

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Erie Yacht Club
January 19, 2009**

Officers Present: Commodore Dave Amatangelo, V/C Tom Trost, R/C Gerry Urbaniak, F/C Dave Heitzenrater and Secretary/Treasurer Karen Imig

Directors Present: Doug Boldt, Greg Gorny, Matt Niemic, John Orlando, Dave Sanner, and P/C Dave Arthurs

Directors Absent: Conrad Stachelek

Guests Present: Mike Lynch; Gene Ware from 7:30-7:55

The Commodore called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Agenda: The Commodore called for approval of the Agenda. Under "New Business;" Matt Niemic added "Item E. Bathhouse," John Orlando added "Item J. Ice Safety," and Mike Lynch asked to table "Items D., E. and F., Capital Items" until further notice. R/C Urbaniak then moved to accept the Agenda and Dave Sanner seconded it; it carried unanimously.

Minutes of the December 15, 2008 Board Meeting and Minutes of the December 15, 2008 Executive Session: On a motion by Matt Niemic with a second by Doug Boldt, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the December meeting and Executive Session.

Secretary's Report: On a motion by R/C Urbaniak with a second by Doug Boldt, the Board voted to unanimously remove Walter Bender III (JF), Meg Lasher (JF), Chris Sorce (A), Molly Gorny (JF), Cutter Niemic (JF) and Jack Grazier (R) from one year probation. On a motion by R/C Urbaniak with a second by Greg Gorny, the Board unanimously approved the transfers from Regular to Senior, en bloc, of Robert Praetzel, Robert Seibel and Robert Ottman. On a motion by Doug Boldt with a second by Dave Sanner, the Board unanimously approved the transfer of Peter W. Reyburn and Dennis Schick from Regular Non-Resident. On a motion by F/C Heitzenrater with a second by Doug Boldt, the Board voted to refund \$325 in dues payment to Toni Sample, Special member. She had requested transfer to Non-Resident, but being an Auxiliary member, she was not eligible to transfer to Non-Resident, so, since she was the widow of deceased member Dave Sample, the Board had transferred her to Special member (dues \$450) in December 2008. Since they could find no appropriate avenue under the Club's *Constitution and By-Laws*, to transfer her to Non-Resident they voted to elect her to Honorary Associate membership for 2009 and will propose language at the Annual Meeting allowing such a transfer. On a motion by V/C Heitzenrater with a second by P/C Arthurs, the Board unanimously transferred Rosemarie Marshall, widow of the late Jack Marshall, from Auxiliary to Special. They denied the request of Julia Lillis to transfer from Junior Family to Non-Resident, since Non-Resident is open to Regular and Associate members only. They denied the reinstatements from suspension of

David Brooks because he had not paid his \$50.00 suspension fee. On a motion by Doug Boldt with a second by Matt Niemic, the Board unanimously voted to extend a military active duty courtesy dues waiver to Alexa Bestoso(JF)-US Navy active duty in Kaneohe Bay, HI; Robert Parker(JF)-US Army in Fort Hood, TX; David Parker (JF)-US Navy in England; Brydon M. Parker (JF)-US Army-Alabama and Andrew J. Parker (JF)-US Navy-Maryland. On a motion by R/C Urbaniak with a second by Matt Niemic, the Board unanimously accepted the resignations of the following members: Cynthia Loesel Taylor (Sr), Eleanor Conaway (Sp), Barbara M. Bond (Sp), Carol Shingle (Sp), Don Zone (R), Ryan Lynch (R)John T. Schaaf (R), Robert Uht (R), John C. Dauber (R), Paul Pessa (R), Floyd M Csir, MD (R), Jay Masi (R), Brian Stark (R), Gary Kolarik (A), Linda Wilkinson (A), Stan Zlotkowski III (A), Donald Bolla (A), Scott Wohlfelder (A), Albrecht Engel (NR), Stacey Grazier-Pfarr (JF), Christine Polcacci (JF), Jennifer Crowsers (JF) and Erin Wolford (JF).

