

# **West River Yacht Club**

## **Meeting Minutes – Annual Meeting**

Sunday, December 6, 2015

### **I. Call to order**

Commodore Katy McCaffrey called to order the Annual Meeting of the West River Yacht Club at 12:05PM on Sunday, December 6, 2015. The Annual Meeting was held at the club in Edgewater, Maryland. Captain Ron Albrecht led the Pledge of Allegiance. Captain Charlie McCaffrey led the opening prayer.

### **II. Roll Call**

Acting Secretary, Norman Stein conducted a roll call. The following members were present: Albrecht, Beall, Brown, Dorris, Hickman, Hilley, Lauer, Mason, McCaffrey, Reuschling, Stein, and Tayman. A quorum was present.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The minutes of the October 4, 2015 meeting were prepared and distributed electronically. The minutes were approved.

### **IV. Officer reports**

#### **1. Commodore's report**

Commodore Katy McCaffrey provided the following information to the WRYC membership attending the meeting:

- WRYC Secretary / Treasurer Angela Edwards was not able to attend this meeting and Norman Stein was requested to take meeting minutes and participate as Acting Secretary. Her reports were submitted electronically to the Commodore.
- Don and Linda Kline have resigned from WRYC and their resignation letter was read to the membership by the Commodore.
- Laurie and Bill Crosley made a \$100 donation to WRYC in recognition of "Clean Up Day." They both were out of state and not able to attend.
- Mary Ann Brown made a \$300 donation to WRYC.

#### **2. Secretary / Treasurer - Angela Edwards**

Secretary / Treasurer Angela Edwards was not able to attend this meeting. Reports were sent electronically to Commodore Katy McCaffrey to be presented as follows:

- Bank Balances (As of 30 NOV 15)
  - Primary Checking: \$19,629.80
  - Fleet Captain Checking: \$3,494.18
- Membership Dues/Slip Fees
  - In light of the pending vote on the dues and slip fee increase, the 2016 invoices were NOT issued on 01 DEC 15. These will be generated on 08 DEC 15 based on the outcome of those votes and will be distributed via email and US mail.

### 3. Fleet Captain - Glen Reuschling

Reflected on the past year with WRYC member and guest participation at the following events:

- Haunted Pub
- Superstition Party
- St Patrick's Party
- Clean Up Day – Spring
- Memorial Day – Herrington South
- July 4<sup>th</sup> – Annapolis, MD
- Labor Day – Cambridge, MD
- Crab Feast
- Tilghman Island Day
- Fall Clean Up Day
- Christmas / Holiday Party

FC Reuschling thanked all those who participated, thanked his wife, Maryanne, for support and contributions at the various events during the past year and he also recognized John Lauer for his many contributions. Additionally, for the most recent Christmas / Holiday Party held the prior evening, the FC recognized Ann Albrecht, Elaine Baird, and Rose Tayman for the decorations / flowers.

The Commodore advised the “De-Decorating Party” to secure holiday season decorations for next year is scheduled for Saturday, January 16, 2016 at approximately 11AM.

### 4. Rear Commodore - Ed Dorris (House and Grounds)

- Leaf cleaning by the lawn contractor next week (Anticipated week of 12/14/2015)
- Roof over the building side storage area and bathroom looks great! Recognition given to John Lauer for his contributions and efforts.
- Dumpster trash service will end in December 2015 and resume in the Spring of 2016
- Electric work done on the docks by Kevin Catlett and Larry Catlett
- Shed has been cleaned
- Dock piling estimates to be sought by committee members. A local Cadle Creek waterfront contractor was suggested by the membership.
- The fireplace chimney and flue needs repair. Vice Commodore Beall was requested to provide information to the membership. Beall advised that a chimney liner is available and that he intended to proceed with the acquisition of materials and provide the member labor for the installation.

### 5. Vice Commodore - Steve Beall (Piers and Docks)

- Some dock boards need replacement
- Electric dock lighting repairs made by Kevin Catlett and Larry Catlett during the Fall Clean Up Day
- A number of pilings need replacement and estimates will be sought
- The water is now turned off. Water lines need to be blown clear to prevent freeze damage. Inquiry of the membership attending if anyone still needs water. No water requirements heard.
- Bubblers need to be installed in the near future to prevent ice damage to the docks and pilings. Membership discussion of need to procure additional deicers estimated at \$500 each.

## V. Committee reports

### 1. Budget – Captain Steve Edwards

No Report.

### 2. Audit – Rose Tayman

An interim WRYC audit has been completed through September 2015. WRYC Secretary / Treasurer, Angie Edwards plans to turn over the books in the December / January timeframe to enable completion of the 2015 audit.

