

**Minutes of the Thursday, JANUARY 18, 2024, MEMBER MEETING**

**NEXT MEMBER & BOARD MEETING: FEBRUARY 1, 2024**

**Meeting called to order at: 7:08pm**

**Roll call of Officers and Board members**

* Commodore – Jeremy Sawyer -present
* Vice Commodore – Gary Smith - present
* Agawam Rear Commodore – Ed Kelley - present
* Chester Rear Commodore -Donna Bielefield Merli- present
* Treasurer: Fred Siedel - present
* Secretary: Michelle Velazquez- present

**Board of Directors**

* Steve Buoniconti - absent
* Michael Morassi - absent
* Mat Wright - present
* Dan Merli - present
* Rich Vieghy-present
* Butch Wagner - absent

**Self-introductions of all other members present**

* Active - 24
* Flag - 2
* Senior - 4
* Honorary – 0

**Report of the Commodore-**

Richie, thank you for your service last year and everything you did. You did a great job and I can't thank you enough for stepping up for the club.

**Report of Secretary** –

Minutes of the previous board and member meetings were approved with corrections. Pioneer Rowing Club is getting ready for their rowing events and will need volunteers/boats to help with keeping the river safe for the rowers. As the dates become available, I will be sending them out.

I would also like to thank everyone for being patient with me as I learn the ropes of being your club secretary.

Password for the website is: RIVERSYCC (all caps)

**Report of Vice Commodore** *–*

Cleaning schedule is posted for the next several months. All flag members, please take note of when you are scheduled. Please make sure the floor upstairs should be swept and mopped weekly. Keep all bathroom doors open for ventilation. When putting the tables away, please do not block the side window. There is a heating vent under the window that heats that room and the bathroom.

**Side note, do not use the mop in the black trash bag as that is the mop used to wax the floor.**

**Report of Rear Commodore Cheste**r –

Dan and I went to the Chester alliance meeting and I have printed out for Chester what is going to happen at the channel. Where we pull out, the neighbors want to put in a new dock. There are pictures inthe report. We were informed a 30' boat would still be able to go by easily with one coming in and one going out. Has been approved by the town already and are just waiting for the Army Corp of Engineers and the Gateway Committee to give the final approval. Not sure when the project will be started.

Jaime will have "NO WAKE ZONE" signs put in as they are trying to get people to slow down.

We have a couple of new members coming in that would like slips. And possibly have 1 more open and will know in the upcoming days.

**Report of Rear Commodore Agawam –** January,2024

WHERE WE ARE NOW. The Basin is closed until Spring. Trailer boaters can still use the ramp. The new combination for the ramp lock has gone into effect January 1, 2024. “7779”. A letter has been sent to the local first responders.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. Two docks have been deconstructed, 4 to go. Hardware and lumber inventory will be taken in the following weeks, in preparation for the Spring build.

This year’s Basin Committee members are: Eddie Spellacy, Mike Young, Joe Barker, John Benerakis, Dennis Caron. Thank you for your participation. We will have a meeting sometime in March, to discuss the plans for the basin this season. I will announce a date by the March member meeting. All are welcome to attend.

OTHER STUFF. I lost a float during the post Christmas flooding. Thankfully most of the mud has washed away. Almost went down going to change the lock combination. Be safe!

Contact me at 413-231-2491 or kelleyejr@verizon.net. For the quickest response, text me.

Ed Kelley

Agawam Rear Commodore

**Report of the Treasurer:**

**Bank balances**

**Checking $66329.00**

**Agawam Future projects $67716.60**

**Chester Future projects $52752.33**

**House future projects $19566.14**

**Permanent Fund/Investment $46080.54**

If you would like membership cards. please let me know as I have them available.

**Report of Committees**

**Membership Committee –**

Chris Logee has volunteered to be a member of the Membership Committee. Approved by the Board.

Members in Waiting to be voted in as Flag Members

John Burney/ Sponsors: Brian Rohan and Jeff Sexton

Chris Nadeau/ Sponsors: Ryan Iverton and Jeff Sexton

**Nominating committee-** NTR

**Entertainment/education Committee –** Please see attachment

**Finance committee-**NTR

**Quartermaster-** NTR

**Webmaster-** NTR

**Planning committee-**NTR

**Bylaw committee**-NTR

Drafts turned in by April, proposed in May and voted on in June.

**New business** –

**Old business- NTR**

Basin rules changes are due next month (February), proposed to the Board in March and voted on by members in April.

**Current membership numbers:**

* **Active 104**
* **Flag 10**
* **Senior 18**
* **Honorary 3**
* **OOP 3**
* **Voting 2**

Adjournment, motion made to adjourn, seconded, approved

The meeting was adjourned at: 7:42pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Velazquez

**FUTURE MEETING DATES for 2024**

**Member & Board both Thursday UNLESS notified. Thursdays 7:00pm start time**

* **February 1**
* **March 7**
* **April 4**
* **May 2**
* **June 6**