

Washington Yacht Club

Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2022

Prior to the start of the meeting, it was mentioned that the Pink Boat Regatta is being held out of Shlishole Bay Marina on Saturday, September 10th, and that is a boat move weekend as well, so that could be a good opportunity for the club to participate in the event.

The General Meeting was called into order at 7:10 PM by Anthony Au and Peter Correa

Reports

OFFICERS

- COMMODORE (Anthony Au and Peter Correa): Present
 - Matt Jensen, the Associate Director of the Recreation Department, and Bryan Anderson, the Waterfront Manager, who oversaw the WAC and club activities, have left UW. It is to be determined who will manage the waterfront next.
 - Sam Rodenberg, who is in charge of Rec Sports at the IMA and has her office there, is now the direct contact person for the club. Most of the Officers had a meeting with her three weeks ago. With the change in leadership, we hope that we can move towards a better relationship with the WAC. Before leaving, Bryan suggested that he wanted to move back towards following a formal Terms of Use Agreement, which we haven't updated since 2020.
 - We had to submit a Space Allocation Request application earlier in the year, which the WAC formalized as a way to give all University associated groups the ability to request space. Recreation told us we'll be able to keep all of it for the coming year, but we were asked to clean up all of our indoor spaces by October 28th. We may want to set internal club policies about how we keep the spaces organized.
 - Dylan cleaned up the garage bay and it is looking pretty good now.
 - John R. asked if we have an inventory of capital assets and important equipment. Anthony will provide him with what we have.
- VICE COMMODORE (William G. Rae): Present
 - We are waiting for an update about what we can do for Dawg Daze. Updates from the WAC have been slow with the change in WAC leadership.
 - Trying to plan ahead for Fall events. Trying to see when Dennis is coming back for possible keelboat classes.
- REAR COMMODORE (Wm Salt Hale and Dylan Wesen): Present
 - Snooze n Cruise went very well. Need to dive into the financials, but they seem pretty good.

- The White Whaler is close to being finished. We may have a boat christening party. The next project is the Blue Whaler.
- Dylan has been helping out with Friday Night Social Sailing and will probably take over after Sam leaves (Sam's last FNSS is Friday, August 19th). We should have a going-away for Sam and try to make it special.

POSITION HOLDERS

- PROGRAM DIRECTOR (Apoorva Patil): Present
 - Apoorva is the new Program Director. The training and transition process is going well.
 - The Commodores will confirm whether we need official approval from the Executive Council for paid appointments.
- TREASURER (John Redlingshafer): Present
 - The Quarter 2 books have been completed.
 - Good news: the Q2 cash flow was pretty good. We were in the green by a small amount. Q1 we were in the red by several thousand dollars. (Annual insurance renewal is our biggest expense.)
 - Bad news: We've received several IRS notices over the past 18 months. John will take care of them in Q3. We may have to pay fines and interest. Washington State filings like L&I were kept up to date.
 - We've gotten rid of QuickBooks and have been implementing our ad hoc ledger system.
 - Anthony and John looked into alternative payment processing services (e.g., Paypal and Venmo) that could have lower fees than Square, which we currently pay ~3% to. Services that offer reduced rates for non-profits do so specifically for donations but not sales. Otherwise, similar services seem to have similar rates, so it wouldn't be worth changing over.
 - We are losing money from WAC Fees, because we have to pay the \$50 to the WAC, but we pay the Square fees for them. It seems appropriate to bump up the amount we charge to account for this.
- QUARTERMASTER (Ken Howe): Present
 - We've mainly had food expense for social events. Costco has been effective for buying in bulk. The submitted reimbursement forms can be used to tabulate the totals. We requested \$1000 for Social in our 2022 budget.
 - John R. is working on streamlining expense submissions and will add categorization for sections like Social. We can access and compare costs across years and be able to manage our expenditures properly.
 - The fridge in the garage bay is working now, but we don't have access after the event ends.
- RECRUITMENT CHAIR (Vacant):
 - Jun is interested in the position. We've been fulfilling the need for Executive Council approval for appointment of non-paid positions by stating the desired appointment and giving Executive Council members time to chime in if they are not in favor.