She also reported that we had received the following correspondence: 1. Thank you note from Msgr. Beibel for Honorary membership; 2. Thank you note from Mary Rickloff for Honorary membership; 3. Letter of thanks from Richard Eisenberg, Executive Director of BCMS, for Honorary Membership; 4. Thank you note from Marjorie Ziess for Honorary membership; 5. Thank you note from Sandy Lawrence for Honorary membership.

Treasurer's Report: The Secretary-Treasurer reported that the following members were suspended and fined \$50.00 on January 2, 2009 for non-payment of their October charges: Daniel L. Bolla and David Brooks. Total indebtedness to the Club on January 2, 2009 for October charges was \$918.77.

She reported that Bonnie called 58 members on January 9, 2009 to remind them that they had not paid their November charges and would be posted on January 16 if not paid by then. The following members were posted on January 16, 2009: Anthony Angelone, Lawrence Bauman, Harvey J. Bean, Tracy Buczak, Daniel Claxton, Timothy Dunagan, Daniel Edgar, Thomas J. Freeman, Linda Hammer, John Huntsman, Emily Hutchinson, Thomas M. Karle, Walter F. Knoll, William Maasz, David Machuga, Craig C. McCune, John Minns and William Netkowicz. Total indebtedness to the Club on January 16, 2009 for November charges was \$ 5,675.28.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that Bonnie will also be calling members who have not yet paid their 2009 Dues and Assessment to remind them they must pay at least one-half or they will be posted on January 31, 2009. There is no “grace period” for dues and assessment since it is first billed on the November statement and then again in December.

The following members were sent courtesy warning letters stating that they could lose their charging privileges if posted again because they have been posted either 2 times in a row or three times in a twelve month period: Daniel Claxton and Linda Hammer.

Cash on Hand as of January 15, 2009:

	<i>Current Month</i>	<i>Last Month</i>
Funds in PNC Operating Sweep		
a) Operating Reserve	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
b) Funds available	504,646.76	102,618.26
Funds in M-L Capital		
a) Capital reserve	100,000.00	100,000.00
b) Funds available	92,775.17	38,193.54
Basin Reserve Fund (PNC)	51,309.82	30,096.86
Petty Cash	2,000.00	2,000.00
Pull Tab Bank	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total Cash on Hand	\$ 803,731.75	\$ 325,908.66

She reported Monthly Pull Tab Machine Revenue as follows:

December 2008 Profit: (\$29)
Y-T-D Revenue for Fiscal 08: \$684
Grand Total Profit: \$86,116

Basin Loan: Gene Ware joined the meeting from 7:30 until 7:55. He answered questions from the Board regarding the SWAP proposed by PNC Bank. The Officers and Secretary-Treasurer, along with Mark Eller and Gene Ware had met with PNC Bank and are awaiting a final proposal for a SWAP refinance for \$2,000,000 of the outstanding basin loan balance to lock in a low rate based on LIBOR, which is currently low. We now have a floating rate and are paying interest only. The terms of the existing loan require that we begin paying the principal back in approximately two years. Interest rates which are now low are predicted to rise. On a motion by R/C Urbaniak, second by Greg Gorny, the Board unanimously approved a SWAP for \$2,000,000 at an interest rate not to exceed 5% with up to 3 years of interest only payments and the principal and interest to be paid thereafter.

V/C Tom Trost asked that we continue to send bills to Seth Barner who was expelled for outstanding charges.

The balance sheet and income statements for December were presented in detail including Mark Eller's worksheets. Mike Lynch presented his monthly financial critique which is filed with the original Board packet. He stated that overall, the Club showed a loss on the month of (\$13,567.00), which was \$758.00 more than our goal of (\$12,893.00). Year-to-date the Club is showing:

- Revenue shortfall of \$36,706.00
 - o Dues fallout from resignations.
 - o Fewer winter stored boats than last year.
 - o F & B Catering sales off and Members' sales flat.
- Expenses have been reduced by \$23,329.00
 - o Less fuel purchased.
 - o Reduced Food Cost.

Year-to-date the Club is showing a loss of (\$81,797.00), which is \$13,386.00 more than the budget. Although over, it is an improvement over the same time last year by more than \$16,000.00.

