



# Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club

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## Minutes of the Thursday, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, Member Meeting

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00 PM**

**NEXT MEMBER MEETING: Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM**

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 pm.

### Roll call of officers and boards members:

**Commodore - Butch Wagner- Present**

**Vice Commodore- Gary Smith - Present**

**Agawam rear commodore – Ed Kelley - Present**

**Chester Rear commodore – Jeremy Sawyer - Present**

**Treasurer – David Lankowski - Absent**

**Secretary – Tina Lankowski - Absent**

### Board of Directors:

**Steve Buoniconti- Absent**

**Dave Jenks - Absent**

**Mat Wright- Absent**

**Jason Thody - Absent**

**Dan Merli - Absent**

**Mike Morassi - Absent**

### Member Roll call:

**Active: 16**

**Flag: 5**

**Senior: 3**

**Honorary: 1**

### Report of Secretary –

August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, board meeting notes approved and seconded.

### Report of Treasurer –

Bank Balances:

Checking	\$28,476.69
Agawam future projects	\$65,439.00
Chester Future projects	\$97,945.30
House future projects	\$13,966.42
Edward Jones Permanent fund	\$40,162.59



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### **Report of Vice Commodore –**

Cleaning schedule was revised. Members are requested to clean between Thursday-Monday. There was an overlap with people cleaning the house one day and another member showing up to clean the following day with nothing to be done.

Yachting Club of America membership cards are now available.

As a reminder, the hall is available for rental. It's a really nice set-up and reasonably priced. \$75 rental fee and a \$75 refundable cleaning fee.

### **Report of Rear Commodore Agawam**

WHERE WE ARE NOW. The basin is OPEN. August wasn't as bad as July, but it still had its challenges.

Thanks to all the basin members and others for their help in maintaining the docks. With "Fred, Henri, and now the remnants of Ida" approaching, it has been difficult to find continuity of a boating season.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. A procedure needs to be developed to direct members on how to "bring the docks in". This is something that doesn't happen often and that is a problem. If you have never participated in it, then how do you do it. I will begin gathering information from those that have done it and put something together. If you participated in "bringing the docks in", think about it and make notes to help in this effort. We did bring the docks in and put them back out in anticipation of Hurricane Henri. While it turned out to be unnecessary, valuable information was gathered for the "procedure" effort. Thanks to Butch for his direction of the event.

IMPORTANT: Cost Shares are due by the October meeting. Doesn't mean you can't mail them in earlier. There are copies in the slot by the bulletin board. If you are new to the club, see your sponsor for assistance. The fall Work Party will take place on October 17. Boats out by Columbus Day weekend.

OTHER STUFF. Kids thirteen and under must wear Life Jackets when on the docks. Please Park vehicles with trailers on the south end of the parking lot first. If this area is full, park on the north end by the bridge. If you are or were on the Basin Committee, please consider doing so again. If you are at the club house, remember to pick up a couple of brochures to hand out. Have a great Labor Day weekend. Be safe.

Contact me at 413-231-2491 or [kellevej@verizon.net](mailto:kellevej@verizon.net). Ed Kelley Agawam Rear Commodore

### **Report of Rear Commodore Chester**

We had a basin meeting last Friday about the amenities in the Chester basin. After a discussion about the cable service costs and the amount of people using it, we took a show of hands, and the majority vote was to get rid of cable tv and move forward with only Wi-Fi service. The only stipulation was the Wi-Fi has to stay cost effective and fast enough for the members that want to get cable services through internet-based providers individually. Paul Ruimerman went down and tested the existing router and access points and found out we are definitely getting what we pay for and more now, but his recommendation was to up the speed from 150mg to 1gig, replace the existing cat 5 wire with exterior rated cable, and add one new access point on each end of the basin. That will ensure everyone has access to the Wi-Fi without issues. I called Comcast to get a quote for the upgrade and it only increased the cost of the internet \$30 a month or \$600 per year. We will be installing the new wires, polls, and access points ASAP. Once they are installed, I will have our electrician install outlets to plug them into and they will be up and running. I am going to have a basin meeting and an official vote at the Chester basin on September 10th at 630pm to make the final decision on whether or not to keep the cable service for next



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season. Getting rid of cable services will save the basin \$9,600 a year. If it passes any basin resident that wants tv after this season will have to use their own Wi-Fi based service to get it. Either way we are moving forward with the new access points and better service plan for the Wi-Fi to ensure everyone has access to what they are paying for. Do not fill out a new cost share until we take a vote, and the cost shares are changed accordingly. October 24 will be the work party to close the basin

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## Report of Committees

### Membership Committee –

All to be voted from Member in waiting to flag:

Lawrence Mercik	Sponsors: Tom Comer & Dan Merli
Chad Larivee	Sponsors: Al Gagliarducci & Fred Seidel
Donald Galus	Sponsors: Al Gagliarducci & Fred Seidel
Scott Duperault	Sponsors: Karl Geiger & Al Gagliarducci

### Nominating committee -

All positions open. Nominations will be published in October and voted upon in November.

**Quartermaster-** No report.

**Finance committee:** No report.

**Planning committee:** No report.

### Entertainment/Education Committee-

Continuing through October, Agawam Sunday socials approx. 4:00pm eat around 6:00pm. Burgers and dogs available for a nominal fee. Occasionally chicken. Optional: bring a dish to share. Butch mentioned that there may be a casual get together on Monday, due to the holiday weekend.

**By law committee-** No report.

### Unfinished business-

Discussions are still in progress with Club Express. It's a great service and will organize everything in one central location that you as a member can access, in addition to maintaining all of the required records needed to run the club, but there is a 3.99% interest fee for credit card payments made and an additional 35¢ transaction fee. There will be more discussion at the September board meeting on whether or not to move forward with this service.

There are a couple of different ways to get to the yacht club website. One of the ways doesn't have the updated information on it. Butch will look into this.



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## **New Business-**

Wendy Goulet is ordering new batteries for the AED systems.

Dan Tourville has offered to collect all of the beer and soda cans at the Agawam club house that require a refundable deposit and turn in the money to the club. Gary Smith will obtain a barrel and it will be marked to indicate it's only for the cans.

There was a request to reconsider eliminating the September meeting due to the lack of attendance because of the long holiday weekend. At one time, this was how the club operated. This will be discussed at the September board meeting.

**SYCC IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS.** We are low on membership so please help us find members and pass the info along to anyone who might be interested.

**Website:** Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club. Password: RIVER1210.

Adjournment, motion made to adjourn, seconded, approved.

The meeting was adjourned at: 8:09 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Sexton  
Substitute Secretary