



Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club

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Minutes of the Thursday, Jan 12th, 2023, ANNUAL MEETING

NEXT MEMBER & BOARD MEETING: Thursday, Feb 2nd, 2023

Meeting called to order at: 7:02pm

Roll call of Officers and Board members

- Commodore - Butch Wagner - present
- Vice Commodore – Gary Smith- present
- Agawam Rear Commodore – Ed Kelley - present
- Chester Rear Commodore -Jeremy Sawyer -present
- Treasurer: Dave Lankowski - present
- Secretary: Tina Lankowski – present

Board of Directors

- Steve Buoniconti – absent
- Michael Morassi-absent
- Dave Jenks-absent
- Mat Wright-present
- Dan Merli-present
- Wayne Harrington-present

Self-introductions of all other members present

- Active - 22
- Flag - 7
- Senior -2
- Honorary –1

Annual reports from committees:

Commodore- Butch Wagner COMMODORES 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2022 Season we had both basins open with many members enjoying boating and the social atmosphere of the club. The social events of the club were the Chester picnic, Catfish Tournament at Agawam, and Sunday night socials at Agawam.

I would like to thank the Executive Officers: Vice Commodore Gary Smith, Agawam Rear Commodore Ed Kelley, Rear Commodore Chester Jeremy Sawyer, Secretary Tina Lankowski, Treasurer Dave Lankowski, and the Board of Directors: Mat Wright, Dan Merli, Dave Jenks, Steve Bouniconti, Mike Morassi and Wayne Harrington for their time to make this club a great club and to work so smoothly.

Our Membership Committee was busy as usual bringing in more members than we lost. Thank you, Donna, and Karl, for your many hours working with our new members.

On a personal note, a special thank you to Jeremy Sawyer for his 6 years as Rear Commodore Chester, Tina Lankowski for her 4 years as Secretary and Dave Lankowski for his 3 years as Treasurer and 3 years as a Board of Director, I would not or could not have done this job for so long without your help.

I would like to thank our 2023 Board Members for volunteering and wish them a smooth and uneventful year. I wish everyone a safe and healthy 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Butch Wagner

Vice Commodore- Gary Smith 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

During the first half of the new year an opportunity to move the gas meter out of the basement was presented to us by Eversource. The work began in late April and completed in early May. The meter is now located outside on the left front side of the house.

Eversource replaced the two lights on the pole at the end of the driveway since these lights belong to Eversource.

The club now has all three of the signs on the property looking the same. They are all consistent in looks and signage.

This past year Wilbur Hogan Hall rentals were up. We had at least a dozen membership rentals along with the Pioneer Valley Surf Club and Springfield Power Squadron.

The house cleaning committee kept the house looking clean with weekly cleanings. The committee is made up of Flag members whose responsibility is to serve on this committee for one year.

During the Christmas storm a tree was uprooted and landed on the deck. After getting the tree cut off the deck there was no visible damage.

Respectfully submitted, Gary Smith Rear Commodore

Rear Commodore -Agawam-Ed Kelley 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

I'd like to begin by saying thanks to the membership and officers of the club for their support and assistance during the past year as rear commodore. A special thanks to Gary Smith for keeping an eye on the place when I couldn't.

The 2022 season began Super Bowl Sunday, with the removal of two nuisance trees from the south end of the property, with the permission of new owner. Dock deconstruction took place when the weather would allow it. Nine sections in all were replaced. We had wood and hardware in stock and only a few pieces of wood were needed to finish the project.

A new Ramp sign was completed in mid-April, completing a yearlong project to update our signage with a more consistent look. The sign was designed to be easy to remove for the off season or in times of flooding. Special "Thanks" to member Dave Cortelli for his carpentry skills on all our signs, and to John Barrows of the Big E Print shop for the design, creation, and application of the ramp sign graphics. Vice commodore Gary Smith and I drove this project.

The spring work party, May 1, was well attended. The dock crews made quick work of the dock assembly.

The continuing construction project upriver, provided an opportunity to have two boats in the basin. This provided income for the club. We also hosted a group from Klienschmidt, an environmental services company monitoring the construction project's impacts on the river.

The season began with calm weather, which continued through the season. Unlike last year, rain was in short supply to the point where there wasn't much water most of the summer. Our experienced boaters were bumping bottom and our newer folks wouldn't leave the docks. Five new members had boats on the docks, two on the north side and three on the south side, with the last boat going in mid-July.

Immediately following the July 4 festivities, I reconfigured the north side docks to work better in the current flow. The two new members on the north side found it much easier to use their slips. Two one-hundred-pound anchors were hung off the end of the fingers to prevent northward movement during strong southerly winds.

The fall work party October 18 went well with the docks being removed and stacked as usual. The first two sections of the north side will be rebuilt in the spring, and they, plus four more sections were put south of the deck for deconstruction during the off season.

The deconstruction was completed by Thanksgiving, as the weather was perfect this late in the fall. Two new brackets will be built for the first section on the north side to be consistent with current bracket standards.

