

Washington Yacht Club

General Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2022

The General Meeting was called into order at 7:12 PM by Sam Lindsey and Anthony Au.

Reports

OFFICERS

- COMMODORE (Sam Lindsey and Anthony Au): Present
- VICE COMMODORE (William G. Rae): Present
- REAR COMMODORE (Wm Salt Hale and Dylan Wesen): Present

POSITION HOLDERS

- PROGRAM DIRECTOR (Daniel Eduardo Oliver): Present
 - PURSER (Kristan Lund): Absent
 - QUARTERMASTER (Ken Howe): Present
 - *PUBLICITY CHAIR (Vacant):*
 - *SOCIAL CHAIR (Vacant):*
 - MEDIA DIRECTOR (Michael Stickels): Present
 - WEBMASTER (Eric Banisadr): Absent
 - RATINGS EXAMINERS (Andrew Cheung, Theodore Cohen, Carlos Gonzalez, Tanner Graves, Tom Nguyen): Present
 - ASSISTANT RATINGS EXAMINER (Daniel Eduardo Oliver): Present
 - SNOOZE 'N' CRUISE CHAIR (Tom Schaefer): Absent
 - SNOOZE 'N' CRUISE FOOD CHAIR (Joanne Ho): Absent
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- ASUW SENATE REP (Vacant): Absent
 - FACULTY ADVISOR (Leo Morales): Absent
 - ITHAKA COMMITTEE CHAIR (Dave Swartz): Present

FLEET CAPTAINS

- HEAD FLEET CAPTAIN (Ted Cohen): Absent
- *BRAVO FLEET CAPTAIN (Vacant):*
- LASER FLEET CAPTAIN (Andreas Freund): Absent
- *DOUBLE-HANDED FLEET CAPTAIN (Vacant):*
- *PERFORMANCE FLEET CAPTAIN (Vacant):*
- KEELBOAT FLEET CAPTAIN (Andrew Gawronski): Absent
- CATAMARAN FLEET CAPTAIN (Tom Nguyen): Present
- SAILBOARD FLEET CAPTAIN (Wm Salt Hale): Present

- DAYSAILER FLEET CAPTAIN (Cylas Belknap): Absent
- WHALER FLEET CAPTAIN (Vacant):
- SAIL FLEET CAPTAIN (Leo Morales and Brendan Shannon): Absent
- GAS WRANGLER (Norm Ahlquist): Absent

New Business:

Membership Policies and Dues

- The WAC sent us a >\$2,700 invoice for Waterfront fees that Anthony and Sam have been discussing with them. This bill has highlighted specific changes that we will have to make in how we are currently handling our roster and membership signups.
[Update: The bill was reduced to \$1050]
- Our roster needed to be cleaned up so that we would not continue to be liable for huge amounts of extra fees every quarter. When shutdown started, we put a clause in the club policies such that membership fees would be put on hold until regular access sailing was provided again. This quarter, the WAC is planning to give us large blocks of recurring sailing time for dinghies and keelboats during the weekends. Therefore the clause in the policy no longer holds and membership dues are now again a requirement of being an active club member.
- Only club members who had time remaining on their annual memberships after Covid shutdown (original expiration dates of Spring 2020, Summer 2020, or Fall 2020) have been carried over onto our starting active roster for Winter quarter. Those members have all been sent e-mails to notify them of this. Everyone else will have to pay dues (and WAC fees if applicable) to be members again.
- Exemption from paying WAC fees specifically requires a student to be a full-time enrolled Seattle campus student who pays into the Student Activities Funds, or any club member may elect to purchase a full IMA Membership instead of paying the WAC fee.
- UW Tacoma and UW Bothell students qualify for the WYC student memberships rates, but will either have to purchase full IMA Membership to sign up immediately, or they can opt to pay just the WAC fees, but they will have to join the waiting list for new members.
- The officers think that we need to reconsider the structure / amounts of our membership dues moving forwards and would like to put a hold on annual membership sign-ups for this Winter quarter. Quarterly dues of \$29 for students and \$80 for associate members would stay the same for this quarter. Anthony also proposes that we remove the current \$45 initiation fee for associate members. It's a large barrier towards alumni deciding to be involved with the club without committing to an entire year of membership. Current WAC policies allow only active members to access the docks even just to work on the boats. Waiving the initiation / renewal fee could allow for more flexibility in balancing student and alumni memberships.
- What happens when canoe rentals begin again? There is concern that we will have less access to dinghy sailing. Anthony and Sam will be discussing this with the WAC.

Budget

- Dave Swartz went through possible expenses and purchases for Ithaka this year.
- Agreed upon that Ithaka budget will most likely need to be adjusted later on in the year.
- Motion to approve the proposed 2022 budget: Passed.

Events

- We're expecting to be able to sail dinghies on Saturdays from noon to 7 pm, and keelboats on Sundays from noon to 5 or 7 pm, but we need to repair whalers and keelboats first. Currently, we only have one whaler that works reliably.
- We will need help from club members to get the other whalers and more of our keelboats back into service.
- Club members who have been involved with our boat maintenance should reach out to the Commodores or Head Fleet Captain to get onto our new Fleet Maintenance Trello board that we are using to coordinate repair efforts. We could really use club members in these Fleet Captain positions: Whaler, Keelboat, Bravo, and Double-Handed.
- There's interest in starting to hold Snooze n Cruise events again this year. We will check with Tom Schaefer about planning.
- Margaret Pommert is one of the biggest experts on boater safety education in the area, and she's offered to bring a life size/weight man overboard dummy out for safety drills on Ithaka sometime in February. We're tentatively looking to do that on Saturday February 19th or 26th.

Next Meetings

- Executive Council meeting in the next couple of weeks
- General meeting towards end of February
- Monday night seems to be a good time

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn General Meeting: Passed
- Meeting was adjourned at 10:46 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Daniel Eduardo Oliver

Minutes reviewed by: Anthony Au