

**Minutes of the Thursday, June 1st, 2023, MEMBER MEETING**

**NEXT MEMBER & BOARD MEETING: Board meets on AUG 15th, MEMBERS MEET AGAIN ON Thursday Sept 7th, 2023.**

**Meeting called to order at: 7:01pm**

**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- absent

**Board of Directors**

* Steve Buoniconti - present
* Michael Morassi - present
* Mat Wright - absent
* Dan Merli - present
* Wayne Harrington - present
* Butch Wagner - present

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

* + Active - 19
  + Flag - 4
  + Senior - 2

**Report of Secretary** –

Minutes of the previous May 4th and May 2023, board and member meetings approved.

On behalf of Michelle, I am being asked to remind the members present that June 11th is the Ironman race. No motorized boats will be allowed in the area from the North End bridge to the Memorial Bridge. Swimming portion of the race ends at the steps of the park in downtown Springfield.

I have posted a copy of the schedule sent to Agawam residents for the Ironman race. Please see it does affect traffic but should be early. (Done with River Road by 8:15am)

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Password for the website is: RIVERSYCC (all caps)

**Report of the Treasurer:**

**Bank balances**

**Checking $75,760.71**

**Agawam Future projects $67,707.51**

**Chester Future projects $52,745.24**

**House future projects $19,563.52**

**Permanent Fund/Investment $40,644.10**

**Report of Vice Commodore** *–*

This year because of high water and rainy conditions Agawam had a split work party. The house held their work party on May 7th and the basin on May 21st. Both work parties started with social hour from 8am to 9am. The Entertainment committee lead by Tina Lankowski with helpers Michelle Velazquez, Laura Fallon and Denise Ripolone served breakfast sandwiches, Danish, cinnamon rolls, coffee, and orange juice. They also supplied the lunch. It was very good turnout, and we got the house and grounds cleaned and ready for the boating season. Thank you everyone. There were many small groups working on projects. Jack Cavallon and his team for doing windows on porch and Wilbur Hogan Hall vacuuming and cleaning bathrooms. Tom Bromley and his crew were able to put up the canopy and get picnic tables and chairs out. Dave Lankowski and John Dabrowski and their group did the yard work of tree pruning, string trimming and raking. Thanks again everyone.

If you use the AC, please return it to set back temp. of 78 degrees and downstairs to off. Also make sure all bathroom doors are left open.

Please keep the blinds on the porch closed for the summer. This helps keep porch and hall cool and saves carpet form fading.

Thank you, Mark Ripolone, for installing a chain and eye bolt to hold the outside door open. The black block was a trip hazard. He also painted a white line along the curb and steps near the grills.

The cleaning schedule is posted downstairs and in Chester. Flag members it’s your responsibility to do the house cleaning even during the summer . Everyone, have a fun and safe summer.

Please contact Gary: [gsmith134@comcast.net](mailto:gsmith134@comcast.net) 413-427-6806 with any questions.

**Report of Rear Commodore Agawam –**

June 2023 Report

WHERE WE ARE NOW. The basin is open! The Spring work party was completed on May 21.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. You may put in your boat at your convenience.

Boats need to be in their slips by July 1, or risk losing your slip to reassignment.

Special “Thanks” to Tina, Michelle, Laura and Denise for the food and refreshments. Mike, for the use of the equipment. All the members for their participation in making the Spring work party a success. Once the docks were in, Gary Smith directed a group to finish the yard clean-up. Seven bad floats were replaced during the dock installation. Three of them might be savable.

OTHER STUFF. The Fire boat is in. I inspected the basin with the crash boat and there doesn’t appear to be any obstructions around the docks or the ramp. Haven’t heard of any luck with striper or shad fishing, but the smallies are hitting. Get out there. As usual, the ramp will close at noon on July 4. Be safe.

Contact me at 413-231-2491 or [kelleyejr@verizon.net](mailto:kelleyejr@verizon.net). For the quickest response, text me.

Ed Kelley

Agawam Rear Commodore

**Report of Rear Commodore Cheste**r –

Poison Ivy- sprayed three times!