- We are waiting for WAC approval for a Dawg Daze event. We will need to fill out a Use of University Facilities form as part of the process.
 - The outer dock is not controlled by Recreation, so we can't use it for events like Dawg Daze. We should plan to use the public dock and the keelboat dock.
- SOCIAL CHAIR (Sam Lindsay): Absent
 - We will need to find a new Social Chair.
 - Ivana showed interest and would be great for this position.
 - We should also look for current students to hold positions.
- MEDIA DIRECTOR (Michael Stickels): Absent
 - Michael covered our social media passwords.
 - His goal was to revive our social media presence. He is also Keelboat Fleet Captain so we should consider sharing or passing off the duties of social media posting.
- WEBMASTER (Cato Cannizzo and Eric Banisadr): Absent
 - Google's website hosting will shut down at some point. We are ready to bring the new website live any time.
 - We should consider whether it would be better to transition now instead of waiting.
- RATINGS EXAMINERS (Theodore Cohen, Andreas Freund, Carlos Gonzalez, Tanner Graves, Tom Nguyen): Present
 - Tom has held Supervised Sailing hours on Tuesday and they were popular. He could hold more if desired.
 - We got the okay to put a Laser and an FJ at the end of the keelboat dock, and put the RS Vision in the water. This would allow for weekend ratings tests and dinghy practice. We are waiting to formalize plans with the WAC.
 - We can't permanently modify the docks, but we should consider whether getting moveable equipment could help with launching the dinghies. We could look into a section of floating dock.
- ASSISTANT RATINGS EXAMINER (Daniel Eduardo Oliver): Present
 - Many people are close to getting their sailboard ratings but need a bit more practice.
 - If more people can help with ratings then that would be great. Daniel is talking to Ted and Tom about this.
- SNOOZE 'N' CRUISE CHAIR (*Vacant*):
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- ASUW SENATE REP (*Vacant*):
 - We are looking for an undergrad to fill this role.
- FACULTY ADVISOR (John Pyles): Absent
 - Leo has stepped down as co-Faculty Advisor as his schedule doesn't currently allow him to hold additional responsibilities.

- The Faculty Advisors have been very supportive when the university administration has seemed to take advantage of the power dynamics with students in the past.
- ITHAKA COMMITTEE CHAIR (Dave Swartz): Present
 - We had a great Ithaca trip and toured the UW laboratory in Friday Harbor.
 - We've had hull cleaning and repair work parties. The boat looks great.
 - The batteries have been struggling. Dave will try to revive them.

FLEET CAPTAINS

- HEAD FLEET CAPTAIN (Ted Cohen): Absent
 - Ted will be moving away soon. He hopes to train more people on the Whalers and try to fix the Flying Scot that's out-of-service before he leaves.
- *BRAVO FLEET CAPTAIN (Vacant):*
- LASER FLEET CAPTAIN (Andreas Freund): Absent
- DOUBLE-HANDED FLEET CAPTAIN (Grant Shogren): Absent
- *PERFORMANCE FLEET CAPTAIN (Vacant):*
- KEELBOAT FLEET CAPTAIN (Michael Stickels): Absent
 - Michael posted a keelboat clinic / keelboat work party joint event. It seems like a good approach to combine keelboat clinic with work parties.
 - We received a donation offer for a blue Catalina 27 that is not a tall-mast rig but comes with a relatively new outboard motor.
 - The boat would need work in a bunch of areas like electrical to make it ready for use by the club, so we should consider committing ourselves to repairing Charlotte.
 - Charlotte lost a spreader and possibly the spreader attachment to the mast, but those are easy to source. A stanchion was bent but no fiberglass damage was observed.
- SAILBOARD FLEET CAPTAIN (Wm Salt Hale): Present
 - The collaboration with Sail Sand Point has been going well.
 - At least one board needs repairing from use and/or transportation. Equipment use causes wear and tear.
- CATAMARAN FLEET CAPTAIN (Tom Nguyen): Present
 - The dry-docked catamarans are all in service. We should sail them more and get work done on them.
 - One or two of the Hobie 16's might take on water. The Dart seemed to be taking on water when it was taken out recently. The ports on the Dart can be difficult to thread on correctly. We should see if threads are stripped and if the assemblies should be replaced.
- DAYSAILER FLEET CAPTAIN (Cylas Belknap): Absent
- WHALER FLEET CAPTAIN (Angie Cuadra-Palacios): Absent
- SAIL FLEET CAPTAIN (Brendan Shannon): Absent
- GAS WRANGLER (Norm Ahlquist): Absent
 - Norm used to take all of our jerry cans to fill them with ethanol free gas and fill up our dispensing caddy.

