

**Port of Hood River**  
**MARINA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, January 18, 2018 – 8:00 a.m.**  
**Port Conference Room**

*THESE MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL until approved at the next regular meeting.*

Present:

Members Josh Sceva, Steve Tessmer, Shawn Summerrett

Staff Members: Steve Carlson,

Guest:

Ted Lohr (representing Lance Staughton),

Absent:

Commission: Brian Shortt

Committee: Lance Staughton

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 by Steve Carlson.

1. Additions to Agenda: None
2. Minutes from October meeting approved.
3. Marina Manager Report.

Carlson discussed marina electrical upgrades proposed for South C dock, A&B Dock and Boathouse metering improvements Carlson mentioned rate increase timing and indicated intent to involve Committee more for 2019 rate process. Tessmer requested better notification / justification / communication to tenants for rate increases. Lohr inquired as to when Assessment sunsets and whether rates are to decrease at that time. Tessmer asked if Fred Kowell could present marina financials to committee in future meeting. Carlson indicated desire for committee review of Marina Rules and Regulations far in advance for any 2019 changes. Carlson discussed recent OSMB visit and response to proposed launch ramp and guest dock improvement.

4. Dock walk reports

A Dock- Josh Sceva. A dock in good shape

B Dock- No report. Recently walked by Carlson. Tenants with cord compliance issues to be given an April 1 deadline for replacement (after cold weather passes).

C Dock- Non 30' boats on East side of North C dock. Tenant items on docks, fingers, non compliant cords

Boathouse Dock- 1 Tessmer recommended that no Ice Melter be used on the docks. Suggested That Tim Clackum look at the sloping end of boathouse gangway regarding possible leveling.

Youth Junior Sailing / South Basin Dock- Shawn Summersett reported presence of lots of goose feces on dock. Mentioned that the carpeting is loose / displaced at youth sailing float and at high school float.

Ted Lohr mentioned the volume of floating debris present in the marina basin. Carlson mentioned possibility of obtaining a marina "skimmer" to gather debris. Skimmer could be located at float of main gangway- where much debris accumulates.

#### 6. Discussion Topics.

Marina Basin Improvements: Sceva and Tessmer advocated for a marina expansion plan that piggybacks with any OSMB permitting for any launch ramp and guest dock. Coordination with OSMB ramp / dock improvements for the installation of pilings for future marina docks was discussed. Lohr advocated for the accommodation for a keel boat launching hoists integrated into any ramp improvement. Upland improvements of the Marina Park area were discussed among all present. Consensus was that a water sports focused community center with hand launch capabilities would be highly desired. Tessmer and Sceva suggested that a community meeting / event space could be incorporated into any future upland facilities. Group to review Jamie Mack's concept.

Overcoming Boathouse electrical challenges. Carlson described the recurring ground faults(s) occurring on the circuit serving the boathouses. Carlson attributes ground fault incidents to refrigerator(s) or other equipment that cycles periodically. Tessmer indicated interest in working with boathouse tenants to overcome ongoing pattern of ground faults.

#### **Looking ahead to 2018- Committee meeting topics.**

Tessmer suggested that we take whatever steps are necessary to start the permit process for whatever improvements are desired. Sceva advocated for a plan that takes into account upland amenities serving any water based improvements. Lohr pointed out that Cascade Locks is at capacity and is turning away keel boat events (presenting more opportunity for events in Hood River). Sceva indicated that paddle sport events are going to other locations like Stevenson and Bingen due to crowding and other factors at Hood River venues. Tessmer indicated that Hoteliers are at capacity on weekends and during the high season and that an emphasis on mid week events (and varied venue pricing) would allow greater capacity. The use on non-permanent seasonal docks was discussed. Users like paddles, youth sailing, etc, could utilize now permanent (non-permitted) structures. Regarding utility billing, Sceva wondered what other port amenities are included on the utility bill for the Marina users (bathrooms, park lighting?).

7. Agenda for next meeting:

Carlson discussed frequency of meetings- Monthly, Quarterly, etc. Sceva and Tessmer indicated desire to continue monthly meetings while developing vision and process for permits and improvements.

Prepared by Steve Carlson