### 3. Membership – Captain Lew Mason

Larry Catlett and spouse have applied to WRYC for full membership. Application paperwork and an initiation check have been received by the Membership Chairman. An interview will be scheduled in the near future. It is anticipated that their membership application will be brought forward at the February 2016 WRYC general membership meeting.

Provisional members, Gregory Parton and Kelly Racht, have applied for a second year of provisional membership.

Member John Lauer suggested follow-up with Brian Riddle, an individual with potential interest in WRYC.

### 4. Hospitality – Sue Hickman

No Report.

### 5. Change of Watch – V/C Steve Beall

“It is going to happen.” Date – Time – Place TBD. Look for future information regarding this event.

### 6. Bylaws – V/C Steve Beall

Preparing some additional changes to the Bylaws for review and consideration by the WRYC membership. Examples include alternatives to the alternate meeting day of a Wednesday. Wednesdays will no longer work. Suggestions of a Sunday prior to or post a regularly scheduled meeting date as options for consideration. Discussions in the need for flexibility of membership meeting dates. V/C Beall to draft suggested changes and post.

Notifications by e-mail and US postage mail also discussed.

### 7. Yearbook – Barbara Symonds

Yearbook materials received to date have been posted to the WRYC website. New materials of interest to the WRYC membership were solicited.

### 8. Safety – Captain Ron Albrecht and Captain Norm Stein

Captain Albrecht reported that the WRYC fire extinguishers have been inspected and the battery installed in the automated defibrillators is current. Captain Albrecht also reminded the membership that there is a First Aid Kit adjacent to the defibrillator unit.

9. History – PC Lew Mason

No Report.

**VI. Old business**

WRYC Budget Chairman, Captain Steve Edwards projected a likely operational budget shortfall due to anticipated increases in WRYC taxes. An appeal to the county and state on this matter has been made and an anticipated appeal meeting will be scheduled. A WRYC Bylaw proposal was made to Article IX Section 2 to raise member annual dues from \$1,200 to \$1,300. This proposal was posted. An additional revenue source was also suggested by the Budget Committee by raising slip rental fees. PC Brian Hickman led member discussions in framing the issues and advising the membership that the WRYC Board had discussed several options to be able to fill projected gaps in operational budget shortfalls anticipated at approximately \$5,000.

PC Ed Hilley provided additional WRYC history and perspectives on the matter.

**VII. New business**

Commodore Katy McCaffrey called for a vote on the proposed WRYC membership dues increase.

For – 1

Against – 11

The proposed dues increase was defeated.

Based on this WRYC membership vote the WRYC Board will establish a revised coefficient for slip rental fees to fill the anticipated operational shortfall gap of approximately \$5,000 due to tax increases.

**Elections**

The WRYC Nominations Committee provided the membership with the following individuals proposed to hold office for 2016. This information was posted.

Commodore – Steve Beall

Vice Commodore – Ed Dorris

Rear Commodore – Glen Reuschling

Fleet Captain – VACANT – Steve Edwards (Floor Nominated)

Secretary / Treasurer – Norman Stein

Commodore, Katy McCaffrey opened the floor for nominations for the position of WRYC Fleet Captain. Numerous WRYC members suggested Steve Edwards for the Fleet Captain position. Captain Edwards, although not present at this meeting, advised members that he would accept the position if nominated. This information was also conveyed to the membership by posting. Commodore Katy McCaffrey called for a vote for the recommended slate of 2016 officers. By unanimous vote of the WRYC members present, the 2016 officer slate was elected.

Next, the WRYC membership were advised of Board of Governor candidates. Initially there were five candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee which included:

Ron Albrecht, Brian Hickman, Ed Hilley, Lew Mason, and Gary Tayman. Captain Ron Albrecht and Captain Brian Hickman withdrew. A secret paper ballot was cast by the WRYC membership. Captain Ed Dorris and Captain Norman Stein acted as election judges and ballot counters.

Captain Ed Hilley and Captain Lew Mason were elected to the positions of WRYC Board of Governors.

Commodore Katy McCaffrey thanked everyone for their participation and volunteer service to WRYC.

**VIII. Next meeting**

The next WRYC meeting is scheduled for the first Sunday in February 2016, which is Sunday, February 7, 2016. Time to be announced.

**IX. Adjournment**

Commodore Katy McCaffrey advised the membership that the WRYC will provide Diane Neely, who does the cleaning of the club, with a \$100 Christmas / Holiday bonus in recognition for her service to WRYC. The meeting was adjourned by the Commodore at 1:05PM.

Minutes submitted by: Norman Stein, Acting Secretary