

Draft

Willamette Sailing Club General Meeting Minutes: October 28th, 2021

By Rachel Barney

Attendees: Geoff Fanning (Commodore), Kathy Sandifer (Vice Commodore), John Gridley (Rear Commodore), Mike Rees (Fleet Captain), Christine Stamper (Treasurer), Brad Grenham (Port Captain), Drew Ehlers (Interim Club Manager and WSC Head Coach), Matt Berger (Program Director), Rachel Barney (Secretary).

Call to order

6:55 pm 45 members were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Intentional move of the treasurer's report to the end of the meeting.

Approve Meeting Minutes

Geoff motioned to approve the meeting minutes from April's General Meeting. Bill Connerly seconded. All members approved by raising their hands.

Officers Reports

Commodore - Geoff Fanning

- Sailing on the Willamette was good
- Burgers & Beers in the clubhouse was fun, while it lasted (COVID)
- Programs were highly successful despite COVID
- Completed planned improvements to the physical plant
- Performed to financial expectations
- Management was rocky

Thank you for all the hard work, 2021 Board, Members of the Month, Board Officer, Nominating Committee, Manager Search Committee, Hospitality Committee, Technology Task Force, Financial Oversight Committee, Race Committee, Work Party Volunteers, and Fleet Captains.

Vice Commodore - Kathy Sandifer

- Drew Ehlers is interim Club Manager.

- There is a committee researching manager candidates. WSC should have a new manager by the end of the year.

COVID Policy

- There is an indoor mask mandate until Feb 8, 2022.
- Masks must be worn in the clubhouse at all times except if you are sitting at a table, socially distanced, eating or drinking.
- At this time Multnomah County recommends no indoor gatherings. Clubhouse cannot be rented or reserved at this time.
- WSC will have outdoor social events when possible and plan for a very social sailing season next year.

Commodore Goals for 2022

- Maintain the fiscal security that has been established for the club
- Improve WSC member's experience resulting in increased participation in social, recreational and competitive programs.

Rear Commodore- John Gridley

- Thank you to Matt and Drew for putting together programs so that youth sailors could continue to be out on the water.
- Thank you to the 2020 Board - John will be known as the commodore with the most meetings due to COVID and the change in manager. Very happy with what has come out of it.
- We now have a very strong understanding of our finances for the first time in a while.

Fleet Captain - Mike Rees

- Fleet racing participation was good.
- Sometimes too good. (We have not solved the parking and traffic problem.)
- Race committee participation was lopsided -- too much burden on a few volunteers. But thank goodness for those volunteers!
 - Thank you Paul Cone for wrangling and reminders and a lot of race committee duty.

- Motor Boat maintenance, there are flaws, screw holes and cracks and a console coming off a motor boat so asking for money in the budget to maintain the motor boats the same way we have been doing to our sustainable sailing program.
- Had a ball at Al Morris, it was smaller than previous years, and did not lose money on the event. Great weather, great race administration.
- Club championship was great.
- We now have two years worth of club racing awards to give out -- when we can.

Port Captain - Brad Grenham

Moorage

- Drew and Matt did a lot of work organizing, trying to find the abandoned boats, and trying to get them off the lot. The island and thistle portions of the moorage area have been measured and the spaces will be painted on the pavement when we have warm/dry weather. We are trying to make the best use of space.

Work days

- March to September we got a lot done. The membership landscaped and cleaned cobwebs off the boathouse and clubhouse. Blackberries were cleared from the bank. Peter Devry is planting native plants to provide good habitat and keep the blackberries at bay. Styrofoam balls that collect in the water along the docks were cleaned up. Much onsite was power washed.
- Member work interest survey - Brad put out a survey this year to attempt to match members with tasks that they are interested in or good at and give them specialized projects. A group painted the south side of the clubhouse. Another group took care of watering. There will be carpentry projects like building boxes for rudders for the RS Fevas. The survey also identified members that we can go to for technical advice. We have a lot of skilled members and we have a long list of projects. We have to be realistic with what we can do. It's a balancing act. Thank you Jim Van Hook for making sure we are on track.

