

Port of Hood River Marina Committee
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, February 20, 2020 8am
Port Boardroom

Committee Members Attending

Ben Sheppard 1st Chair, Steve Tessmer, Julio Paredes (filling in for Ted Lohr) Steve Carlson, Shawn Summersett

Committee Members Absent

Lisa Bloomster, Josh Sceva

Port Staff

Daryl Stafford, Marina Manager

Dock Walks: Committee members report on general dock & vessel conditions

- Dock A: Steve Carlson, Dock B: Steve Carlson, Dock C: Daryl
- Boathouses: Steve Tessmer
- South Basin Dock: Shawn

Marina Manager News from the Port: Daryl Stafford

- ***Cruise Ship Update-*** New lease was approved by the Commission. The ACL vessels will only berth on the outside of the Marina Jetty. This will reduce turbulence inside the basin. Bollards will be installed this Spring so that they no longer leave their engines engaged to stay secure. This will also allow them to hold a steady schedule so that they may work with the Chamber to help support local businesses. Suggestions to encourage CAT to coordinate with ACL to shuttle guests to downtown and the surrounding area.
- ***Night Security-*** Kenton Chandler from HRS will continue to monitor late night goings on around Port Property helping to provide an extra layer of security for the Marina. HRS has been instrumental with keeping tabs on the homeless situation which seems to be on the rise.
- ***Tenant Information- Staff*** provided the Committee with stats on the Waitlist YTD. The 30' and under has 14 people (down from over 40 a year ago) and the Over 30' has 8 people, (down from 16 a year ago). New Leases for 2020 have been issued and are currently due. Moorage payments are due in full 3/2/2020. 8 slips have turned over since the 1st of the year.
- ***Bridge Update-*** Daryl shared the Commissioners goal of self sufficiency for all Port properties so that they receive no subsidies from the bridge. The Marina is on track for the current budget cycle with plans for scheduled maintenance and upkeep.
- ***Port Facility Repairs & Maintenance-*** Port staff recently repaired the sink areas, painted and retiled showers in both small restrooms in the HRYC building. They look great! Installation of 4 more cement benches around the Marina Basin, along with the south basin perimeter fencing is scheduled for this summer.

Committee Member News

HRYS: Julio shared the great news that that the HRHS Sailing Team is due to receive a grant from US Sailing that would allow them to expand the sailing program with additional staff and boats. They would be sharing with the Jr. Sailing Program. This is a huge win for kids sailing in

the Gorge. They will be offering scholarships to encourage diversity and will be working with local schools and agencies to promote the program. The HRYC will move forward with their adult sailing lessons and co-hosting with Jr. Sailing the hugely successful Free Monday Night Sailing that takes place in August.

Jr. Sailing: The Junior sailing Program (a 501(c) (3), in its 16th season) is a small boat sailing program for youth 5-18 years old. They will be hosting lessons July-August. Shawn filled us in with the news that Jr. Sailing has added an additional program utilizing a STEM grant where they will be teaching kids from Wildwood Academy, an independent middle school in Hood River. They conducted a pilot program last Fall that had an overwhelming response and are excited to move forward.

Discussion Topics

- ***Scheduled Maintenance-*** Tim Clackum, a professional diver and dock repairer from Portland, is scheduled for this Spring to replace rotted boards and level out twisted floats. Areas most in need were discussed and with a specific plan for those areas most in need. Along with long term plans for maintenance budget requests
- ***Charter Proposal-*** Joe Thomas, a current Marina tenant who co-owns “Northern Exposure”, shared his proposal to offer professional charters from the Marina. The Committee was unanimously in favor of giving him the opportunity to run his concession utilizing the loading dock near the boat ramp. Port Rules and Regulations do not allow commercial business from the Marina Moorage. Mr. Thomas is preparing his vessel to meet commercial insurance requirements and will make a formal concession proposal to the Port once that is completed.
- ***Boat Ramp Repair-*** Andy Jansky, an engineer from Flowing Solutions, is scheduled mid-March to evaluate the boat ramp and Marina Jetty for repairs. The consensus of the Committee was for a simple repair of gravel and excavating for the ramp. Due to concerns of the bridge replacement or major repairs that might require a different layout for the boat ramp and guest dock, the group felt that simple repairs were the best option for now.
- ***Boathouse Floatation Encapsulation-*** Group discussion on how to encourage tenants to replace deteriorating styrofoam floatation. Consensus was to insist by the end of the year that the repairs are completed.

Planning:

- ***2020/2021 Budget of Capital Improvements for the Marina-*** Daryl provided committee members with financial information for review:
 - Marina Cost allocations
 - Marina Revenues and Expenditures FY 2014-2019 history and the Budget for FY 2019-2020
 - Budget for Capital Projects

Strategy for ongoing repairs and maintenance were discussed identifying critical areas to address first, keeping in line with budget restraints and self sufficiency.