- The gas shed was broken into twice recently, and the caddy and jerry cans were stolen.
- We have a chain and lock to secure jerry cans, but our existing cans cause gas leakage. We should consider getting jerry cans or dispensing caps that work better.
- We don't have access to the gas shed outside of WAC hours.
- The current system of volunteers getting gas when we need is mostly working fine.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- DIVERSITY COMMITTEE (Angie Cuadra-Palacios, Wm Salt Hale, Daniel Oliver)
 - Amy had initial plans for a Women's Sailing Night. Peter will follow up with her.
- ITHAKA OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (Chair: Dave Swartz)
- INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE (William Rae, Andrew Cheung, Tanner Graves, Joanne Ho, Ken Howe, Dave Swartz)
 - We will discuss possible amendments regarding Instructor requirements later. We want to allow more qualified members to teach classes and give ratings when appropriate.
- DATABASE AND WEBSITE COMMITTEE (Cato Cannizzo, Eric Banisadr, William Rae, Sam Lindsay, Wm Salt Hale, Thomas Nguyen)
- CLUB COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (Anthony Au, Wm Salt Hale, Sam Lindsay, John Pyles)
 - The Discord has been revamped, we've started making regular event announcements, and are simultaneously posting announcements to Discord and the wyc_info mailing list.
 - Anthony asked whether we should consider the purpose of this committee to be complete.
 - Salt wants us to work out our social media policies including what content should be posted, by whom, and how much of it. We can try to share out more communications to the mailing lists. We may want to include some standard content in our email signatures.
 - We should get these conversations started in the Club Communications channel.
- FLEET PLANNING COMMITTEE (Anthony Au, John Redlingshafer, John Pyles, Grant Shogren, Andrew Cheung, Andrew Gawronski)

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Hood River Sailboarding Trip:

- Daniel and Salt are leading the trip, which is being held this Friday to Sunday. They will depart Friday and return around 6 pm on Sunday. Daniel checked with our insurance and we are covered globally. Sailing will occur in a sheltered, shallow area meant for teaching.
- 7 club members are going, and a maximum of 6 club members can be out on the water at one time. Guests will use private equipment and sign our guest waiver.
- Motion to vote to allow club sailboards, the RIB, a club outboard, and relevant equipment to be used in the Hood River area this Friday to Sunday. Motion seconded and passed 4-0-0.
- Daniel was going to try to bring the rigid inflatable boat (RIB) and club outboard, but this would require an Oregon Aquatic Invasive Species Permit (\$22 for one year) and possibly other fees. We are uncertain about the reliability of the small outboard. A non-motorized watercraft like a stand-up paddleboard will be brought instead.

Designed Chief Nomination:

- John Courter nominated Salt to become a Designated Sailboard Chief. Salt has been Sailboard Fleet Captain for 5 years, was Commodore previously, and is still very involved with the club.
- Daniel thanked John for starting the sailboarding program and keeping it alive for so many years. This is a good program that is important for the future of the club.
- Motion to vote on making Salt a Designated Sailboard Chief. Seconded and passed 3-0-1.

Discussion of Amendments to Ratings Requirements for Instructors:

- Current policies require instructors to have ratings in both single-handed and double-handed dinghies, which are difficult to obtain and may not represent the ability to teach novice classes well.
- We've generally been shifting our operations and policies away from the idea that club members will become proficient specifically in single-handed and double-handed boats first before exploring other fleets. Our club benefits from the diversity of fleets that we have.
- Chief status is not meant to just signify proficiently in single-handed and double-handed boats but is meant to represent good judgment and decision making for the sake of the club. Reviewing the requirements for becoming a Chief may be worthwhile, but it may be beyond the scope of what we want to consider for now.
- It seems worthwhile to consider amendments regarding requirements for Instructors. We should clarify and consider what requirements we want for Instructors and Assistant Instructors and the differences between the two. We can work on this in the Instructors channel. By-Laws amendments require a General Meeting to finalize the language to be voted on, followed by another meeting in which the voting will occur.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn meeting: Passed
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:44 pm

Minutes submitted by: Apoorva Patil

Minutes reviewed by: Anthony Au