

Norhtwest Marine Yacht Basin
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2018

President Bob Uehlein called the meeting to order. Bob Uehlein, Mark Pirie, Linda Basista, Bruce Rohrer and Linda Christensen were present.

Mark Pirie suggested a change to the agenda order placing. Owners comments became the second item on the agenda.

Bob Uehlein suggested changes to the minutes. Correct the spelling of Sheila and Bobs last name spelling and

Mark Pirie made a motion, not Sheila Christensen, to approve board members.

“Bob will make the survey” changed to “Bob will compile a survey”

Linda Basista moved to approve minutes with amendments. Mark Pirie seconded. Motion carried.

Bob read a prepared statement. He welcomed the members who were here but took exception to the reason most were in attendance. His comments were very critical of the solicitation of complaints through anonymous emails which contained false statements regarding unauthorized use of slips by the harbormaster and the market values of our slips in relation to other condominium marinas in the area. Bob encouraged members to make constructive criticism and complaints. If the negativism does not stop we may get a reputation as a marina to be avoided.

There was no evidence that open slips were being used by the Harbor Master. When Elliott was hired he was given permission to act as a broker. This has actually been a positive for the marina. Several of his customers have leased or purchased slips at Northwest.

Member Comments:

Denny Thorley – “Is there a clear understanding of expectations of harbormaster?”

Bob Uehlein stated that is was a 12 month position. Dan Fair developed a position description based on position descriptions that he obtained from public and private marinas in the area.

Kim Schmit #148 made statement about commercial use of slips. He stated that having new boats that have not been titled are a commercial activity that is prohibited by our bylaws. He referenced a charter boat that was cited under this provision.

Bob Uehlein stated that he disagreed that having an untitled new boat in the marina was a commercial activity but does considers charter fishing a commercial activity. Bob stated that such a strict interpretation of this prohibition would exclude cleaning services, mechanics, canvas companies from our marina which would be a serious problem and is not what members want.

Terry Walkington #26 – Asked for ways to communicate to harbormaster. Terry suggested adding a suggestion box to the clubhouse, chalkboard, emails to the board. Terry discussed Employee Job Description.

Bob Uehlein stated that a daily task sheet for dock assistants exists and that it is up to Elliott to get down to the daily details based on current conditions.

Open discussion about insurance coverage on outside contractors.

Ron Decosse # 191 – “who cleans boats in marina?”

Bob Uehlein stated these are outside contractors, our dock assistants do not provide this service.

Nancy Lunn -#7 – stated a concern about insurance of contractors in the marina. She wants contractors to prove cleaning companies are bonded and insured while working in the marina.

Bob Uehlein stated that standard practice in the Marina industry is not to ask for proof of insurance from outside contractors that are hired by boat owners.

Open discussion of complaints and concerns:

Lisa Shadek #79 and #215 – stated board members are volunteers and work hard. That it is hard for members to make a change to a new harbor master. Asks for a system to send complaints to board/ harbormaster.

Terry Lunn – asked for a committee to take anonymous complaints from owners to the board

Linda Basista stated that all complaints should go to the Harbormaster first.

Margaret Wohlfarth #78 – “Is it encouraged to give requests to Elliott?”

Bob Uehlein stated “yes”, there are no restrictions, we are open to comments and complaints.

Margaret Wohlfarth made a statement regarding weed control.

Linda Basista stated that we should add aquatic weed control to the survey.

Bob Faucet #92 – stated that he lives here and that Elliott takes care of issues fast. Bob states that Elliott needs to have expectations and do a better job of anticipating problems.

Jon Gull #206 – stated he thinks employees should be in the marina 8-5 pm.

Greg Lasky – questions regarding open and closing dates of the pool.

Bob Uehlein stated he wants to keep the schedule open based on weather. He also stated that having the pool open after Labor Day at times we do not have employees present is a problem. After Labor Day we normally do not have dock hands available.

New Business

Bob Uehlein discussed wave breakers. Two of them are being taken to Cedarville, Mi. and being rebuilt to a total of around \$30,000. More dock refurbishing is also scheduled to be completed based on availability of contractors.

Bob discussed new washers and dryers. Asks for board opinion.
Board discussed replacing dryers.

Linda Basista made a motion to approve Bob to approach Irish Boat Shop to add an additional wave attenuator. Sheila Christensen seconds. Motion carried.

Mark Pirie made a motion to replace all washers and dryers. Bruce Rohrer seconds. All in favor.

Bob Uehlein discussed pumpout. Bob states we have applied for a grant. Grant should be finalized by Jan 1. And If we are approved we will have a new pumpout next spring, 2019.

Bob Uehlein set 2019 meeting dates.

April 28 – Board Meeting

June 8 – Annual Meeting and Board Meeting

Sept 29 – Board Meeting

Oct 28 – Board Meeting

Bob Uehlein discussed survey

Bob stated he will add language to ask about pool open and close time.

Bob Uehlein discussed scholarship fund.

Funds are not restricted to Universities. Any higher learning would qualify.

Bob Uehlein opened discussion about new email address.

Mark Pirie discussed new email address. All new emails should use nwmyc.com domain.

Public Comments

Lynn Smolenyak #53 – wants to address a policy for running power chords down the docks.

Board agrees to make a policy of running cables down finger piers.

Lynn stated she is proud to be a member of nwmyc.

Elliott discussed the issue of boats hanging over 10%. Bob Uehlein wants to inform those boaters they will be fined if they do not deal with the situation.

Bob adjourned meeting.