



2023 Boating Season Annual Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2024

6:00 pm – Kingstowne Library Meeting Room

1. Call to order and Commodore's welcome

- a. Members gathered for food and soft drinks at approximately 6:00 pm
- b. Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Commodore John Finucan
- c. With a total of 90 members in MHYC, 9 members would constitute a quorum.
- d. Twenty-two members attended, see item 5 for list.
- e. A quorum is present.
- g. A link to the Minutes of the 2022 Boating Season Annual Meeting held December 6, 2022 was emailed to each member prior to the meeting. No changes were offered. A motion to accept the minutes as written was accepted; a second was heard, and no discussion followed, a unanimous vote approved the Minutes.

2. Committee reports – provided by Committee Chairs

- a. **Vice Commodore**, Cameron Cain stated that his goal is “getting the Club out of the Stone Age”. He secured new trash receptacles that are heavy duty to withstand weather conditions. He contracted for weekly trash removal by a new landscaper. The landscaper provides trash liners, cleans the ramp and mows the grass areas. He also clears the beach areas of debris. His goal for the coming season is to improve use of the Club for the future. Please contact Cameron with any suggestions.
- b. **Treasurer** – Barbara Thompson has secured a CD in the amount of \$40,000 for long-term savings, making the total redress: \$41,686.00. There were no major Capital Improvements this year; however next year road improvements will be required. \$49,000 was collected this year and \$30,000 spent.
- c. **Land Operations** – Hank Hart stated this year involved high tides, flooding and raised elevation. Hank highlighted the electric outlets that were installed in the pavilion. He thanked Chris and Mike for their work. The ceiling needs painting and fans also installed in the pavilion. Generators can be used to power the fans and outlets. Hank noted that Dry Storage remains full with nine members on the waiting list. He said a few derelict boats haven't been moved in a year. The kayak rack may be redone. Hank said that Land Ops is always looking for help and suggestions.
- d. **Harbormaster** – Brendan Bahr discussed the new floating jet ski dock that will hold two jet skis to free up the under dock while the jet skis are put on the trailer. A new board with rub rail will be installed in the spring. Rotting wood planks were replaced at the work party. The ramps are being cleared by the landscaper. The long-lost anchor was found and a mooring ball attached. In 2024, a new boom will be installed farther out to keep driftwood from floating in. He will keep an eye on the kayak rack.
- e. **Legal** - Art Barletta said that he and John Finucan have retained a lawyer to revamp the By Laws to comply with Virginia law. Letters will be drafted to send to owners of derelict boats. Art noted that Board members should forego dues payments for their service to the Board. They will still pay for dry storage. He noted that this is legal since Mansion House Yacht Club is a private club. Tim McCarthy made a motion to allow absence of dues payments for Board members. Christian Salinas seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

- f. **Social & Website** - Arthur Barletta noted the social events this year were well attended: Crab fest, Socials (**Jimmy Buffett**), **Blackstone Griddle Event**. He would like to reinstate the Winter Dinner and have a Boat Club outing.
- g. **Communications/IT** – Tim Farrell said that he has been keeping the Mansion House Yacht Club website up to date including Officers and Social Events to facilitate communication. The Password for the website will be changed for 2024. Members will be notified of the change.
- h. **Membership** – PJ Braun stated that two new members joined MHYC this year, the slowest in a while. He noted that ten are on the waiting list currently. Dues invoices will be sent out in February with a reminder to pay them on time. Members are expected to attend one of the two work parties this year. Anyone not attending a work party will be billed \$200.
PJ asked for a vote to allow applicant Jorge Friga to apply for the Honorary Security Associate (HSA). The vote was unanimous to allow him to move to this category.

3. Nomination and Election of New Board.

All existing board members indicated their desire to serve for 2024. A motion was made by Pete Delaney to keep the same Board of Directors. They were re-elected unanimously.

4. Closing.

John Finucan, Commodore called the close of the Annual Meeting at 7:04 pm.

5. Attendees.

Twenty-two members attended the Annual Meeting:

Board of Directors: John Finucan, Cameron Cain, Barbara Thompson, Arthur Barletta, Brendan Bahr, PJ Braun, Tim Farrell III, and Brenda Monroe, Art Barletta. (via Google Meet)

Pete Read, Ed Cachine, John Gaydos, Bryan Bahr, Andrew Baldacci, Steve Rybicki, Pete Delaney, Tom Gross, Tim McCarthy, Cristhian Salinas, Alberto Omechevrrria, Margie McKelvey, Bill Harkins.