



Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club

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Minutes of the Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023, BOARD MEETING

NEXT MEMBER & BOARD MEETING: Thursday, OCTOBER 5, 2023

Meeting called to order at: 7:41 pm

Roll call of Officers and Board members

- Commodore – Rich Vieghey - present
- Vice Commodore – Gary Smith - absent
- 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 - present
- Dan Merli - present
- Wayne Harrington - present
- Butch Wagner – present

Report of the Commodore-

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 –

Carl Zimmerman has sent a letter to the officers and directors requesting a change from Active member to Senior Active Member according to the bylaws. A motion to change Mr. Zimmerman from Active to Senior member was made, seconded and approved.

Thank you to Wayne Harrington for taking the time to paint the curb yellow to avoid any slips/falls.

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

If you are not receiving emails from me, please see me to ensure your email is correct.

Password for the website is: RIVERSYCC (all caps)

Report of Vice Commodore- NTR

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

Report of Rear Commodore Chester –

Thanks to the following for extra help:

Bart Gaugh, Mike Chechette & Rick Rose for cleaning and putting the pavilion back together after the flooding

Kim Crysler & Lyssa Rose for filling in potholes so no one falls.

Jeremy Sawyer for replacing broken wood on ramp and finger

Also for coordinating with Massachusetts Fire Technology for fire extinguisher recertification.

Dan Merli for refilling the propane tanks

9/18 Basin committee meeting

Set of stairs on North side were replaced

ramp, north side and outside shower weeds and growth in walls were removed

Bush covering lamppost has been cut down near bathhouse

Thanks to Dave Larkin, Mike Chechette, Kim & Bryan Crysler, Pete Niesyn, Lyssa & Rick Rose, Dave Solek & Dan

Saturday 9/9 there will be a wood party to get rid of the old rotted wood We have a few volunteers and could use a few more

Also need volunteers with carpentry skills to help build a new shed that houses the water meter and backflow preventer for our water. It is rotted away and may not make it through the winter. Please let me know if you can help and we can plan a day in October to do it

Boats need to be out by Friday, October 27th. Work party will be Saturday 10/28 at 9am and Dock crew ONLY on Sunday 10/29 at 9. Water will also be shut and bathrooms dead bolted for the winter
A list of projects needed is being compiled for work party and will be sent out separately

Raffle Update. So far we have sold 67 tickets and should sell out by end of weekend. Drawing will be Saturday 9/16 at 10am at pavilion if anyone wants to come in person

Chester picnic will be Saturday 9/30 details coming soon

Cost Share has to be updated on the website for the Chester Basin.

A check for \$50 needs to be issued to Bob Larkin.

Report of Rear Commodore Agawam –

WHERE WE ARE NOW. The basin has reopened. The river has returned to usable levels and the debris flow has lessened. There are still occasional large pieces as the Memorial bridge has two large piles of debris on the north side of the abutments on the West Springfield end. Boat action is shaking it loose.

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

Important Dates: Cost Shares, (slip applications), due October 1, October meeting.

Boats out by Columbus day weekend. October 15, Fall work party.

OTHER STUFF. The second dock cart has been repaired and is available for use. It is in the lower level of the club house. Please return it there when you are done using it. Officer flags are back up. The Ramp sign has been reinstalled. A dock wheel has been installed on the main walkway on the south side dock. The river sent it to us, free of charge.

Need to change the valve so to not have water syphon back.

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

Ed Kelley

Report of the Treasurer:

Bank balances

Checking	\$47,278.42
Agawam Future projects	\$67,712.88
Chester Future projects	\$52,748.80
House future projects	\$19,564.84
Permanent Fund/Investment	\$40,404.25
Edward Jones	\$42,110.29

Report of Committees

Membership Committee –

Flag to Active Member:

Ben Ryan/ Sponsors: Al Gag and Karl Geiger

Motion to approve made, seconded, and approved to be forwarded to the Members to be voted in.

Nominating committee- NTR

Entertainment/Education Committee –

Fall Fest dinner: motioned made to approve, second and approved by the Board.

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-

Night Owl security camera system is the best choice for the club as it could be expanded as needed. A motion to approve purchasing system was made, seconded and approved by the Board and Directors.

Adjournment, motion made to adjourn, seconded, approved

The meeting was adjourned at: 8:08 pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Michelle Velazquez

FUTURE MEETING DATES for 2023

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

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