



Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club

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Minutes of the Tuesday, August 15, 2023, BOARD MEETING

NEXT MEMBER & BOARD MEETING: Thursday, September 7, 2023

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 pm

Roll call of Officers and Board members

- Commodore – Rich Vieghey - 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 - present
- Mat Wright - absent
- Dan Merli - present
- Wayne Harrington - present
- Butch Wagner – absent

Report of the Commodore:

Executive session held.

Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted, seconded and approved.

A reminder to all members of both basins that bring their pets to the club: According to the bylaws, your pet must be on a leash at all times. And that leash must be in your control at all times.

Report of Secretary –

Mike Hajdun has sent a letter to the officers and directors requesting a change from Active member to Senior Active Member according to the bylaws. Mr. Hajdun joined on June 20, 1998. A motion to change Mr. Hajdun from Active to Senior member was, seconded and approved.

A letter from the Pioneer Riverfront Rowing Club was read to the board in reference to the Sept. 9th regatta. The Board has agreed to have letter forwarded to the members.

A member recently slipped and fell hitting her head against the picnic tables as she missed the curb to the deck. A motion was made to paint the curb a vibrant color, seconded and approved.

Please send any issues that need to be addressed to the Commodore, your respective Vice Commodores and myself.

Password for the website is: RIVERSYCC (all caps)

NEW COMBINATION FOR THE AGAWAM BASIN LOCK: 7779

Report of Vice Commodore-

If you are thinking of doing a buy out for the upcoming work party, you need to make your intention known **BEFORE** the work party date.

Please make sure all doors are locked when leaving.

Don't forget the hall and porch is available for rent. The fee is only \$100.00. The room can accommodate up to 75 people.

When putting away the tables, please do not block the side window. There is register under it that provides air to the room and bathroom. Close the blinds in the hall upstairs. Leave the doors open. Cleaning schedule is posted on the bulletin board for the next 3 months. If you are a flag member, it's your responsibility to do your cleaning.

Please contact Gary: gsmith134@comcast.net 413-427-6806 with any questions.

Report of Rear Commodore Chester –

Asked the Treasurer to research where the money made from a picnic, possibly 2 yrs ago, that was earmarked for the kitchen repair, went.

No real damage to the basin except for the trash on the beach, which was quickly cleaned up.

Having issues with the locks. Locks are spinning and not always opening.

Work party dates are October 28 and 29.

We have 3 new cautionary signs for electric shock on the beach.

Report of Rear Commodore Agawam –

WHERE WE ARE NOW. The basin has reopened. The river has returned to usable levels although there is still mud and debris in it. Due to the quick response of the membership, the boats were removed and the docks brought in. We suffered no damage from the flooding. I thought we had lost our sign post but it never left the property. It was recovered and is in the clubhouse being freshened up before re-installation.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. Enjoy the river. Keep pushing those logs off!

OTHER STUFF. Cost shares are due to me by October 1. The fall work party will be October 15. If you see any logs in your slips or the ramp, let me know so we can fix it.

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	\$49,326.33
Agawam Future projects	\$67,710.92
Chester Future projects	\$52,747.90

House future projects **\$19,564.50**

Permanent Fund/Investment **\$**

All bills and taxes are paid. The Edward/Jones account has been making money and the accountant recommends it should stay as it is.

Report of Committees

Membership Committee –

The following flag members are up for vote to become Active members:

Chris and Jen Logee/ Sponsors: Jeff Sexton and Beth Sexton

John Swolka/Sponsors: Dan Merli and Jeremy Sawyer

Anthony Campiti/Sponsors: Ralph D’Arco and Karl Geiger

Joe Cohen/ Sponsors:

The following person would like to join the club as a Flag member:

Robert Vitale

Board has made a motion to accept the above, seconded and approved.

Nominating committee- NTR

Entertainment/Education Committee –

Seafood Dinner is on September 10th starting at 330pm. See flyer for further details.

Finance committee-NTR

Quartermaster-

Link to the S.Y.C.C. Online store is active and can be found on the S.Y.C.C. website.

Webmaster-NTR

Planning committee-NTR

Bylaw committee-NTR

New business

Old business-

Eversource will be drilling on the riverbed at some point to repair leaking pipes.

No email received by the Secretary in reference to moving and replanting aquatic plants in the Chester Basin.

Security camera options were discussed as there are so many different options. Hardwire vs Wireless.

Need to inform the Power Squadron and the Fishing Club of increase in hall rental fee to begin January, 2024. And a member needs to become a member of the S.Y.C.C.

Adjournment, motion made to adjourn, seconded, approved

The meeting was adjourned at: 8:39 pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Michelle Velazquez

FUTURE MEETING DATES for 2023

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

- **September 7th**
- **October 5th**
- **November 2nd**