Reserves

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	WSC - Facility / Grounds / Dock Reserve Plan			Revision10/28/2021							
2				Approved Year Reserves & Project for Next Year	Spend This Year	Approved Year Reserves & Project for Next Year	Spend This Year	Approved Year Reserves & Project for Next Year	Spend This Year	Approved Year Reserves & Project for Next Year	Spend This Year
3	Proj #	Project	Cost Estimation	2020	2021	2021	2022	2022	2023	2023	2024
4	20-001	Clubhouse Acoustic Tile	\$ 20,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 16,000	\$ 20,000				
5	20-002	Parking lot and ramp repaving	\$ 36,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000		\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	\$ 36,000
6	20-003	Gutter Repair	\$ 2,246	\$ 2,246	\$ 2,246						
7	20-004	Trophy Case	\$ 1,000	\$ 500		\$ 500	\$ 1,000				
8	20-005	Parking Lot Light	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000						
9	20-006	Dock Floatation	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500		\$ 1,500					
10	20-007	Clubhouse Painting	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750						
11	20-008	Dock Repair	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
12	20-009	Security enhancements (motion detector lights and/or cameras)	\$ 12,000	\$ 2,500		\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
13		Total		\$ 29,496	\$ 8,996	\$ 24,000	\$ 28,500	\$ 14,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 14,500	\$ 40,500
14											
15		Note: Put all items under \$500 into expense GL on the P&L budget.									
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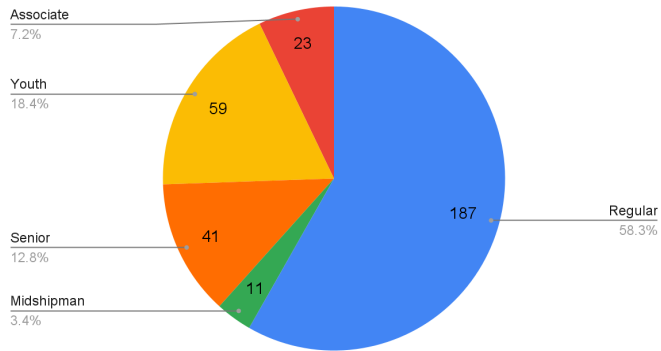
- The objective is to put aside money that will get us through several years of projected needs.
- Projects:
 - Installing acoustic sound absorbing acoustic tiles in the clubhouse. Chris Bitner priced out the cost of materials to be around \$8000. Including labor, this project will cost around \$20,000. In 2022 we estimate we will have about \$20,000 in the facilities reserve budget to cover the cost of the project.
 - We are planning to repave the parking lot in 2024.
 - The dock floatation may need to be adjusted. We are planning to wait to let the docks settle after dredging.
 - Money for lights and possibly some cameras for security and safety. A cumulative amount of \$12,000 through 2024.

Security and Lighting

See attachment A at the end of this document for the Port Captain's detailed summary of security and lighting.