2/3 Boats are in!

Few boards on doors/fingers need to be replaced. Will need to purchase wood.

Replaced socket and lightbulb for flagpole.

Rick Fritzon is bringing brush cutter to clean north side.

Men’s room sign put under door.

Picnic in Chester June 25th Noon Burgers, dogs, turkey burgers, water provided. Please bring sides or desserts to share.

**Report of Committees**

**Membership Committee –** If anyone is interested in getting in helping with sponsoring a new member (a walk in or referral please get in touch with Karl.

**Nominating committee- NTR**

**Finance committee-NTR**

**Planning committee-NTR**

**Bylaw committee**- Unable to vote on changes to work party buy out as need more clarity.

**Entertainment Committee –**

* Al Gags Invitational Catfish tournament will be on July 29th.

Details and flyer pending.

* Seafood Raffle tickets have all been sold. Special thank you to Gary McClean who sold 55 tickets on his own.
* Tuesday night socials are in full swing. We had 15 on Tuesday! Thank you, Richie V for cooking for the first Tuesday! Please try and sign up to cook when you can. Everything will be ready weekly and there will be envelopes on the fridge to collect money. Please date and slide under office door.
* Sunday night potluck is still always an option but would like to start dinner a bit earlier as requested.
* Our Commodores Steak Dinner is happening this Sunday. We have 52 attending (thank you to those attending and supporting this event)
* We re-did the framed Commodores in the hall to include all. Special thanks to **Marcia Barker** for donation of the frame.
* Doesn’t appear that anyone is interested in facilitating 4th of July party at the Club. Members are welcome to come and bring their own picnic but please as always be respectful of the club. Ramp closes at 12:00pm.
* There is a picnic in Chester on June 25th. The flyer will be attached and posted on bulletin board downstairs.

**Quartermaster- Cortney Swokla** [ceswokla@gmail.com](mailto:ceswokla@gmail.com)

﻿Over the holiday weekend I brought down samples of clothing we have purchased for my gym.  Our printer is very easy to work with and will do one off item and there isn’t a minimum order.  Andrews Marina also uses him for their T-shirts and quarter zips.  The feedback from the women was that they preferred the flowy collections and were looking for zip up sweatshirts, racer back or t-shirt dresses.  The men said long sleeves t-shirts and possibly rain/windbreakers.  I would love more feedback for what everyone is looking for so I can narrow the search.  He has access to a ton of vendors but what I have noticed from other companies (vineyards, breweries, resorts etc) they all seem to use the brands Bella Canvas or Next Level.  You can jump on their websites and browse as well.  He also will print or embroider on a piece of clothing you have already purchased.  So, if you have a favorite brand of shirt/sweatshirt or outerwear he will print or embroider that as well.  He is sending me some other items as well to look at.  I also need to know if people are interested in other items like decals, bottle openers etc.  Everything we have priced at the gym is under $40 ($35 for sweatshirts down to $18 for tanks)

Cortney is meeting with printer next Wed so should have a visual presentation soon.

<https://www.bellacanvas.com/product/8800/Womens-Flowy-Racerback-Tank.html>

<https://www.bellacanvas.com/product/8809/Womens-Flowy-High-Neck-Tank.html>

<https://www.bellacanvas.com/product/3945/Unisex-Sponge-Fleece-Drop-Shoulder-Sweatshirt.html>

<https://www.nextlevelapparel.com/collections/collections-beach-fleece.html>

<https://www.districtclothing.com/p/10689_TrueNavy>

<https://www.districtclothing.com/p/10689_TrueNavy>

<https://usblanks.net/products/womens-cotton-t-shirt-dress>

**Webmaster-** Site looks good!Al will update quartermaster gear.

**Unfinished business- NTR**

.**New business** – **NTR**

Adjournment, motion made to adjourn, seconded, approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Substitute secretary Tina Lankowski

**FUTURE MEETING DATES for 2023**

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

**September 7th**

**October 5th**

**November 2nd**

**December 7th**