The club made payments in May for ice, heating oil, a deposit on the plaque honoring deceased Life Members (which had arrived that day), Opening night, Waste Management, Payroll, water, pay phone, exterminator, plumbing supply, assembly permit, Sullivan and Sullivan (\$4000), United Waste Mgmt (for removal of old floats), NE Electrical, Comcast, the City of Boston for the permit for storage of gasoline, and to the state for the annual gasoline tank fee.

A bill for \$112 was received from the Mass Unemployment agency, because someone has tapped into our workmen's comp fund for more than the balance. Discussion of bill followed, and it was decided to look into this to see who this is because this is our first notice about this.

A letter, with a copy of a credit card statement, was received from a member claiming he got charged twice by the Club last October for \$100 (for gas). The Board decided to reimburse the member.

The annual bill for Exchange Insurance for Property and Liability (\$7216.00) which covers the club house was received. Lee Perry was directed to pay this.

A discussion of a member who had been dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues, but who wishes to come back into club ensued, with a decision made to have Dave Greenwood contact him with the latest bill for overdue fees, along with \$200.00 in fines for the past 4 months; if the member pays, he will be reinstated.

Lee said that people are dropping checks into the mail with no note...he guesses for subleases of floats. Suggestion was made to make form to keep in club to fill out with check.

Committee Reports

House

The plaque honoring deceased Life Members has arrived; Dave will mount it outside near "Cooney's Corner". We will plan to have a dedication ceremony for it at the blessing of the fleet on Sunday, June 21, 2009.

Dave noted that we have two new stewards, Stephanie White and Chris Polito. Dave says they're doing an excellent job.

Don't forget to tip your stewards.

Inboard & Outboard Floats, Mooring Master Reports

Al Chouinard noted that water should be turned on the outboard floats this weekend. He noted the hose situation on end of C-Pier, will need ¾ inch. He plans to attend to that later this year, and replace the C-Pier hoses.

A Water Flow abatement meter has been applied for by Ray Tomasini; we are waiting for the contractor (member Joe Quinn) to hook it up. Dave met with Joe on Monday, by end of week Joe will have 2 guys install the abatement meter, and has already pulled the permit. Then we will need it inspected and wired. This will let us obtain separate readings for water used on the docks and that used by the club house and lockers. This could save the club as much as \$2,000.00 per month in the summer.

Al found a ¾" garden hose on B pier running full bore into water last week. He noted that everyone must attend to hoses on the dock and around the club house. Letting water run into the bay costs us money.

Al will try to get the mooring float decked maybe this weekend, so we can pull moorings in the anchorage; with all the new members, we will likely need to have some moorings available. Once the moorings have been pulled and reset, we can have them registered with the city and inspected.

Regatta

Frank Antonelli noted that everything is looking good for opening day (the time of the party has been moved to earlier in the day); we will have a jumping tent for the kids, and a dunk tank. The DJ will play from 4 to 9 pm, later if requested.

The Blessing of the Fleet is set for Sunday, June 21, at 11 am.
Meals are all set for now.

Permits

As noted above, permits have been billed for and paid.

Safety

Walter Belushko will bring up the Kidde extinguisher problem, which was discussed at the last meeting, at the Members Meeting next week, as this is a potentially serious situation for boaters

Walter also mentioned that the Tall Ships Boston event is a bit of a fiasco. One ship, the *Esmeralda* has arrived, but the mayor has been adamant that he won't facilitate the regatta without an upfront payment. The Tall Ships are scheduled to be here from July 6 - 13, and while there will not be a grand parade, the ships will be available for boarding and viewing.

Walter also noted that the Coast Guard and Marine Police have been boarding lots of boats. Boaters should get their boats inspected and all the safety equipment working.

Unfinished Business

John Steele was asked to come before the board by Jack Donegan for drunk and disorderly conduct. It was decided that John will be prohibited from drinking alcohol on club property for one year; if he violates this rule, he will be expelled from the club. John was brought in, Paul Polito gave him the Board's decision; John apologized, accepted the Board's ruling and paid the \$29.00 he owed the club for other matters.

Jack handed over a check for \$18,000.00 from Compass Insurance. This was an insurance payment from Mel Conroy's insurance company to pay for OSHA-approved disposal of gas, disposal of boat, crane company, dumpster, etc. following the disastrous fire last Fall in which Mel's boat caught fire and Mel lost his life.

We owe money to Mel's estate. Bob will contact one of Mel's sons to see how best to proceed; we owed Mel \$3,300.00 for work as our full-time steward.

Jack has 3 bids for 4 bouys and a "slow, no wake" zone bouy. All are around \$1800.00. Jack moved, Dan seconded that we take \$1800 for the bouys from Marilyn Mallard.

Dave brought up the issue of whether to proceed with the project to strengthen the pilings and piers under the lockers or to plan on doing the dredging of the harbor first. He noted we are ready to go on the lockers project, and that it could take 3 or 4 years before we have the needed permits, etc. for the dredging. He has talked with some members and BODs and there was a consensus to do lockers first, before they deteriorate. Lockers would be done in winter (January 2010).

Bob Mirabito suggested forming a subcommittee with Ray Tomasini, Dave Greenwood and himself to research fees, and come up with a plan, which would be presented at the July Board meeting, to be voted on at the August Members Meeting. Standards for boat insurance were decided upon: 500K for environmental insurance, 300K in liability. A notice of a proposed change to the rules requiring boat insurance will be put in the June newsletter (and mentioned at June meeting), to be voted on at the July Members Meeting.

New Business

At the general meeting in June, there will be a call for interested candidates for the position of secretary, to be voted on by voice vote at the July meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Cavanaugh

HAVE YOU MOVED? DID YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE?

Please help us keep our records up to date by providing us with current information by logging in to www.Dorchester-yachtclub.com and updating your information. The club will be saving well over \$3000.00/year if members rely on the web for LightHouse and any new information!

REMEMBER: NO SMOKING IN THE YACHT CLUB

Dorchester Yacht Club Card Night SECOND FRIDAY of the MONTH

7 PM

Sponsored By Your Regatta Committee

See Rules and Regulations for Card Night at the Club

Call Thursday before 8 pm to reserve a seat!

Members can contact Frank Antonelli Jr.

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or Edward Callahan.





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Blessing of the Fleet
June 21, 2009
11 a.m.

Coffee & Pastries provided

Come for this great opening ceremony of the boating season and enjoy the newly renovated clubhouse and a fun time with your fellow members.

**Proposed change to Article XXIV
Covering Life Membership**

*To be voted on at the General Membership Meeting on
Thursday, July 9, 2009.*

Section 1: A member having continuously paid dues as a Regular Member in good standing for thirty (30) years shall automatically become a Life Member and shall be free annual dues and assessments. *36bRev.5/14/98

Voted in 7/10/00

Proposed: (remove the words "and assessments" from the end of Section 1.).

Proposed New Section

Section 2: All Life Members who are active in the club, in that they have paid either a lease or sub-lease for either a slip or a locker, in the 12 months either preceding or following the Oct 1 billing date of an assessment, shall be liable to that particular billing assessment, else they shall be free from that particular billing assessment. (new section).