Secretary - Rachel Barney

2021 Membership Distribution



Membership Overview 2021

Regular/midshipman

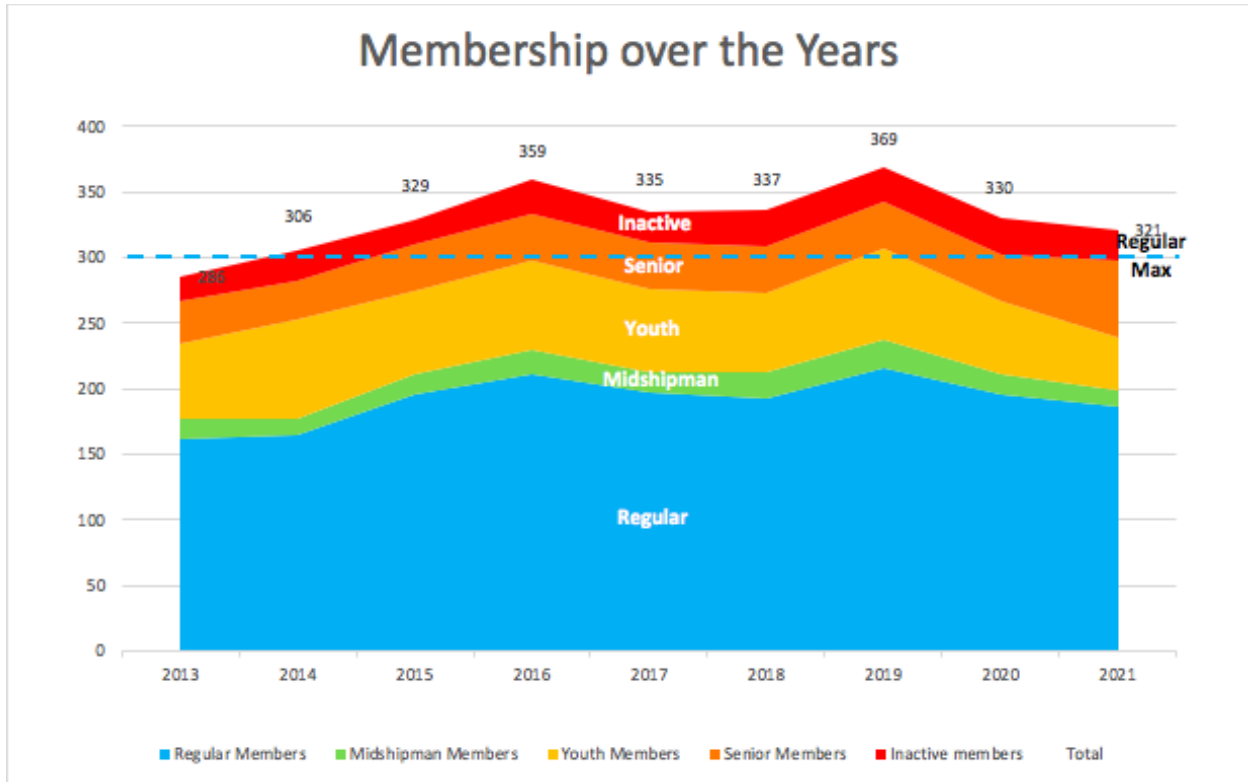
34 new members

22 resignations

Youth

23 new members

26 resignations



- We have a total of 321 members.
- From 2020 to 2021 data - 24 members changed from regular to senior membership.
- Regular membership had only 8 fewer members in 2021 - meaning we actually had a net gain of 16 regular members.
- 15 youth members fewer than last year. Possibly a difference in time of year that data was pulled from Marina Office. We are continuing to work on making the roster up to date.

Fleet Captains

Laser

- Thank you to Walt Mintkeski for scoring the Laser races all season
- We had far more than 30 Laser sailors racing at WSC this season
- Fall Series results: Bill Symes 1st, Niclas Bornling 2nd, John Sturman 3rd of 23 participants in the series
- Congrats to Rob Hodson 2021 Laser Fleet Champ!
- This year WSC was represented at Laser Regattas in Florida & California & Masters Worlds in Barcelona in November (go Rob and Bill!)

- Where did the Laser Fleet trophy disappear to? - No answer at this point.

Lido

*Good sailing in 2021.

2021 was a good year for sailing the Lido, even though health restrictions put a damper on social activities. Participation was steady for the WSC series, the Al Morris and 3 teams went as far as San Diego to race in the Class Championship.

*Even BETTER sailing coming in 2022!

