



# Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club

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## Minutes of the January 12, 2017 Board Meeting

**NEXT MEMBER MEETING: February 2, 2017**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: January 17, 2017**

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**Meeting called to order at 7:50 p.m.**

**Officers Present:** Commodore: Butch Wagner  
Vice Commodore: Jeff Roberts  
Agawam Rear Commodore: Rich Hardina  
Chester Rear Commodore: Jeremy Sawyer  
Treasurer: Jo Anne Wells  
Secretary: Geri McCarthy

**Board of Directors Present:** Dave Jenks  
Jeff Sexton  
Dave Lankowski  
Fred Siedel  
Beth Sexton

**Absent:** Chris Romano, Board

**Secretary:** No report.

**Treasurer:** The following financial balances were reported:

<b>Checking:</b>	\$30546.27
<b>Permanent fund:</b>	\$28171.67
<b>SYCC future projects:</b>	\$22162.43
<b>Chester future projects:</b>	\$22051.12
<b>House projects:</b>	\$10879.52
<b>Agawam future projects:</b>	\$8323.45

**Vice Commodore:** Small bathroom downstairs is out of service for 1-2 weeks pending plumbing repairs. Porch window has been replaced and room is noticeably more comfortable. Garage doors scheduled to be replaced. We will purchase a used computer with Windows 7 software that is compatible with the door security system. System is expected to last 3-4 years and will not require new keys. Anticipate future upgrade to cost \$3-\$4000

**Agawam Rear Commodore:** Looking forward to a great summer! We have work to do on the docks. Member questioned availability of open slips. Rich Hardina will update members.

**Chester Rear Commodore:** Looking forward to participating on the board. Chester will have an electric project coming up soon.



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## REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

**Membership Committee:** The following flag members were presented for flag membership. The membership unanimously for all four Flag members:

**Brian Chrysler sponsored by Bill Sardillo and Joe Barrett**  
**William Vial Sr sponsored by Bill Sardillo and Osborne Gaugh**  
**William Vial Jr sponsored by Bill Sardillo and Osborne Gaugh**  
**Allen Soleck sponsored by John Shea and Ken Ty**

We will not have the exact number of open positions until all dues are paid, however we anticipate openings and encourage members to solicit applications.

**Nominating Committee:** We need volunteers for the nominating committee.

**Finance Committee:** We have nothing to report until we can review numbers.

**Planning Committee:** Met with Ed Kelly and Bill Sardillo about future projects. Floors were recently polished by members Fred Seidel and Ed Kelly and they did an outstanding job. We now have a storage shed on property thanks to the Columbia Gas project.

**By Law Committee:** Currently have no representation on this committee. Commodore Butch Wagner made it clear that he will not expect the Board of Directors to do all the work on the by-laws. This has been the case for many years and member participation is required.

**Entertainment Committee:** New chair Tina Lankowski reported the following upcoming events:

- Friday night pitch (weekly until boating season). Players are welcome to come once or all season
- Game nights will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month during the winter. Details will be on the erasable calendar downstairs.
- Super bowl party – details coming soon!
- Annual pizza fundraising event Sunday February 12. Look for a flyer with details and encourage members and guests to attend.
- Paint and Sip night March 4. Snacks provided. BYOB. Cost will be announced soon.

The committee would like to thank everyone who was able to brave the weather and participate in the recent crock off competition. Congratulations to Jen Roberts who won the contest with her decadent chocolate peanut butter cake.

*Please note that there are 2 calendars on the board. The booking calendar (the small monthly calendar) will always take precedent over the entertainment calendar. The entertainment calendar is informational and subject to change. **If you want to book the hall for an event please use the monthly calendar.***

**Quartermaster:** We are solvent after selling most of the old merchandise. \$350 of this merchandise remains and all sales will be profit. Please see Scott Barker for deals as we make way for new product. The decision has been made to go back to Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club Vs. SYCC for logo on merchandise.

**Unfinished business:** None.



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**New business:** Finance committee stated that things need to change. The budgets are straightened out and we need to discuss options for the June vote on the by-laws. The message is clear that the club needs to make more money to stay solvent. Several opinions about finance and dues were discussed:

We need to understand the by-laws and make a decision on raising membership dues

We should make the budget/financial picture transparent to members

We need a 10 year financial plan

Membership dues have not kept up with the competition/economy

Is assessment necessary?

This is a summary of several comments regarding our financial situation and specifically membership dues and it has been discussed heatedly many times in prior meetings. It was strongly suggested that we address this topic now rather than waiting for the June vote.

A question was raised on why we raised insurance costs and the board confirmed that the increased liability was brought to the membership in advance.

A member commented that there are still instances of disrespecting board members and a suggestion was made that even if you don't like what you hear you should not stand up unless you have a solution. If a member is disrespectful he or she will be asked to leave the meeting.

A recommendation was made to reconsider family membership options.

A member commented that we need to get new members more involved. Many members do their cleaning assignments as flag members and attend required work parties but do not volunteer for committees or board assignments. Every member should step up and keep the club active.

**Web:** As a reminder, the website is: <http://www.sycc.website/> The password is RIVER1210

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geri McCarthy  
Secretary



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**New business:** Columbia Gas is starting the river project around Thanksgiving and is requesting permission to use our ramp to launch 3 boats on a daily basis. The board had additional questions: where will vehicles park, what are the boat sizes, will these be Columbia Gas employees or contractors, in addition to other questions. Commodore Jeff Sexton will reach out to Columbia Gas to obtain more specifics on request.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Sexton  
Acting Secretary