

Washington Outboard Club
P.O. Box 1226
West Sacramento, CA 95691
Membership Meeting
March 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Gary Voet at 7 p.m. He indicated there would be no speaker tonight as this needs to be a Club "business" meeting. In the future most Membership Meetings will have a speaker who will be given 30 minutes for their presentation.

Secretary Guy Brown summarized the February 13, 2018 Membership Meeting minutes and they were approved as read.

Purser Sonja Craighton presented a Purser's report (encl 1). It was approved as presented.

Old Business:

Commodore Gary Voet:

We are moving on.

Past Commodore Phil Marco will serve as our 5th Board Member and Secretary Sonja Craighton will remain as Purser and on the Board.

The Officers and Board Members will no longer receive stipends.

A checking account has been re-established.

Budget. I will work closely with the Purser and Secretary to establish detailed Club budgets for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

Port Lease. We have one that runs through 2019.

Web Site: It is back up and I am controlling its access. If someone wants to put something of the web site contact the Commodore.

I'm looking into a rumor that an Applicant on the Waiting List for four months was accepted into the club in 2017.

Launch Ramp. The Commodore will be meeting with member Tim Hofer and professional launch ramp/dock contractor(s) to discuss and recommend required repairs and costs.

By-Laws. The Commodore is working with the Board Members to revise the 2012 By-Laws. We may complete our review at next week's Board Meeting. If so we will post the proposed changes on the "Club Business" section of our web site and discuss and vote on them at April 10th Membership Meeting. Among other changes we are considering is adding a requirement for new members to serve a one-year probationary period. In their first year they will have to volunteer for two activities in addition to the regular club attendance requirements.

Commodore Monthly Update. The Commodore intends to write a monthly report after the Membership and Board Meetings on club matters that should be of general interest to all members.

New Business:

A member asked how many members we have. The Commodore indicated 618.

Vice Commodore Position. The Commodore indicated the position was vacant and asked for volunteers. Member Thurman Watson volunteered to serve as Vice Commodore. Mr. Watson said he could attend next week's Board Meeting to be considered for the position.

Port Director Meeting. The Commodore met with Rick Toff, Port Director, City of West Sacramento earlier today. A new paved entrance road through the existing gate straight through the left side of the lumber yard coming out onto the upper parking lot may be constructed in the Fall of 2018. The Commodore told Mr. Toff that we may have to change our meeting place due to the possibility of a substantial increase in VFW facility cost and the existing cost of parking. Mr. Toff's staff will provide the Commodore a list of West Sacramento facilities that may meet our requirements to consider.

Directors' Duties. The Commodore will work with the Board Members to develop a set of duties for each Board Member, e.g. Membership Meeting Set-up, Speakers and tear-down; Dinners; Volunteers; Launch Ramp/Road. Once finalized we will update our web site accordingly.

Membership and Board Meeting Minutes. Secretary Guy Brown will be posting them on our web site.

Auxiliary Members. Long-time member Gary Kawano suggested we consider establish an Auxiliary Member status, dues structure to accommodate old members less interested in fishing, using the ramp and more interested in the social aspects of the Club.

Fishing buddies List. Member Manuel Jardin suggested we set up a list of members wanting to go fishing with other members. Mr. Jardin is willing to consider volunteer-

ing to set up and administer the list. The Commodore said he would have the Board consider the matter.

Another member suggested we establish a policy where two members could use one member's tow vehicle to launch the other member's boat. The Commodore said he would have the Board consider the matter.

Fishing Reports. There were not very many reports. It may be time to consider some trout and non-striped bass bass fishing.

Sunshine Report. A member indicated that a well know local area fisherman, Bud Pratt, had passed away.

There being no other business the Commodore adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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