Looking ahead to next season, we are planning some “adventure sailing” to get more Lido sailors involved. Bridge-to-Bridge Rally & Round Ross Island are some ideas in the works. And with luck, social activities will be welcomed on sailing days. And a return of the Turtle Regatta? Stay tuned.

*Let’s get 40 Lidos sailing next year.

Need a little help getting on the water next spring? We encourage informal workshops and mentoring within our Lido fleet, so just tell us how to help you get a bigger smile while sailing. Need help getting a crew? Launching down the ramp? We can help.

*Help build the fun.

As always, we need your ideas and help to make Lido sailing more fun. Kathrine Long is eager to help us lead the charge, and we look forward to her leadership in ‘22. We will be reaching out to all WSC Lido owners this winter for more ideas. Thanks in advance for your participation!

Thistle

- Loaner Thistle got some use.
- New fleet members showed up for club racing.
- Fleet 125 hosted a great regatta at Yale Lake. Paul Cone was regatta chair.
- Rounded up Thistles for the Sears Qualifier. Only one boat busted!
- Had several road warriors going to regattas, including Olie Kunz competing at Nationals in Cleveland. (96 boats)
- Some great regattas were canceled -- Midwinters West and Vancouver Lake.
- Some Thistles are looking for new owners.

Daysailer

- Change in Fleet Captain: Welcome, Thom Block!
- DS Boats Available, serious inquiries only
- 13 boats raced in Summer Series
- Spinnakers are flying
- Committee for DS NACR - J. Olsson
- Committee for Al Morris - R. Haslacher
- The Hospitality Committee has 5 from the DS Fleet, 1 from the Lido Fleet, and 1 from the Cruising Fleet.
- Let's get more volunteers!
- Planning now for Winter and Spring use of the Bar, Happy Hour, and Social Events

“You get out of your club what you put into it!”

New Members 2021

Dick Jaffe

Chip Bratcher

Ryan Niland

Alex Mondale

Travis Ernst

Martin Gibson

Matthew Russell

Alec Drummond

Andrew Stewart

Craig and Corinne Strauser

William Linder

Dick Jaffe

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Travis Ernst

Martin Gibson

Matthew Russell

Alec Drummond

Andrew Stewart

Craig and Corinne Strauser
William Linder
Shirley & Joseph Ashton
James Rollins & Kerry Duff
Jennifer Bates
Sprague Ackley & Anna Portinga
Daniel Casey & Stephanie Wood
Don Shelford & Alexandra Bouterakos
Francisco Mescado
Mia Mahedy
Kristjan Bjornson
Steve Kriese
Caroline Jean Schram

Board of Director Nominations 2022

- Thank you outgoing Board members: John Gridley and Mike Rees.
- Kathy Sandifer will be our Commodore

The following Nominees were voted in to become the Board of Directors for 2022:

Vice Commodore: Brad Grenham
Treasurer: Christine Stamper
Secretary: Rachel Patterson
Fleet Captain: Sebastien Laleau
Port Captain: Jared Lathrop

VOTE -WALT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE NOMINEES, BILL CONERLY SECONDED. A ZOOM POLL SHOWED THAT THE MEMBERS AT THE MEETING APPROVED THE 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

High School Sailing Update

- Spring of 2021, 15 seniors graduated from the team and we have 15 new sailors that have joined the Fall HS Team
- Currently there are 44 sailors representing 23 Schools

Notable Accomplishments:

- Peter Schnell - placed 2nd at Bemis Double Handed Nationals this Summer, he also won the sportsmanship award at Chubb U.S. Junior Championship and in the U.S. National Championship in North Carolina
- Lincoln High School placed 2nd place this last weekend @Cascadia Cup
- Sammie Tessier represented WSC at the US Sailing Women's Clinic this year at OYC
- November 6-7, WSC will host the NWISA 2021 Fall Champs for the entire District

Learn to Sail Update

- 2021 programming sold out nearly every class and team. We out performed budget expectations despite reduced/staggered schedule and careful COVID precautions
- 2022 programming plans are back to pre-pandemic scheduling with added Community Sailing