General Manager's Report: GM Mike Lynch presented his report, which is filed with the monthly Board packet. He reported the following: 1) He spoke with Dockmaster Vogel concerning the old gates and was informed that we don't have any of the old gates. If we did, they wouldn't work on the current track. The claim was settled in the amount of \$6,100.00 with Erie Insurance. 2) Over a month ago, he and P/C John Murosky met with Michalee Curtze and Pat Davis who are both organizing the Swim across the Bay II. The Board should receive a letter soon requesting permission to use the Club as they did last year. It is scheduled for the Saturday morning of the Interclub after the boats leave for that day's Lake race. Although it was not their goal to turn a profit last year it turns out that they did make a small amount. They discussed offering the Club \$1,100.00 but P/C Murosky and he agreed that we would rather see the Club listed as one of the major sponsors like Hamot and Erie Insurance. They agreed. So now there will be five major sponsors. The discussion then turned to how to list us on their logo, which was a swimmer wearing a swimming cap. They other four's sponsors were listed with their corporate logos on the four corners of the Bay Swim logo. The GM suggested that they put the Club logo in the center of the swimmer's cap. They agreed, so the Club will be seen in a prominent location of the Bay Swim advertising. 3) We had two hit and run car accidents in the last three weeks. In both cases members ran into employee cars. As it turned out witnesses came forward. The members were identified and they were turned over to the insurance companies. 4) We concluded our winter-stored boats audit and we have 24 fewer boats on the property than last year. This will result in a loss of

\$12,800.00 in winter-storage income. It also means that we will not transfer as much money to the Basin Reserve Fund as required. Last year we transferred \$52,035.00. This year the total will be \$49,118.00. 5) We issued 266 winter stickers (290 in 2007-08), which means 118 members who have slips take their boats elsewhere for the winter. As you know some are stored in-doors, and some are too big for us to pull. Without doing a recent price check the GM estimates that our winter storage fee for smaller boats is much higher than the costs charged down the bay. A few years before the 38% increase, our winter fees were almost the same as the Port Authority. Since winter storage is nothing more than the EYC renting the land space he suggested taking a look at the current pricing rule governing winter storage and possibility coming up with a price for smaller boats that may be more reasonable so that we may pick up additional revenue. 6) With the current list of resignations and transfers, we lost 31 members. In 2008 we lost a total of 33, and 35 in 2007. The total dues income loss to date is \$17,945.00 and \$5,250.00 in Basin Assessment Fees. The \$23,000.00 in income generated from the \$25.00 dues increase has now been reduced to \$5,055.00. 7) We were down to our last five sets of *By-Laws and Constitution*. Rather than go to the expense of having them reprinted which would have cost us \$1,500-\$2,000.00. he bought 100 CDs, CD holders and labels. And burned a set of *By-Laws* and the history of the Club on the disks. He made up 20 to start and we will give those out to all new members as well as any member who wishes to have a copy. It only cost us about \$75.00.

He noted that the *Constitution and By-Laws* is now also on the Cub's website. He added his thanks for the Club's support of the employee 401K plan.

Officers' Reports:

Fleet Captain's Report: F/C Heitzenrater submitted his report, which is filed with the monthly Board packet. In it, he reported the following: 1) Bay Swim: He attended the Bay Swim Committee meeting on 1//2009. The Swim and the Interclub Cruise are scheduled for the same day. The swim requires the bay to be closed from our Lighthouse across the bay to the peninsula parking lot. This would obviously disrupt the boats going out to the start the lake race. Also because EYC is the best place to watch the swimmers, the swim results in a large amount of spectator vehicle traffic as well as buses and media vans that make parking and congestion a real problem. He has attempted to arrange a schedule whereby both events can take place on Saturday, June 27, 2009, but he is not sure it is the best arrangement. 2) The Snipe North American Championship Regatta is scheduled for August 13-16 at the EYC. The first organizational meeting was held on December 27th. Details will be forthcoming. 3) He attended the EYCRF Executive committee meeting held on 1/12/2009. The Fleet executive committee led by Tom Madura expressed their thanks for the support and funding by the EYC. The tentative Racing Fleet schedule has been set and will be finalized soon. Our Racing Fleet is very active and has numerous plans for 2009 events. 4) Reyburn School: Jim McBrier suggested we revisit the 501(c)3 charitable organization issue. He referred him to the 12/07 minutes where the issue was previously addressed. He and Atty. John Dunn will look into the issue and eventually submit a report and opinion. 5) Grounds Committee Meeting held meet 1/12/2009. Ed Glass, Scott Heitzenrater, John Orlando, Matt Niemic, Doug Boldt, past chair RC Gerry Urbaniak and himself in attendance. The following issues were considered at the meeting:

