

Renton Sailing Club

Meeting Notes 02/01/2010

Meeting Location

The meeting was held in Kennydale Memorial Hall. The next meeting will be held Monday March 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the same location.

Attendees

Dan Bryan, Gary Bagnell, Jim McClafin, Anica Popovic, Michael Hamilton, Stephanie Major, Linda Dean, Ross Chamberlain, Greg Kisinger, Don Hanham, Mike Norden, Ed Bartley, Zoran Banjanin, Bryan Keene, Matt Keene

Review & Approval of Minutes

January 4th Minutes were approved by a motion from Dan Bryan, seconded by Gary Bagnell

Treasurer's Report

Bank balance as of 1/31/10 = \$8,509.85 down from \$8,630.85 of the previous month.

Note: The Club's desired bank balance for the end of 2009 was \$3,000.

January's revenue – None, compared to none last month.

January's expenses – \$121.00 compared to \$704.00 last month

Memberships:

60 family Memberships (170 members)

Budget Status as of 01/31/10

Budget not established yet for 2010

Family Membership Definition

According to Washington code: Same home, spouse, uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, parents, grand-parents, etc but no mention of children.

According to YMCA: limited to 2 adults and children under 18 years of age

Discussion included suggestions of:

- 2 adult members with children under 18 years of age.
- anyone in the same household under 18 years of age.
- anyone in the same household under 21 years of age

Motioned by Gary Bagnell: **All family members living in the same household with no age limitation**, seconded by Jim McClafin.

Effective date of January 1st, 2010, motioned by Greg Kisinger and seconded by Gary Bagnell.

Updates on the Website

Removal of the renewal form;

Dues fees dropped to half starting September 1st instead of October 1st as approved last December;

Board members are updated;

Change needed for boat description to be kept more generic. Action item for Greg Kisinger => update boat description

Monthly meetings

confirmed to be held at 7:00 pm on a going forward basis. Action item for Miguel Escobar => change the date on the website calendar

President's Report

Jim McClafin mentions that we now have a project list on the website and everybody is welcome to add an item and to mark it as done if it is the case. Considering how many old project items have been done so far, this list seems to be working very well and he thanked Miguel Escobar for putting this altogether.

We need a briefcase to replace the existing one as well as a new binder. Action item for Michael Hamilton => Michael will donate a hard shell suitcase with a binder that fits inside.

Maintenance Report

The priority is to replace two or three flotation barrels for the dock. We need certified divers. Dan Bryan mentioned that Jim Zimmerman did it the last time and used a portable tank of compressed air to fill the barrels with air.

- Action item => barrel replacement needs to be done in early March;
- Action item=> two or three divers are needed, If you are a diver and are available in early March, please contact Gary Bagnell as soon as possible.
- Action item for Gary Bagnell => contact Jim Zimmerman about his prior experience with replacing the barrels.

Gate is fixed – Jim McClafin

The axles are picked up – Michael Hamilton

Dan Bryan had a list of items to discuss:

- We need a small box on the Northeast edge of the dock that would fit between the fence and the dock box: Action Item => who is interested in doing it?
- We need a rack for the flags for the races and the classes. Action item => to be postpone after Ross Chamberlain buys the new flags and buoys for the races so we will know exactly what we need.
- The rescue boat motor is still not working. Dan strongly suspects that the problem is not the motor but bad/old gas. Action item by Brian Keene => we need to get rid of all the gas we have (about 10 gallons). Action item => we need to put a system for motor maintenance (when to put stabilizer, when to dump the old gas) and a person in charge. Brian Keene, are you interested?
- The covers on the boats get filled with water. We need to find a way to secure the sides to avoid water infiltration. Action item for Ed Bartley with the help of Anica Popovic to be done in March => Build a system to prevent water infiltration.

Linda Dean asked what we will do if we still have a problem with the rescue boat motor. Is there any liability issue if we continue this route? The members agree that if we cannot make it work consistently with good gas, we will buy another one. Action item for Jim McClafin => bring his own motor as back up at the dock. Action item for Dan Bryan => run the rescue boat motor with good new gas and report if it is reliable.

Sailing Classes report

Gary Bagnell is in contact with the Red Cross for "Instructor Trainer" training classes. If anybody is interested, please contact Gary Bagnell; Action Item for Gary Bagnell => when is the next scheduled Instructor Trainer training class?

Renton Parks & Recreations requests at least ONE qualified instructor on the dock. The only requirement is a class which includes First Aid and CPR. Cost is minimal for a material only => Miguel Escobar is preparing something to attract sailors in becoming instructors. Action item=> to be discussed next month, who will pay for the cost of Instructor Trainer training classes, the club or the individual? If the club pays, should we require a minimum of hours of sailing classes to teach during the following summer?