Community Sailing

- 2021 OYSF/Wind & Oar Community Sailing and Boat Building Camps; 10 weeks, 40 students (entirely funded by OYSF grants and partners) - will repeat in 2022
- Sail2Change; 8 weeks of sail training for this outdoor education non-profit
- Siebel Sailors Program; 3 weeks of US Sailing coaching for community partners
- 72K in additional 2021 programming income

Sustainable Sailing Program

- Sustainable sailing club program - if you replace fleets more often, you can save money by selling boats while they are still worth something.
- An opportunity arose for the club to sell 6 of the c420s and 2 optis for a total of \$38,000 to the Northwest Maritime Center in Port Townsend. We were planning to sell all 12 of the c420s in 2023. However, Port Townsend offered twice the price of what we were planning to sell them for in 2023. We are slightly ahead of our plan but this is a good opportunity.
- The club set aside \$46,000 in the past two years for sailboat replacement. There was a surplus of \$11,000 held for WSC by OYSF from the Sailcube Fundraiser last year. Six replacement c420's will cost the club \$13,977 from the reserve account. The remaining six c420's will be replaced in 2023.

WSC Sustainable Sailing C420 Replacement Plan 2021-2022

Sale & Purchase				
Vessel	Sale Income	Purchase Expense	Buyer	Seller
6 C420s with trap/spin	36,000		Northwest Maritime	WSC
6 C420s with trap/spin		63,030	WSC	West Coast Sailing
2 Optis	2,000		Northwest Maritime	WSC
Totals	38,000	63,030		
Reserves				
Sailboat Reserves	Amount		Fund	
	23,100		Current reserves for sailboat replacement as of October 2021	
	23,000		Sailboat fleet replacement reserves to be added Dec 2021	
Total	46,100			
OYSF Sustainable Sailing Fund				
2020 Fundraiser	Amount			
Total	11,053		OYSF Sustainable Sailing Fund balance restricted for WSC	
Summary				
Expense	Income	Balance	OYSF Funds	WSC Reserves Needed
63,030	38,000	25,030	-11,053	13,977
420 purchase price	minus sales income	equals balance needed	minus OYSF funds	equals total WSC commitment

This expenditure from the reserves was voted on at the end of the meeting.

Treasurer - Christine Stamper

2021 Projection and 2022 Budget Proposal

<u>Account</u>	2021 Budget	2021 Full Yr Projection (as of 10/24)	2022 Budget Proposal
Income			
4100 · Dues and Initiation Fees	\$206,000	\$201,000	\$215,022
4200 · Program Membership	\$202,000	\$303,000	\$309,100
4300 · Moorage	\$133,900	\$126,000	\$124,001
4400 · Work Hours	\$45,000	\$37,000	\$38,000
4600 · Membership Development	\$15,000	\$1,000	\$11,900
4700 · Racing Fees	\$8,000	\$3,000	\$3,500
4800 · Hospitality Income	\$10,000	\$2,150	\$12,000
4900 · Ships Store	\$5,000	\$71	\$500
Total Income	\$624,900	\$673,221	\$714,023
Expense			
5200 · Maintenance	\$35,000	\$21,000	\$25,155
5300 · Racing Expense	\$12,000	\$4,000	\$6,300
5400 · Membership Development	\$20,000	\$1,100	\$21,400
5700 · Program Expenses	\$155,000	\$193,000	\$237,043
5800 · Hospitality Expenses	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$14,352
5900 · Safety Boats	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$16,500
5950 · Sailboat fleet	\$5,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
6100 · Advertising/Promotion	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
6200 · Membership Expenses	\$8,000	\$3,000	\$4,380
6300 · Occupancy	\$88,750	\$85,500	\$79,000
6500 · Administration	\$48,000	\$47,000	\$50,000
6650 · Salaries Administrative Staff	\$70,000	\$60,000	\$60,073
6700 · Insurance	\$60,000	\$56,800	\$56,083
5100 · Ship Store Expenses	\$4,000	\$0	\$500
5223 · Bad Debts	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$5,000
Total Expense	\$534,750	\$492,900	\$583,786
Other Income 7000	\$8,550	\$16,838	\$23,510
Net Income	\$98,700	\$197,159	\$153,746
Capital and Reserve Contributions			
7720 - Mortgage Principal Payment	\$15,200	\$15,200	\$18,160
Net for Reserve Contribution	\$83,500.00	\$181,959	\$135,587