- **Hunting:** Complaints were received from a member and employee regarding duck hunting from the Club grounds near the Lighthouse rip-rap and from inside the port-a-john shelter on Saturday morning 1/3/2009 although neither saw actual shooting. The hunters apparently left debris consisting of beer cans and shell casings on the property. They also placed at least 3 dead ducks in the dumpster. It appears that residents from Fern Cliff called the police who came to the Club property but made no arrests. It was reported that the hunters were firing from the Club property rather than the water and may have been consuming alcohol as well.

The EYC Ground Rules are silent as to hunting and the discharge of firearms on the property. It also appears that the hunters broke no laws because the hunters were beyond 150 yards from any

occupied buildings and had the permission of a private land owner to hunt on the property, per Pa. Game Commission regulations. We are not sure why it was assumed that the hunters had Club permission. Erie City ordinance #725.05 prohibits the discharge of any firearm or air rifle from or across any street or public land or any public place, except on a properly constructed target range. Since there was no public property or street involved, a city law was not broken.

The Committee considered a possible addition to the grounds rules such as:

“Hunting or the discharge of a firearm is not permitted on the EYC grounds including the docks, piers, ramps, rip-rap and on the basin waters without the written permission of the Board of Directors. The use of blank shells for opening day ceremonies, the marking of sunset and use by the Race Committee is permitted“

The Grounds Committee suggests that we send the member(s) involved a stern written warning.

- Ramps (stages) have been received and are properly labeled EYC in several locations. The ramps are to be used as a safe walkway on/off the bay ice surface avoiding the soft and unstable edge where the bay ice meets the Club rip-rap. The stages are also to be used by the Dockmaster and crew when necessary as scaffolding platforms and ramps to docks, etc.
- Basin channel entry buoys: “SLOW - NO WAKE” Port and Starboard – lighted . This safety issue was discussed and requires further study regarding details. Consideration will continue.
- Basin channel entry signage: “PRIVATE PROPERTY - Members and guests welcome” gives us legal standing regarding trespassers. Will also help to keep out sightseers’ and unwanted boaters but welcome legitimate guests of the Club. It will also directing legitimate guests to check in at the fuel dock and use Channel 9
- Lighthouse deck: The need for ADA assessable ramp for the Lighthouse deck has been established. A non-obtrusive plan meeting ADA requirements with cost estimate has been requested from the Lighthouse deck contractor. Discussion is needed regarding the funding source once the plan and costs estimates are received with the possibility that the cost may be submitted as part of new Bathhouse project.
- Children’s Playground: The Grounds Committee discussed the issue of location for the addition of a proposed playground. The purpose being to allow families with young children additional facilities on the property. The play ground would consists of plastic playground items such a swings, slides and climbing apparatus typical of many backyard homes suitable for children up to about 12 years in age. A suggestion to locate the playground adjacent to the west entrance was found not to be practical for several reasons with the most important being the area is licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages and therefore not legal to include a playground. After further discussion it was suggested that the best location would be in the area of the picnic shelter on the west wall away from the road and vehicle traffic. It is felt that the playground could eventually be incorporated with a possible new shelter to be constructed when the west wall is updated.

It is further suggested that the adjacent picnic shelter area be cleaned up, possibly repainted and kept free of trash etc. Since this area is used by the Reyburn School, they will be advised do a better job keeping the area cleaned up.

- Outside Kitchen area. The General Manager advised that he will implement a plan to clean up east end of the building and the area outside of the kitchen door. This area is used by the kitchen employees on break and for a pickup point for soiled kitchen linen. .

