**Union Sailing Club Special Board Meeting Minutes Aug 27th, 2020**

1. Call to Order 7:12 pm by Amanda
2. Present: Amanda Kremer, Ryan Schubert, DJ Hagberg, Dirk Richter, Jeff Butterworth, Peyton Lester, Tim Everett, Brant Carter, Gib Charles
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes
   1. Amanda Moved, Gib Second
   2. Approved
4. Old Business:
   1. Dirk - Gate - No update, pending installation from last meeting update
   2. Park Passes update from Doug via email. Expect to get an email Monday or Tuesday. CL number required but "not a big deal" - just needs to be a number
5. New Business:
   1. Vandalism Update, tracked by Dirk in Google Docs note <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-PrQxzXC9eQ6DCjcd86Z4ww59SVgELddm7wksqsijI4/edit>
      1. Talked to all affected members and police, not wanting to press charges.
      2. Will take a month to get any assistance from the DA
      3. Will take probably a year or more to go to court - Trespassing will be serious, likely a substantial fine, possible jail time.
      4. Asked for more police patrols, they will add
      5. Recommendation from police to improve/fortify fence.
      6. No name yet from police, will have a name once Dirk gets access to police reports
      7. Police officer called Peyton, person apparently would come down from Estes Park to watch boats and races.
      8. Camera motion detection appears to be triggered by insects, birds, dust when cars drive around the corner all trigger motion detection.
      9. Looking for a motion-detecting light system that might be appropriate for detecting humans
   2. Brant Carter - Sail Rolling Area proposal
      1. Idea is to provide a smooth, clean surface like artificial turf that would allow for sail rolling with minimal damage
      2. Would want an area 20x20' or 20x30', raised off the ground so it doesn't get moist
      3. Thoughts on location -- best location would be the Opti Rack area in front of the Exec shed.
      4. [Tim]: original plan was to move Optis to the same area as other rental boats
      5. Brant offering to run the project, get bids from contractors, oversee the project
      6. [Dirk]: Choice of material - find a material that doesn't attract dust, tumbleweeds, etc. Making sure surface can be removed and cleaned if possible
      7. [Adam]: Would like to make sure the aisle next to the Optis stays clear to be a shortcut from the back.
      8. [Amanda]: Another area might be the area under the wire in the Rental area, thought that's further from the clubhouse.
      9. Brant to kick off, come up with design, proposals, and get budget & bids
      10. [Amanda]: Recommend to plan for next spring, so it doesn't sit over winter getting dirty. And we may be able to get volunteers to help build out.
      11. [Tim]: Spring work day has worked well in the past for Dock Building, so this would be similar and could use volunteer/club members.
   3. Also from Brant Re: Oktoberfest
      1. Assuming we're not running an Oktoberfest this year
      2. Brant Volunteering to run a "Crazy Race" this year on the last Saturday of the season
      3. Maybe both?
      4. Would also be happy to run Oktoberfest if we want to do a more traditional regatta.
      5. Proposal: Run a "Fun Race" on October 24 - our last weekend of racing
      6. Motion to amend SI's - Gib, Dirk Second
      7. Brant to work with Dirk to amend SI's and send out NOR.
   4. Discussion on Rental Boats/Fevas and Whitecap Rule
      1. We do have very competent junior sailors who did well on the club rental boats today, but it turned from moderate to whitecap conditions during racing
      2. Also had another member who was trying to get a yellow Laser off the dock with an adult/Junior pair
      3. So we may need to err on the side of caution when allowing members to use rental boats?
      4. [Tim]: We need to have a policy that can be applied to all members, not just a select group of people. We have had race lasers out in conditions that turned into whitecap conditions.
      5. [Gib]: Rule as it reads right now is clear - rentals need to come in during white capping conditions. Rule would need to consider these edge cases for next year.
      6. [Amanda]: This probably needs to be an off-season discussion to have a rule that can be implemented next year
6. Committee Reports
   1. Treasurer/Peyton:
      1. Usually keep approx. $30k in the bank. Would like to discuss possible rate increases to membership, storage, rental rates.
      2. Talked with Bruce Osmun about teaching - has there been discussion about in-kind contributions for instructors using club boats?
      3. [Gib]: Main contribution to the club is to improve capabilities of sailors and improve membership. In a normal year, non-members pay an extra $10/hr for the rentals during lesson time
      4. [Tim/D. J.] Deeper discussion probably needed on these rates off-season.
      5. Financial report to be emailed to the board this coming week.
      6. Agenda item for next meeting: discuss rates/rentals
   2. Membership/Adam:
      1. 35 families applied
      2. 11 in different forms of contacting
      3. 9 approved but not paid yet
      4. 1 rejected [Just wanted to do stand-up paddle boarding]
      5. 14 active new members
      6. Old process summary: When someone signs up on the website, they fill in form, put credit card, then they're members - they get an automated email with gate code. An older process had "provisional" membership after this automated process.
      7. New process summary: When someone signs up on the website, there's personal contact from membership subcommittee -- are you a sailor? Interested in sailing? Racing? etc. Email w/discussion notes goes to Adam, Amanda, Tim, Ryan, Doug to make a choice yea/nay. Yea gets approved in Wild Apricot, then get invoiced, gets gate code, etc.
      8. New process has created a \*lot\* of work for membership subcommittee - to call/vet members.
      9. Do we still want a phone call? Can we potentially move this to a form or quiz?
      10. [Dirk]: After answering these questions in person, do you think the questions could be adequately captured in a Google Form and then reviewed by membership group.
      11. [Adam]: Even after membership approvals, there are a \*lot\* of questions that new members have - parking, ramp, etiquette. Even when welcome email covers most of those questions.
      12. Currently have 161 \*paid\* Family memberships, 19 pending
   3. Storage/Tim:
      1. All 100 dolly spaces full
      2. Rack: several taken recently, nearly full
      3. 10 on Waiting List for next year - 1 wants to move spaces, 1 wants to move from rack to dolly
      4. Similar to last year
      5. Turnover in membership and storage is about similar to prior years
      6. Membership screening is catching some paddleboarders/kayakers, so helping to reduce.
   4. Education/Gib:
      1. Nothing new to report
   5. Jeff/Juniors:
      1. Nothing new – Covid
   6. RC/Dirk:
      1. Nothing new
      2. [Amanda]: Would like to move marks prior to the Snipe regatta to be more inline with compass directions
   7. Harbor Master/D. J.:
      1. New RIB going well
      2. NOTE: Needs paddle nut so both paddles can be used
      3. Needs prop guard, possibly off the ancient 15hp
   8. Docks/Ryan:
      1. 2 weeks ago, pushed out docks
      2. Need another push again next week or so
      3. Couple planks on the end dock look sketchy on the main docks outermost dock
      4. Probably need a couple more cleats
7. New Business Item:
   1. Need to set a date and choose a Virtual location, announce 1 month ahead of time
   2. Thoughts on Annual Meeting via Zoom?
8. Move to adjourn 8:34pm
   1. Dirk: Motion, Adam: Second
   2. Approved