- Very strong year this year, programs did a fantastic job this year. They brought in \$100,00 more than their projected income.
- Program membership includes Learn to Sail, Youth Programs, High School Programs. Youth programs do not include youth dues, which go under Dues and Initiation fees.
- Program expenses were increased because they were able to expand and needed more coaches to cover the increase in classes.

VOTE - 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

WALT MOVES TO APPROVE THE BUDGET, BILL CONERLY SECONDS. A ZOOM POLL WAS LAUNCHED AND ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED TO APPROVE THE 2022 BUDGET. 36 VOTES.

Accounts Receivable:

	Current (not overdue)	Overdue 45 – 120 days	Very Overdue Over 120 days	Total Accounts Receivable
May 15, 2020	\$15k	\$34k	\$85k	\$134K
Dec 31, 2020	\$5.4k	\$8.9k	\$7.5k	\$21.8k
Oct 28, 2021	\$9.8k	\$6.2k (will be focusing on this in the next week)	\$ 710 (yes, under \$1000)	\$16.7k

- The club only wrote off about \$2,000 of bad debt. The club is actually collecting most of what it is billing.

Loan Update

Current Principal Balances

TOTAL LOAN PRINCIPAL (as of 10/24) - \$736,087

Dredging Loans

- \$150k Principal, 4.5% annual simple interest (\$6750)

Clubhouse construction mortgage

- \$586,087, 4.64% interest rate, Monthly Payment \$3600, Annual Total Cash Req: \$43.2k
- Rate to reset July 2022, estimating go down to ~one percentage point to upper 3's

The Board recommends paying off the dredging loans in November

- Use money currently in the Dredging Reserve Account.
- Current Reserve Balance: \$175,104
- Payoff amount for loans: \$156,750
- \$150k from reserves for principal, \$6,750 from operating for interest (int is in 2021 budget)

VOTE will be part of the Reserve vote, coming up next.

On the current Clubhouse Mortgage

- Interest rate was fixed for 5 years and resets after 5 years. The reset will happen in 2022. Bill Conerly expects our interest rate to go down next year based on current projections.
- Since there isn't as much data on specific businesses, commercial loans are considered riskier. Oftentimes, the commercial loan interest rate is much higher than home loans. In 5 years, we are likely to be close to having enough cash to pay the loan off entirely.

Reserves

Date	Operating Cash	Reserves	2021 Total Cash by Month
12/31/2020	\$192,060	\$0	\$192,060
1/31/2021	\$214,689	\$0	\$214,689
2/28/2021	\$224,293	\$0	\$224,293
3/31/2021	\$234,479	\$0	\$234,479
4/30/2021	\$292,170	\$0	\$292,170
5/31/2021	\$317,158	\$0	\$317,158
6/30/2021	\$366,131	\$0	\$366,131
7/31/2021	\$336,304	\$400	\$336,704
8/31/2021	\$134,821	\$235,400	\$370,223
9/30/2021	\$148,480	\$235,400	\$383,887
10/24/2021	\$199,205	\$235,400	\$434,612
11/30/2021	\$190,000	\$85,400	\$275,400
12/31/2021	\$100,000	\$175,400	\$275,400

The minimum contribution to the reserves each year is as follows:

WSC Minimum Reserve Needed per Year			
	Reserves Categories		
	Dredging (Target Year 2032 = \$720K)		\$ 60,000
	Facility/Ground/Dock - Maintenance & Upgrades		\$ 25,000
	Sailboats Replacement		\$ 23,000
	Motor Boats Replacement		\$ 12,000
	Total Reserve Needed		\$ 120,000

The Board recommends spending the following amount of money from the reserves in 2022:

- \$150k from dredging account to pay off dredge loan principal
- \$28.5k for Facilities projects
- \$14k for sailboat replacements
- \$10k for motor boat fleet needs

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2021 Actual & Year End Plan		Need Membership Approval			
Reserve Funds 2021	Balance 10/18/2021	Spending Request / Loan Repayment	Balance : Nov 15, 21 (After \$150K Payback)	Projected Dec 31st Contribution: Estimated \$90k Year End Sweep	Projected Balance: Dec 31, 2021
Dredging (Target Year 2032)	\$175,100	\$150,000	\$25,100	\$42,000	\$67,100
Facility/Ground/Dock - Maintenance	\$25,100	\$0	\$25,100	\$25,000	\$50,100
Sailboats Replacement	\$23,100	\$0	\$23,100	\$23,000	\$46,100
Motor Boats Replacement	\$12,100	\$0	\$12,100	\$0	\$12,100
Total Reserves	\$235,400	\$150,000	\$85,400	\$90,000	\$175,400

2022 Proposed Spending and Reserve Budget		Need Membership Approval			
Reserve Funds 2022	Projected Balance Jan 1st 2022	Spending Request 2022	Projected Dec 2022 Contribution: \$135K (Net Income) Sweep	Projected Balance: Dec 31, 2022	
Dredging (Target Year 2032)	\$67,100	\$0	\$85,100	\$152,200	
Facility/Ground/Dock - Maintenance	\$50,100	\$28,500	\$28,000	\$49,600	
Sailboats Replacement	\$46,100	\$14,000	\$3,900	\$36,000	
Motor Boats Replacement	\$12,100	\$10,000	\$18,000	\$20,100	
Total Reserves	\$175,400	\$52,500	\$135,000	\$257,900	

VOTE ON RESERVE PLAN - GEOFF FANNING MOVES TO APPROVE RESERVE SPENDING, MIKE VANKIRK, SECONDS, VOTING TOOK PLACE VIA ZOOM POLL. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF THE RESERVE SPENDING FROM THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

New Business

Carbon footprint and sustainability

- Walt Mintkeski monitors the clubhouse energy - he has worked with the previous club manager to improve the recycling program. Walt is currently working with Brad Grenham to make the lighting more efficient. He is working with Kathy Sandifer to turn off the refrigerator when not in use. Walt hopes that the new Board and Manager will continue to keep sustainability going. In the clubhouse 90% of the lights are on timers. Lights and fans in the Windward Room are not on timers- before you leave, make sure lights and fans are off.

Good of the order

Toby Deming nominates Seb Nicolas and Guy LaSalle for capsizing their new daysailer on their first race together. Guy got the jacket for the past two years so he suggested that the skipper of the boat get the jacket. Rachel Barney nominates Bill Conerly for his outhaul snapping only feet from the finish line at Al Morris Regatta, and Tom McLaughlin moving above him in the race. Arjan Duyvestein moves to approve both nominations, Tom McLaughlin seconded the nomination, the membership approved both nominations verbally.

Adjournment

Attachment A

WSC Security Port Captain Report (Brad Grenham)

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The message below summarizes remarks on security at the Membership meeting

While theft is not a new issue, over the past year we have experienced thefts of: 2 member paddleboards, 2 member kayaks, 4 outboards from member keel boats (one recovered), tools from a boat, a club Whaler (which was recovered with some damaged parts), as well as club boat hooks and ladders. Other businesses and marinas are experiencing similar problems. Thieves are targeting items that can be readily resold.

