

Minutes PIRA Directors Meeting Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Directors present: Liam Taylor, Shannon Taylor, Denise Bonin, Cathy Pearson, Michael MacColl, Fredrik Collin

Directors absent: Peter Frewin, Ralph Kirby, Steve Peck

Guests: Jim Pearce

1 Opening Remarks

1.1 Call to order at 7:30 PM

1.2 Late Agenda items – Cathy Pearson with the Protection Island Alumni Social.

1.3 **MOTION:** (moved by Denise and seconded by Michael)
That the agenda for the Jan 16/07 meeting be approved.
(Motion Carried)

2 **MOTION:** (moved by Shannon and seconded by Michael)
That the minutes of the Nov 22 2006 Director's meeting and the Aug 30/06 minutes as Amended be approved.
(Motion Carried)

3 Business Arising from the Previous Directors' Meeting

Some work has been done on Gallows Dock to improve the ramp. The small dock has been removed, but the city has more repairs and upgrades planned.

4 Correspondence

Mail: none

Email: none

5 Director's Reports

5.1 Treasurer's report - Peter Frewin
(See **Appendix 1**)

MOTION: (moved by Cathy seconded by Michael)
To accept Treasurer's report with a query to Peter concerning the General insurance due in December.
(Motion Carried)

6 Committee Reports

6.1 Leeshore Initiative – Michael MacColl

A discussion took place with Jim Pearce of the Leeshore Committee. Jim informed us that Toby Seward had been handling things on the city's side. No contact with Leeshore Properties representatives has taken place since late November.

6.2 Communications Committee – Denise Bonin

There have been further updates to the PIRA Website: <http://www.pira.ca>
Denise and Fredrik will look into the rates for the renewal of the PIRA website domain.
Denise reminded the directors that director-candidates for nomination need to be gathered before the AGM this coming spring.

6.3 Dock Committee – Cathy Pearson

(See **Appendix 2**)

6.4 Parks & Roads- Ralph Kirby

Ralph was not present due to illness but had discussed some issues with Liam beforehand. In communications with the city road's department they suggested that they were going to leave machinery on the island in order to expedite repairs in the future. Confirmation is needed to determine the status of this plan.

6.5 MOTION: (moved by Michael and seconded by Denise)

To accept all of the Director's reports
(Motion Carried)

7 Unfinished Business

None

8 New Business**8.1** Cathy Pearson wanted to remind everyone that the Protection Island Alumni Social on was February 24/07.**9 Closing Remarks and Announcements**

Next meeting: Monday, February 26, 2007 at 7:15 pm, Beacon House

10 Adjournment

MOTION: (moved by Shannon)
To adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm
(Motion Carried)

Appendix 1 - Treasurer's report

Appendix 2 - Dock Committee Report

Protection Island Ratepayers Association

Interim Financial Report to December 31, 2006

Cash flows from General Account Activity

Cash Balance Per Last Report November 17, 2006	1,232.68	
Minister of Finance Filing Fee	0.00	
Director's & Officer's Liability	0.00	
Stamps	0.00	
Total Revenue & Cash Balance		1,232.68
Director's & Officer's Liability Insurance	0.00	
Dues & Subscriptions (Georgia Strait Alliance)	0.00	
Minister of Finance Filing Fee	0.00	
Office Expense	0.00	
Postage & Delivery	0.00	
Printing & Reproduction	0.00	
Property Tax	0.00	
Total Expenses		0.00
General Account Balance December 31, 2006		1,232.68

Cash flows from Dock Account Activity

Cash Balance Per Last Report November 19, 2006	2,744.94	
Cash Received from Dock Fees, 2005	0.00	
Cash Received from Dock Fees, 2006	450.00	
Cash Received from Donations	100.00	
Total Revenue & Cash Balance		3,294.94
Dock Supplies	(-11.29)	
General Insurance	0.00	
Director's & Officer's Liability Insurance	0.00	
Moorage Fee	(-1,315.46)	
Office Expenses	0.00	
Printing & Reproduction	0.00	
Total Expenses		(-1,326.75)
Dock Account Balance December 31, 2006		1,968.19

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Peter W. Frewin
Treasurer

Appendix 2

DOCK REPORT January 16, 2007 - Submitted by Cathy Pearson

REMINDER:

There are a few regular users who have forgotten to pay their DOCK fees.

I also have some who have paid but have not completed a dock registration form.

I have a couple of dock users who have paid but need to pick up the decals for their boats.

BOAT LENGTH:

The rules for as long as anyone has posted them say 20 feet. I will recheck re whether that is to or under 20 feet maximum length and if it includes the motor extended or down. There has been quite a bit of discussion around the dock around this issue because of two large boats that have been parked and not moved for months in the deep end. See further down on this report for more.

RAFTING – GANG TYING:

Temporary gang tying or rafting to other vessels is permitted when done in a safe, secure and considerate manner.

