



Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club

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Minutes of the Thursday, September 7, 2023, MEMBER MEETING

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

Meeting called to order at: 7pm

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

Self-introductions of all other members present

- Active - 29
- Flag - 7
- Senior - 4
- Honorary –

Report of the Commodore:

Report of Secretary –

Minutes of the previous board meeting were approved.

Pioneer Valley Rowing Club is saving their annual Regatta on Sept. 9; please stay away from the North side of the river for safety concerns.

Combination on the lock has not been changed.

If you are not receiving the minutes to the meetings, please let me know. I have been getting automated responses to emails that it are undeliverable, not considered safe or mailbox is full.

Password for the website is: RIVERSYCC (all caps)

Report of Vice Commodore – NTR

Report of Rear Commodore Agawam – September, 2023 Report

WHERE WE ARE NOW. The basin has reopened. The river has returned to usable levels and the debris flow has lessened. There is 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.

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

Ed Kelley

Agawam Rear Commodore

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

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

2022 taxes have been completed and paid.

Budget numbers:

Report of Committees

Membership Committee –

The following members are being voted on tonight:

New Flag Members:

Matthew Cancelliere/ Sponsors: Tom Stapleton and Karl Geiger

Jeffrey deLiefde/ Sponsors:

William Howard/ Sponsors: Al Gag and Joe Gianetti

The following members are being voted on tonight:

Flag to Active Members:

Joseph Cohen/ Sponsors: Rich Veighy and Karl Geiger

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

Chris and Jen Logee/ Sponsors: Beth and Jeff Sexton

John Swokla/ Sponsors: Jeremy Sawyer and Dan Merli

Mark Rapolone/ Sponsors: Paul Legrand and Karl Geiger

Jenal Duprey/ Sponsors: Alan Duprey

**Entertainment/education Committee –
Please see attached flyers**

Finance committee-NTR

Quartermaster-

The S.Y.C.C. online shop is live on the website. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at:
ceswokla@gmail.com

Webmaster- NTR

Planning committee-NTR

Bylaw committee-

New business – NTR

Old business- NTR

House	\$7,080.94
Permanent fund	\$2,600.00

Current membership numbers:

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

Adjournment, motion made to adjourn, seconded, approved

The meeting was adjourned at: 7:36 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Velazquez

FUTURE MEETING DATES for 2023

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

- **October 5, 2023**
- **November 2, 2023**
- **December 7, 2023**