

Minutes of Marina Committee November 11, 2014

Call to Order: 7 p.m. BBVCC Clubhouse

Present: Committee chair Wilde, members Doutre, Calef, Thomson, Pirak, O'Dell.

Also attending General Manager/Harbormaster Hoffer,

BBVCC BOD rep Hubert,

BBVCC staff Freitas and Rector.

Minutes of October 14, 2014 meeting approved.

Agenda approved

Audience Presentations: None. Steve Ince in attendance.

Unfinished Business

Dock hinges and self-closing: Freitas advised the committee that hinges have been re-installed on B and C docks to correct door swing issues and that self-closing hinges will be installed shortly. Back-swing pins will be removed at that time to prevent the pins from being used to prop open the gate which has resulted in the gate remaining blocked open long after the marina user has departed the scene.

Pressure washing: Freitas and Rector reported that progress was being made on completion of pressure washing but was not yet accomplished. Freitas advised the committee that outside bids for pressure washing were requested from outside contractors but he had not received prices by meeting time and will bring bids to the December meeting. BBVCC staff will continue to make progress in the meantime.

Marina labor: GM Hoffer reported that Rector will continue as marina labor until spring when he returns to Golf Course duties. Hoffer also advised the committee that other labor options were being considered primarily re-allocation of other BBVCC staff to marina needs.

Entrance sign: The committee discussed but did not finalize recommendations for sign language for the harbor entrance sign. Discussion shifted to the need for "NO Wake" signage along the channel as "No Wake" appears to be only a suggestion for some marina users. The committee recommended a sign be installed inbound at the fuel dock and outbound on the starboard (right for the land-bound) side of the main channel. GM Hoffer advised doing so would require permission from the property owner and he tasked himself with obtaining that permission from the member.

Float replacement: GM Hoffer reported at the October meeting that the contractor's scheduling for replacing floats conflicted with crab season and safety concerns with having divers in the water during this period made delaying this work necessary but the project is expected to be completed in November.

Marina Regs Changes: A proposed revision to move fees from January collection to June creates a revenue issue for BBVCC and a potential payment problem for marina lessees because the change would require payment of 18 months of fees in January. Discussion by the committee raised questions about the need for a change to 12.1 and 12.2 and potential unintended consequences. A marina committee POC will consult with BBVCC staff to get the committee's questions answered and will report at the December meeting. No further action was taken on proposed regulations revisions.

Fire Suppression System: GM Hoffer previously advised the committee in October during that an enforcement review of the marina by Whatcom Fire Marshall found BBVCC not in compliance with regulations. The required permits are in process, Hoffer advised and work is expected to begin sometime in January.

Dock Gate/Fence Replacement: Quotes have been received but on the advice of BOD liaison Hubert that budget constraints preclude expenditures for this project, the committee took no further action and agreed to shelve the issue for the current budget year.

Marina Budget: GM Hoffer, in followup to discussion at the October meeting, explained to the committee there has been some increase in repair funds and that the marina accounts for approximately 20 cents per dollar per member or about \$400,000 of the \$2 million budget and that fees recover about 15 of those 20 cents. Discussion followed and the committee questioned whether fees are keeping pace with inflation and whether the budget accounting is a true and accurate representation of actual income and expenses. The committee took no action nor made any recommendations to BOD regarding budget.

Annual Moorage for Non-Members: In the October meeting, committee members discussed the implications of offering moorage to boaters who are not BBVCC members, but would be sponsored by a BBVCC member, in the same way that outside golfers are sponsored to gain access to BBVCC golf facilities. Concerns were raised on several issues involved with opening up BBVCC moorage to outside persons and GM Hoffer advised that doing so would require a change to the covenants and a vote of the general membership. In an effort to shore up income, which has fallen because of vacancies in the marina, the committee voted request BOD change marina bylaws to allow renters and owners to both have marina privileges. The non-member moorage discussion was tabled indefinitely. The committee reiterated the need to advise BBVCC members that current regs allow a member to have two slips.

Other Business-Committee vacancies: Two committee positions expire in November. Wilde regrettably will not continue for an additional one-year term; O'Dell submitted a request to continue for an additional one-year term. Steve Ince applied to be on the committee. By unanimous vote, the committee recommended that BOD approve O'Dell's one-year extension and add Ince and Calef to the

committee membership. It was noted that member Tom Baker has resigned due to health issues. The committee thanked Tom for his service to the marina and BBVCC and wishes him well.

The committee expressed profound gratitude to Gary Wilde for his 35 months of service to the committee, his leadership and the untallied hours spent outside of marina meetings on project work and a score of other actions that moved the many projects forward and informed the committee at meetings.

Private Docks: The dangerous and unsightly condition of several private docks opposite the fuel dock have been discussed at many marina committee meetings over the past year. GM Hoffer updated the committee and reported that repair work was underway. No completion date is known, but BBVCC staff and committee members will continue to monitor progress.

Next Marina Committee meeting: The committee will meet next on December 9 at 7 p.m.

No further business was before the committee and the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Rod O'Dell
For the BBVCC Marina Committee