1/ Make sure your rope is long enough to swing over the top of a boat with a high canopy. We don't want people to have to walk over the bow of boats to free their boat up. We also don't want them to have to climb onto your bow to move yours. So the location of the long rope is important.

2/ Don't tie your rope so it will rub on windshields or wiper blades.

3/ Don't lock your fellow user in.

4/ Don't tie up to the railing or canopy supports of other boats. These are decorative and expensive to replace.

We have had unnecessary damage this winter because some users have not applied common sense or courtesy when mooring.

SALT & SAND/KITTY LITTER:

If someone uses the dock they are expected to provide some salt, sand and or kitty litter to keep the dock safe.

The extra goes in the wood boxes on the dock and or the yellow one at the dock head.

Please spread this material as you go to your boats on slippery days. Please do not subject your fellow commuter to unnecessary falls. These are our friends and neighbours.

WEATHER RELATED SINKINGS:

We have lost three boats this year (one at another dock) in Mud Bay.

Dock users please point your bow away from the shore toward deep water when mooring. If you moor the other way around, waves will swamp your boat from the back in stormy weather.

ONE BOAT PER COMMUTER – DEEP END USE – MOTOR DOWN:

Mud Bay was created (and PIRA started to support it) as a commuter dock. As early as June 91 (when moorage was still relatively available), it was agreed that the ***last few docks (from cement dock to deepest end) were to be kept free for commuters.***

If someone is a casual user, they are expected to move their boat in closer to shore, **until they need to have it for a specific appointment or commitment.** Please remember to leave space near the dock head for unloading.

Dock space is at a premium. Even when moorage space was more available (June 91) it was agreed **no more than one boat per commuter** would be permitted on the dock. If there are two commuters in a household then two boats are commuter boats.

We had two users who had two boats each on the dock all through the fall into this year. The second boat for each user, was so large it was debatable if it even met the length requirements. See above. The larger boats sat at the deep end unmoving for weeks, if not months.

I started to get complaints and that is how the boat length debate came about. In one case the expectation was that I tell the user to get his boat off the dock, because the person who wanted it moved was a friend of his and didn't want to do it.

We have agreed for years that the Dock users will self police. The PIRA Director Liaison is not a police officer. Those of you who keep doing things like parking in the park, hear from me only because I am getting the complaints but usually when you have already heard from other users besides me.

Both double boat users need to read the reminder section above and the removal of boats section below. I would like to thank them both for getting their larger second boats off the dock over the last couple of weeks.

Please leave your motor down when parking on a finger. If your motor is left up and that would be in the way of a third boat parking on the end of the finger, it causes unnecessary rafting.

REMOVAL OF BOATS:

PIRA has the right to remove boats from the dock. Rather than force a policing role on anyone, the removal of boats has been done by users, generally because a boat has been abandoned or sunk. Safety of the boat, other boats and the dock, have been the primary reasons for removal of boats for over 15 years.

Marine law calls for the boat owner to notify the dock owners (PIRA) of their use, immediately. Dock registration, payment of fees and the display of decals meet that requirement.

Unregistered boats are abandoned. Boats left unattended pose a safety risk (especially in stormy weather). Tying up for long periods of time (i.e. 2 weeks) in the deep end forces unnecessary rafting and unnecessary safety risks.

PIRA Directors can vote to remove boats that are unregistered, abandoned and or left for extended periods in the deep end of the dock. These boats can be moved to shore (to our lease space) and reported to the Surveyor of Wrecks, if they remain abandoned on shore (i.e. after 30 days).

We have not had to do this in the past. However, the volume of complaints about the two oversize non moving boats in the deep (commuter) end was overwhelming. If the larger 2 of the 4 boats had not been removed (in the last couple of weeks), I would have made a motion to vote on notification and specify a date for removal of these boats.

RUNNING LIGHTS;

Last winter we had several near misses because several users failed to use lights in dusk, dawn, or full dark.

So far this year, I haven't heard any horror stories. I do see lots of boaters leaving the Quay in dusk without running lights.

We have a while left to go before it gets lighter for longer. Please put the lights on. Stay safe. No one on PI wants to loose or run over a neighbour.

MUD BAY FUND RAISER:

The PI Alumni Social is set for Saturday February 24, 2007. It will be from 2 – 8 pm. Check Prolsle and www.pira.ca for ongoing updates.

The fundraiser is aimed at raising a portion of the costs needed to stabilize the centre of the mud bay dock. As it stands now, every time we try to put a new finger on the deep side we loose it in stormy weather. Unless we find a way to secure the centre of the dock, the problem will continue.

Efforts to replace rope with chain have, so far, prevented a repeat of last year, when the dock broke free and slammed into a neighbouring dock. We still need more chain. Bill Birdsell Smith has offered to supply some before he leaves to go south.

In my future dock reports, I will provide a list of known users who have not paid, part paid or registered as users.