The plan is to add two new sections on the north side which will add two more slips to our dock system. I will purchase eight floats to accomplish this. Lumber and hardware will be purchased during the winter and early spring.

I need to take a minute to thank the folks who made this work happen. First, Thanks to Eddie Spellacy for managing the dock construction crews during the season. His knowledge, skills and tools allowed for the building of new dock sections to go smoothly. Next, Thanks to Tina and Dave Lankowski for providing food and beverages for any function I could put together, given the restrictions. Lastly, a huge Thanks to Mike Morassi and the folks at Sunbelt Rentals for providing the equipment that made the work possible. A Lull forklift provided the muscle for installation and removal of the docks. Thanks to all who participated. You make it happen.

The planning has begun, and updates will be coming as we move forward.

Lastly, the basin is in good financial condition, our assets in good shape. Prices will increase slightly for the 2024 season.

Respectfully submitted, Ed Kelley Agawam Rear Commodore

Rear Commodore- Chester-Jeremy Sawyer 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear SYCC membership,

2022 was a good year in Chester. The dredging project was completed in the spring, and everything went well. Thank you, Jamie Hays! You and your crew did a great job.

Thank you to my basin committee and my dock master Mat for all their hard work again this year. I can't thank you enough for all your help!

I also want to thank the Sexton family and everyone else that helped make the Chester picnic a fun time this year! You always throw a good party!

Lastly, I want to thank the entire SYCC board. It was an honor to serve on the board with all of you! Butch, your guidance and support all these years was always appreciated more than you know! Congratulations to our new rear commodore Donna Merli! I wish you the best of luck and thank you for stepping up to take the position.

Sincerely, Jeremy Sawyer Chester Rear Commodore Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club

Treasurer-Dave Lankowski TREASURER 2022 ANNUAL REPORT 1-12-22

Thanks to the board for all the help over my term.

Bank Balances

	1-12-22	12-31-22
Checking	\$23,337.14	\$51,235.87
Agawam Basin Future	\$65,441.76	\$64,022.37
Chester Basin Future	\$97,949.48	\$29,285.83
House Future	\$13,967.02	\$39,158.00
Permanent/Edward Jones	\$40,932.53	\$39,158.00
Total deposited in the investment fund to date is:		\$43,334.62

Budget Balances 12-31-2022

Agawam Basin	\$3,680.89
Chester Basin	\$23,457.27
(Chester used \$75,377.00 from savings for dredging the basin)	
House	\$7,101.55
Permanent Fund	\$2,600.00

Current member counts: (As of 1/12/23)

- **Active: 106**
- **Flag: 17**
- **Honorary 3**
- **Senior 18**
- **OOP 3**
- **Voting only 2**

Secretary- Tina Lankowski 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

It has been an honor being your secretary for the last 4 years. Been a few bumps, but overall, a great term. I will remain an active member and am happy to jump in and help as always. It has been a privilege to be part of this dedicated board of officers. I am not sure unless you hold a seat in front you will have the same view of the level of commitment these guys have. Often a thankless job, tedious

hours but we believe in this club and all it has to offer. Best of luck to the new team especially Michelle for stepping up to be secretary.

Respectfully submitted, Tina Lankowski SYCC Secretary

Entertainment-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Savings 1/1/22	\$4,582.78
Cash 1/1/22	<u>\$811.72</u>
Total 1/1/22	\$5,394.50

2022 Activity	
Event Income	\$760.00
Expenses	\$1,700.96 (\$1,257.17 cash, \$433.79 savings)
Cash 12/31/22	\$144.55
Savings 12/31/22	\$4,453.54

Corned beef dinner took in	\$250.00
Sunday Socials took in	\$240.00
Pitch	\$170.00
Catfish	\$100.00
Profits were used to purchase items for member use:	
New TV	\$796.86
Corned Beef dinner	\$277.66
Extension cords/rope lights	
Storage bins	\$295.39
Plates/condiments	\$331.05

Respectfully Submitted, Tina Lankowski Entertainment Committee Chairperson

Unfinished business: NTR

New business: Club is 173 years old, with thanks to members who volunteer to take positions.

The following officers and board members have been selected for 2023:

Commodore: Richie Veighey
Vice Commodore: Gary Smith
Rear Commodore Agawam: Ed Kelley
Rear Commodore Chester: Donna Beilefield Merli
Secretary: Michelle Velazquez
Treasurer: Fred Siedel

Board Members

- Mat Wright
- Michael Morassi
- Wayne Harrington

- Butch Wagner (former Commodore obligation)
- Steve Buonoconti
- Dan Merli

Adjournment, motion made to adjourn, seconded, approved

The meeting was adjourned at: 7:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Lankowski

FUTURE MEETING DATES for 2023

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

- **February 2nd**
- **March 2nd**
- **April 6th**
- **May 4th**
- **June 1st**
- **Aug 15th (board only)**
- **September 7th**
- **October 5th**
- **November 2nd**
- **December 7th**