

City of Alpena Harbor Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes 4:30 p.m., Thursday, February 3, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m.

Committee members present: Ed Retherford, Al Moe, Steve Wilson, Don LaBarre, Jason Luther, Jeremy Winterstein

Committee members absent: Wayne Lewis, Tanner Kostelic

Staff present: Shannon Smolinski, Steve Shultz, Rachel Smolinski (arrived 4:50), Cassie Stone

Others present: Anne Gentry, Pete Wilson, Erik Smith

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Retherford, Second by Wilson, Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 6, 2022 – Take out wording stating bubblers are ran year round and change to *the bubblers run from ice on to ice off in the marina. Motion by Moe to approve minutes as amended, Second by LaBarre, Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

1. Operations Updates – Shannon
 - SOP – Complimentary Slip Procedures – Pete Wilson, President of Alpena Youth Sailing Club, appreciates the comped dockage that they have been granted in the past, but suggested the willingness to pay \$100.00 a boat (there is a total of nine boats) for seasonal dockage instead of offsetting the cost of dockage with volunteer work hours with the kids. Pete Wilson felt this would pose an issue with trying to schedule dates and times to get the kids down there, how many would show up and trying to keep track of their hours. Retherford was concerned about the kids getting hurt down there and the City being liable.

Erik Smith, Alpena County Sheriff Department Undersheriff, stated the future slip holders of the marina are the kids down there learning how to sail and being able to offer that program to the kids is great and fun to watch. LaBarre is in favor of a discounted rate, Moe supports the paying \$100.00 a boat that is being

offered. Steve Wilson agrees that supporting this organization and offering a discount is more important than offering it to the DNR. LaBarre suggests if in the future it becomes hard to come up with an agreed upon cost for dockage can it be brought up and lowered without issues. Shannon stated the harbormaster could be approached and it can be decided if it's a viable option and then present it to the City Manager as well as City Council for their opinion. Shannon added that if we have slips available for them, they don't have to pay the \$900.00 until it becomes an issue. Rachel suggested revising the language so it is more open ended and in the future we won't have to go back and change the policy and get Council's approval. Motion made by Moe, seconded by Retherford to include \$100.00 per boat fee as an alteration to the current policy that has been presented. After more discussion, motion made by Moe and seconded by Retherford has been withdrawn. Shannon is going to bring SOP for comp dockage back to the March agenda with corrections made so members have a chance to reread it one more time before making a motion to approve it.

- SOP Harbor Advisory Committee Bylaws – Under 2.1 (f) Youth Member will include the new Youth and Government. Rachel suggested looking into the DDA bylaws as that section just got approved at DDA's last meeting so we can get the correct verbiage to rewrite the SOP. New draft of the SOP will be brought back to the March agenda as well for a motion.

2. Election of Officers – Committee – Nominations are needed for chair, vice – chair and secretary. Wilson nominated Don LaBarre for chair, seconded by Retherford. Motion carried. Motion made by Retherford to close the nominations for chair, seconded by Moe. Motion carried. Retherford nominated Al Moe for vice - chair, seconded by LaBarre. Wilson nominated Tanner Kostelic for vice-chair, seconded by LaBarre. Vote is called by roll call.

Retherford votes for Moe

Moe votes for Kostelic

Wilson votes for Kostelic

LaBarre votes for Kostelic

Luther votes for Kostelic

Winterstein votes for Moe

Kostelic wins vote 4 to Moe 2. Kostelic is nominated for vice-chair.

Nominating a secretary is tabled for discussion at the March meeting.

3. Critical Issues – Shannon – Marina building should be painted by February 10th, other than the floor. Currently working on the request for leases for the building. There has been some interest in the microbusiness. Hoping to get the newsletter out in the next few weeks.

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

- Marina Tech – Jason Zaske (marina tech) has resigned due to family commitment issues. Will be advertising shortly to fill the position.
- Management Software – Currently been discussing with various companies' management software for the marina. Might reach out to members for input.
- MEDC/MMGY NextFactor – Pure Michigan Tourism Recovery – reaching out and brainstorming what can be done to improve tourism following COVID.
- Reservations – DNR Reservation System is down currently for the harbor. DNR is aware and notified Camis and are working on getting it up and running again. Have been receiving calls for reservations for week of Brown Trout and to book a weekend with four or five boats.
- Ice Fest – Skating Rink – Trying to get an ice rink set up in the harbor for skating during the Ice Fest on February 12th.
- Goose Management – The first Goose Management meeting was held on Monday. Discussed different options on how to control the goose population in addition to the goose hunt and egg collection.
- Seasonal Billing Status – Bills went out yesterday. The \$100 deposit to hold your slip is due at the end of February and the seasonal dockage is due in full by the time the boat goes in or by June 1st if stored on lot. Shannon is concerned there are some slips unaccounted for and asked to please spread

the word. Contact list that was given doesn't have all customer information.
Shannon is going to email out the slip list to the members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MEMBER'S COMMENTS: Moe is impressed with how the shop is looking and wants to thank parties involved. Neat improvements and is excited for the results. LaBarre stated there has been more and more notice by the community of the improvements being done by the City.

STAFF COMMENTS: None

NEXT MEETING: Set for March 3, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by LaBarre, Second by Winterstein