

Washington Yacht Club - 6/30/2025

General Meeting Minutes

2025 - 06 - 30

The General Meeting was called into order at 6:11pm by Abby

Chair: Abby

Agenda

- Windsurfing
- UW Rec Meeting (M&M)
- Nominating Ivana as Chief

OFFICERS (Officers that were present)

- Amelia (Secretary)
- Abby (VC)
- Eshan (RC)
- Austin (Treasurer)
- Caitlyn (Head Fleet Captain)

Links:

Old Business

- **Amelia:** Motion to approve minutes from 4/23/25
- **Caitlyn:** Motion seconded
- Minutes approved!

New Business

- **Windsurfing**
 - Austin motioned to move windsurfing convo to the end of agenda
 - Seconded by Amelia
- **M&M Rec Meeting**
 - M&M not present, so not much to hit on here
 - The inner workings of that meeting were not discussed
 - A summary doc will be sent out and we will get this info communicated to the club!

- **Ivanna as a chief**

- Bhanu's idea.
- Ivanna took charge of a lot of club responsibilities as far as teaching, supervising, and she has been very good about making sure rules are followed.
- Vocal nomination by Bhanu.
- *Discussion*
 - Peter inquired: people don't usually nominate people as chiefs they usually designate people as specific chiefs
 - Bhanu wants to designate her as just a chief.
 - Yoochan agrees that Ivanna deserves the position and asks to confirm that she has both a skipper and a whaler rating
 - She does have both!
 - Peter: You can't nominate someone as a chief in everything unless they have skipper ratings in everything. She needs to be nominated by another chief. It says this in the bylaws.
 - **Discussion of bylaws**
 - Bhanu says we can definitely discuss if she must be nominated by one, but he just wanted to nominate her as one and then the chiefs can discuss in accordance with the bylaws.
 - Bhanu: Agreed that it should be left up to an actual chief, but he just wanted to nominate her and put her out there for discussion and wants to **point out a technicality** that she may be nominated by any member. The decision should still be discussed by chiefs.
 - Salt: Unofficially seconded what Peter was saying.
 - **Proposal from Abby:** Meeting with Ivana about becoming a chief to get some of those really important questions answered.
 - The questions should be asked and answered outside of this general meeting setting.
 - Peter thinks that is a good idea.
 - Ivana and some chiefs can get together and get some of the more in depth discussion out of the way.
 - From this point on, Bhanu has nominated her and this has **started the process**. So now a chief should nominate her and move on with discussion.

- Bhanu made a point that when M&M and Theano were made chiefs none of these conditions applied to them
- Austin responded by addressing the fact that M&M was already an officer so those rules don't necessarily apply to him.

- Peter proposed an offline discussion about **what being a chief means**.
 - Austin can speak on this:
 - There are designated chiefs, and then non-designated chiefs
 - So if you have a single hand skipper rating you are also able to give double hand ratings. That is the only time in the bylaws that is allowed.
 - In the bylaws there is a special provision for officers about what he mentioned earlier: That the conditions to become a chief are less stringent when you are already an officer.
- **Seems like an overall discussion needs to be had about what it means to be a chief and how we nominate them.**

Going forward: Have a discussion with chiefs and with Ivana.

- Salt motioned to table the nomination. Eshan seconded the motion.

Ivana brought up boat registration:

- Boat registration check in.
- What boats have NOT been registered? We can confirm a few of them were.
- Bhanu was able to get **Deception, Charlotte, and 2 whalers registered. They were not registered.**
- Abby may be able to put together a list of what boats still need to be registered.
- Austin: went a few months ago to do the trailer registration, and they used a card to prove they were affiliated with the club
 - Someone with a club card may be the one to pick it up
 - Salt may be able to! He has a club card.

Reminders from Salt: Dawg Daze Registration & Summer Snooze and Cruise.

Eshan proposes a discussion point:

- What are we going to do about deceptions outboard?
- Austin seconds this as a discussion point.
- Layla asked Austin about filing an insurance claim and Austin initially pushed back.
- Austin thinks we should NOT file the claim since we have had so many recent thefts it would likely increase our premiums and take a closer look at how everything is stored.
- Other thoughts?
 - Bhanu agrees that it would be beneficial to NOT file a claim.

- Caitlyn: There are ways to protect the engine from getting stolen, even though the lock was clean cut off.
- For now, no decisions are ready to be made.
- Austin: keep an eye out for an outboard on facebook marketplace
- Austin: At the next meeting, he will put forward a budget amendment that can get discussed and voted on.
- Abby: Are there any reserve funds that can cover those costs?
 - Austin would need to propose an amendment for this. It is possible to use reserves! But the use of them must be voted on.

What Austin pulled from the bylaws:

“6. Emergency Expenditures Emergency expenses above the budgeted amount in any budget category must be approved by two members of the Executive Council, preferably a Co-Commodore and/or the...”

“Spending Cap Any single item costing over \$500 must be approved by any two Officers or by the General Membership. Any single item exceeding \$1000 must be approved by the General Membership.”

However this spending cap is outside the emergency expense section. So since this is an emergency expense we can disregard the price cap.

- There is no cap, Austin can propose it.
- **Salt motioned** “Authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,500 from the clubs savings to purchase a new 9.9 HP long shaft outboard motor to replace the stolen outboard.”
- **Austin Seconded**
- Yay: 4
- Nay: 0
- Abstain: 0
- **Motion passes 4-0-0**

Austin proposed we **table windsurfing discussion to the next meeting.**

Seconded by Amelia.

Yay: 4

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes: 4-0-0

Motion to adjourn by Austin.

Seconded by Caitlyn.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm by Abby

Minutes submitted by: Amelia

Minutes reviewed by: Abby