



Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club

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Minutes of the June 1, 2017 Member Meeting

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: September 7 AT 7:30 PM

NEXT BOARD MEETING: June 20 AT 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 7:34 p.m.

Officers Present: Commodore: Butch Wagner
Vice Commodore: Jeff Roberts
Agawam Rear Commodore: Rich Hardina
Chester Rear Commodore: Jeremy Sawyer
Secretary: Geri McCarthy

Board of Directors Present: Chris Romano
Dave Lankowski
Fred Seidel
Jeff Sexton

Absent: Treasurer: Jo Anne Wells
Board: Dave Jenks
Board: Beth Sexton

Secretary: No report

Treasurer:	Account Balances:	Permanent:	\$28,090.74
		Agawam:	\$8,328.87
		Chester	\$22,351.12
		House:	\$11,190.73
		Future:	\$22,156.28
		Checking:	\$92,101.25

A member requested that the treasurer report income and expenses YTD at each meeting. It was noted that the insurance money and the Columbia money is included in the account balance.

Vice Commodore: Several members still need to complete their work party obligation. Gary Smith has been available to allow access to the building so we can complete requirements for the occupancy permit. Floors look great again – thanks Fred Seidel.

Agawam Rear Commodore: Thanks to everyone who helped build and put the docks in. Before next Tuesday (6/6) social we will work on straightening the docks. Reminder to those who use boats and park in the driveway you should be parking in the south end of the lot to accommodate either members



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who are visiting the club. Please continue to check the docks often – even moving small bits of debris helps keep our boats safe!

Chester Rear Commodore: The weed treatment has been applied and may take up to 30 days before we see results. There are 2 permanent and 2 temporary slips available on the South side. We are looking for volunteers to help with the overgrown weeds on the side beach. If anyone can lend a rototiller it would be appreciated.

Reminder to those who are burning fires please pick up after yourselves. Bottle caps and other debris can be very dangerous. The shed is clean please keep things bagged. Members with dogs should be cleaning up after their pets.

Welcome to all the great new members!

FYI – I have a 10 x 12 gazebo free to the first taker.

Membership: The committee has a few new applications and they will try and process before the summer break. Ken Kaufman is reinstated.

Entertainment Committee: The committee is looking for volunteers to help organize and run the 4th of July event. A flyer will be posted next week and we welcome any raffle prize donations.

Reminder that boats should be in the water by 12 noon, event will start at 6 PM and fireworks will be at 9 PM.

Nominating Committee: No report

Planning Committee: No report.

Quartermaster: No report

Web Master: All members are encouraged to send pictures. Thanks to Al Dupree for volunteering to help with the website. A member requested that the website could include the WiFi sign on and password for member use and it was noted that the club would like to get a booster for the signal. A request was made to post basin rules on the website.

Finance Committee: The committee is suggesting we raise dues to \$395.00 in order to cover expenses. They also feel that the club should provide a monthly financial statement, including expenses to provide a clear picture to the general membership.

By Law committee: The membership voted on by-law changes.

1. Remove the 10% restriction **Passed 33 yes, 10 no**
2. Increase Dues to \$395 **Passed 34 yes, 17 no**
3. Dues change not voted on because prior votes voided the proposal



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4. Full members may purchase a waiver for work party for \$100. Limited to first 20 requests submitted to Commodore or Vice Commodore prior to the day of the party **Passed 34 yes, 10 no.**
5. A non-refundable initiation fee of \$200 shall be required of all newly elected members. This fee shall be transferred to the permanent fund. No initiation fee shall be required of a members spouse who applies for membership. **Passed 33 yes, 9 no**
6. Include the amount of the annual dues in the by-laws section 1. **Passed 30 yes, 5 no**
7. Add family members to an existing active membership.
 - A. Only voting members in good standing may vote upon active status applicants. The vote shall be by secret ballot at a regular meeting and five negative votes shall reject it and membership will be terminated. Applicants shall be notified of the results by mail.
 - B. Active members can designate their spouse or significant other as a family member. The definition of a family member is that of a flag member with no obligation for work parties, attending meetings or becoming an active member after one year.
 - C. Exception – a family member, who was an active member before June 2017 will have grandfathered voting rights, can hold elective or appointed office. No other rights will be extended to the grandfathered member. The grandfathered member will pay 50% of the annual dues for this right.
Passed 31 yes, 11 no
8. Change the wording on applications received during the summer months to remove the verbiage “user fee”. Membership will collect the annual fee and non-refundable annual dues. **Passed 35 yes, 4 no**
9. Change the re-application process to include that any former member applying reinstatement must appear before the board of directors and the membership committee to be voted back in. **Passed 33 yes, 3 no**

Please note that some of the anonymous ballots were not filled out and some were filled out incorrectly. All counts were done with witnesses.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Please wear shoes in the beach area as members have found needles and other debris washed ashore.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Geri McCarthy,



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