We are in the Renton Park schedule for sailing lessons in May and June.

- Gary Bagnell might not be available for sailing lessons in June. If we want to give sailing lessons in June, we need someone to step up. => Action item to be discussed again at the March meeting.
- Renton recreations & parks is referring interested individuals to our website and our website doesn't have updated information regarding 2010 sailing classes. In order to update the website we need the class number from Renton Park & Recreation => Action item for Gary Bagnell. Action item for webmaster (?) => Update website with info regarding sailing lessons as soon as Gary obtains the reference number.

Jim McClafin asks should we have a specific elected board member for sailing classes. Don Hanham emphasizes that instructors are really important because the club revenues are from sailing classes. Also, he adds that finding more people interested in becoming instructors for this summer would relieve Gary Bagnell. => Action item to be discussed again next month about having an elected officer for instruction.

Races Report

The weekday racing will be held on Tuesdays this year since the board meetings are on Mondays. The weekend afternoons are no good because it will take time away from recreational sailing.

Last season, we asked the racers to assess themselves the boats for maintenance. Action item to be discussed next month=> are we still asking the racers to do it this year?

We need to replace the flag marks and Ross is asking that we keep about \$200 in the 2010 budget for races to cover for such expense. Dan Bryan supports this request since one of the purposes of the club is to offer sailing races. Action item for the board members => \$200 in the 2010 budget for races.

A couple of clinics will be offered at the beginning of May before we start the races. The races start at 6:00pm and last until sunset. All members are welcome, beginners as well as advanced sailors. Action item for Ross Chamberlain => prepare the program and schedule for the clinics and the schedule for the races. Action item for Ross Chamberlain => Updating the website 3 days prior to each race for pertinent info.

Social activities

The Seattle Yacht Club opening Day will be on May 1st, 2010. Last year, we had two participating boats decorated for the "Wild Wild West" theme and one of our boats is on the Seattle Yacht Club website. This year theme is "Out of this World" which relates to extra terrestrial things or experiences (Star Trek, Star Wars, X-Files, etc). Action item => who wants to participate and decorate the boats? If interested, please contact Linda no later than April 1st (?).

Linda Dean asked that we set \$200 apart in the 2010 budget for social activities. Action item for board members => to include in the 2010 budget.

Kennydale Elementary PTA asked for a donation in the form of sailing lessons for their current fundraising activity. Jim McClafin motioned and Don Hanham seconded the following:

- Sailing classes for one individual constituting of 2 days a week for a month with an expiry date of September 2010 for a value of approx \$140.

Other Business

Linda Dean speaking on behalf of Miguel Escobar. Miguel would like the photos on the website to be updated. They are old. In order to do so, Miguel suggests doing a contest inviting all members to participate. The contest winner would win a laminated or a canvassed photo. All attending the meeting agreed on the need to change the photos on the website, however, there isn't a need for a contest and paying for a prize. Ed Bartley has about hundred photos taken last summer that would most likely be perfect for the website. We are not looking for photos of the boats, but for photos that could show how fun it is to sail so they would be inviting to prospective members. Action item for Linda Dean => Send an email to ask for a maximum of 6 photos per person and create a blog posting.

Clothing sale on the website: Don Hanham informs the members that we could order two or three items at a time but the pricing would be higher. The supplier prefers if we order a total of 12 items at a time (could be mismatched). A t-shirt is approx \$14. Action item for Don Hanham => could we have the supplier put the club name on our own gear (for example rain gear) for a fee? If so, how much would it be? Action item => Don Hanham will select a set of six items to put on the website (hat, t-shirt, hooded sweater, etc) with available colors to choose from. Don Hanham will talk with Gary B. about clothing reserved for the dockmasters.

Stephanie Major mentions that she believes dockmasters and trainers on duty should wear distinctive attire for safety and for publicity purposes. So, if a walker strolls in the area, they could come over and ask questions about our club and they would feel that we are a serious organization. Jim McClafin believes we should not request specific attire and if anything, we should discuss this with Gary Bagnell. Action item => to discuss next month with Gary Bagnell.

Ross Chamberlain and Miguel Escobar believe we need to request individual blog posters to erase their own postings once they are outdated. We will also forbid any blog postings without a signature. If a blog is without signature, the webmaster will erase them automatically. Action item for the webmaster => put a note/warning about unsigned blogs onto the website and, if possible, a function not allowing a posting to be published unless signed.

Sailing class sign at the dock. Patti Miele wasn't present; we wanted to review it to make sure it would meet with the Park's approval. Action item for Patti Miele => is the sign ready? When could you show it to us?

Michael Hamilton will be in Mexico to be Michael Riley's crew for a short period of time.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ross Chamberlain to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mike Norton