

A message from the Commodore – July & August

Angler of the Year banquet – Get ready for what will be an annual event, probably our biggest event of the year. Our first Angler of the Year banquet is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 2 at the VFW hall. Dinner starts at 6 pm sharp and the ceremony will begin at 7.

A fantastic menu is planned, including steak and pasta, and tickets are only \$5. Due to the limited seating only 150 tickets will be sold and ticket sales started at the August board meeting and will continue to be sold through the October board and general membership meetings. We anticipate selling out.

Spearheaded by striper derby chairman, **Roger Haney**, the focus will be on recognizing our angler of the year, based on the two striper derbies we held this year. Points were earned by those participants who entered fish caught during the two derbies. Total points determined the winner.

It should be a festive event, not only for the eventual Angler of the Year, but for those who attend. Besides the quality food that will be served, a very “generous” raffle will be held to culminate the evening.

Buy your tickets early.

Ramp – It has been a long and detailed process to find out what we have with our aging ramp and what can be done to bring it up to modern and safe standards.. The board held a special meeting in mid-july with West Sacramento engineer **Ross Peabody** and WOC member **Cal Gladden**. Peabody was hired to do above ground and underwater surveys and between he and Gladden (whose professional background is in building ramps) the two presented what they found and what they thought should and could be done.

Though Peabody and Gladden were confident the work would not be hard, permits for the work are a major concern. Though what Peabody and Gladden proposed to do can be determined as “maintenance” as opposed to renovation or upgrade work, permits will be required. I have scheduled a meeting with Rick Toft (City of West Sacramento manager of the Port) the week of August 28 so Peabody, Gladden and myself to pick his brains on permits as well as keep him up-to-date on our ramp plans.

. I have been fielding calls and comments at the membership meetings, telling me “I heard it is going to cost six-figures” or, “I can find somebody to do the work for \$7,000” or ... I have heard it all.

Point is **NO COSTS WERE DISCUSSED OR THROWN OUT AT THE SPECIAL MEETING**. Once we get the answers on permits, assuming they are not cost prohibitive and time-consuming, the next step will be to hire a person (hopefully Peabody) to

prepare a detailed concept plan, one that we can use to get bids and costs for labor, material, etc.

BUT, AGAIN, NO FIGURES HAVE EVER BEEN PUT FORTH SINCE THIS PROJECT STARTED. PLEASE STOP THE RUMORS!!!!

Renewal update – During renewals in June, when it was all said and done, 75 members chose to not continue to remain as members. Reasons were many, ranging from to old and never use it anymore to just not making the required credits to retain a membership.

At our July general membership meeting we brought in 25 from the waitlist and told them they were in and to bring current registration for the tow car(s) and boat and the \$150 one-time initiation and \$100 annual dues to the board meeting in August. Only 20 showed up.

At the August general membership meeting, our vice commodore **Thurman Watson** (in charge of new member recruitment) has contacted 50 on the waitlist and they all said they would be at the meeting to get their registration packets to sign up at the September board meeting.

If all show up, that means our membership will be at the 595-member level (our limit is 600).

Elections coming – Board director **Sam Bobb** will be heading the nominating committee to help find potential candidates for the officers and directors openings for 2020-2022 tenure. Open positions are commodore, vice commodore, secretary and two directors. Two people are willing to run for the commodore and vice commodore positions (others may step up) but no one has shown interest in doing the secretary job.

That is a key, **KEY** position and current secretary Guy Brown has done a phenomenal job during his two-year tenure (which ends this year). He has documents, templates, records ... anything anybody needs to help do the job, making easy to step right in and not have to start from scratch. Guy will be more than happy to help with the transition.

If no one steps up, we may be forced to hire someone to do this. But, with 600 members, I would hope we can find one person to do the job.

PLEASE CONSIDER RUNNING FOR SECRETARY as well any other opened positions.