We've spoken to a number of people about security and there's not a simple answer. Other businesses and marinas are experiencing similar problems. Several employ patrols with mixed reviews; one marina went to 24/7 security.

There are at least five prongs to dealing with security: 1. lighting; 2. locking; 3. insurance; 4. cameras and 5. human presence. No one solution is foolproof and some are fairly expensive (e.g. patrols, quality lights, and cameras). The larger challenge is that we are in an urban area where arrest and prosecution for property crime is not necessarily likely enough to deter thieves.

Lighting:

We've upgraded lighting in the entire upper lot including five new lights on poles, three on the bathhouse, and two on the ramp to the clubhouse. We are adding more by the clubhouse where practicable. We added two solar lights to the sail shed on the south dock. If the off-the-shelf solar lights on the south dock do not work, we have a bid for \$4,000-5,000 (parts only) for a commercial quality solar light system that is rated to work in the Portland climate. Such a system could conceivably provide power for a few cameras. We'd need to further evaluate the cost/benefit/practicality of a quality solar system but it is still more feasible than hard-wiring. We have a bid to just bring electric power to the south ramp through directional boring and install two light poles at a cost of \$20,000. This would not include wiring or lighting the docks.



Locking:

Some outboard owners have installed locking bars that may be effective (photos below); cables have been cut. WSC has through-bolted its Whaler outboards with specialized nuts and installed a lock box for the Whaler keys. We strongly encourage outboard owners to install the best available locking mechanisms (see, for example, <https://www.practical-sailor.com/systems-propulsion/diesel-engines/outboard-engine-locks>).



Here's an interesting article about Bluetooth trackers to track down stolen items;
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2021/10/28/airtags-theft/>

Insurance:

The WSC policy covers club-owned assets (e.g. clubhouse, Whalers, 420s). Members are responsible for insuring their own watercraft. You can likely add boat coverage, including liability, to homeowner's insurance at a fairly low cost. US Sailing also offers discounted group policies, see <https://www.gowrie.com/USsailingPrograms/OneDesignProgram.aspx>

Cameras:

We have some cameras, but an extensive system covering most of club would be expensive. We are advised that cameras are of limited value in stopping theft because thieves can wear masks, cameras may not get a good identifiable image, and property crime prosecutions are not a high priority in times of limited law enforcement resources. Cameras need electricity, which we do not have on the south dock where most keel boats with outboards are located. Cameras need wifi or hard wiring to transmit a signal. Our club technical committee has estimated \$3,000 in materials without labor, to get a modest wifi signal to the docks. This doesn't include the upper lot. The Oregon Yacht Club has not found cameras to be effective at deterring thieves.

Security Patrols:

We researched options for security patrols that would come through intermittently at night. One local patrol would add us to its rotation with no travel costs and was well recommended by a neighbor. The Board sought input whether we should hire this patrol for a "pilot" of one year for two patrols per night (at random times). The patroller would walk the upper lot and all docks and check all club doors. The patroller could not arrest but could potentially scare away thieves and call the police. The annual cost for two patrols per night for 365 nights would be \$10,220. We sought Member feedback through a poll. A slim majority favored bringing on the patrol but even some of those folks suggested proceeding with less expensive options first. Most members who opposed noted that the patrol presence could be too short to do much good.

Would you support hiring a security patrol for one year for two patrols per night at an annual cost of \$10,220? The annual increased cost would be a... for regular members and \$26 for senior members.
54 responses



Conclusion

We are going to keep all the tools in the toolbox but are going to try less expensive measures first. Staff will keep a log of theft activity-including presence and type of locks on outboards and paddleboards. We will re-examine other options later. The focus for now is:

- a. a continued "lock your outboard with a good mechanism; lock your SUP/paddleboard" and "look at getting insurance" campaign.
- b. continue less expensive lighting projects

Thanks again for a very productive 2021!

-Brad Grenham