6) Meeting/Discussions with Dock Master

He met with Dockmaster Vogel on 1/13/2009 to discuss ongoing and new issues. The following were reviewed and discussed:

- A new inbound front gate was received from Erie Rail Systems and installed on Friday 1/9/2009. Bill Vogel is getting estimates on a plain temporary gate for future use if needed to avoid a long period without an operational gate and its intended security.
- Fuel Purchases: 5,350 gallons of gasoline were purchased on 12/16/2008 at \$1.70 filling the 12,000 gal tank to 75% of its total capacity at 8,945 gallons.
- Fuel Dock-Gasoline And Diesel Fuel Dispensers: We are in the process of receiving estimates to replace our three 1992 dispensers with new that will operate at twice the rate of our current equipment.
- Road Salt: The Port Authority delivered a half tri-axel load of road salt on 12/11/08. Bill Vogel advises that there has been a large demand on the use of salt due to the snow and freezing rain conditions over the past month. We may have to request additional salt from the Port Authority.
- Guard Rail: We requested to have the guide/guard rail repaired at the top of Ravine Drive where a tree had fallen on it about a year ago. The City came within a week and made the replacement and repair.
- Our gas well went offline on 12/28 due to high pressure. Our employees made the switch back to the NFG supply. Matt Duckett made the repairs that were determined to be a broken part within the pressure regulator at the well head. The repairs were quickly made and we were back online with our well within two days.
- Tractor: Our 1989 Case model 385, 35 HP Tractor is one of our oldest equipment items. Inspection reveals the tractor is well worn and the Dockmaster believes the clutch, starter and rear hydraulics are suspect and will soon need to be repaired. The tractor was initially given a 10-year useful life for depreciation purposes and remains on the delayed Capital item list having been passed over previously. It is now 20 years old, been in use twice as long as originally estimated. He believes it is time for replacement while it still has a reasonable trade-in value and prior to its breaking down requiring expensive repairs. He requested that Bill Vogel get cost estimates and physically inspect and test drive comparable tractors to ascertain their ability to meet our needs. Bill has found a few models that come in at less than the estimated replacement cost of \$36,000 per our Capital item schedule. F/C Heitzenrater will provide more information on this subject at the meeting.
- Barriers: Additional crash protection was added inside white fencing surrounding new gas well by our crew.

Rear Commodore: R/C Urbaniak submitted his written report and it is filed with the original Board packet. He stated that GM Mike Lynch, Elizabeth Dougan, and Lauren Oldach along with Bridge, Board and other invitees beautifully decorated the Club for our December festivities, highlighted by the Christmas Dinner Dance, the “21” New Year’s Eve Party, complete with a spectacular fireworks display (courtesy of Board member John Orlando) and the New Year’s Day Tom and Gerry (spelling error noted). All commented about the great turn-out for all of the events, particularly the Tom and Gerry where many members lingered long into the afternoon which was a great testament to the camaraderie and friendship that exists at our Club.

Several notable items will be presented at the Board Meeting this month. The first is for ***deck and adjacent lawn area lighting***. This new lighting will add ambience and a degree of safety and convenience to our outdoor service areas. As you might know, our deck and the adjacent lawn area

are fully licensed for alcoholic beverage service, (as is the Lighthouse area). Your support of the lighting project is encouraged by the House Committee. As well, the House Committee seeks your support for the replacement of the outdated *wall treatments in the Ballroom, the Bliss Room and the east restrooms*. The new wallpaper will add brightness, and a more contemporary look to these ‘workhorse’ rooms of the Club. Thirdly, new heaters that will operate from our own gas well will be installed on the deck. We are still formulating estimates and design options. Lastly, a new salad cooler is needed in the kitchen. We are looking at different models and pricing comparables. Updates will follow on these two latter items.

Food costs are a pleasant surprise. Despite considerable upward strengthening of food prices in the past several months, combined with fuel surcharges on many vendor bills, Chef Angelo has held food costs at a reasonable 40.7%. This is better than we had projected, and better than many of the last years for the same period.

The 2009 House Committee met to begin our mission of “Advancing the success, reputation, reliability, efficiency and fiscal stability of the Erie Yacht Club House Operation.” Members for this year’s committee are Commodore Dave Amatangelo, Janel Bonsell, Dan Dundon, Barb Haggerty, F/C Dave Heitzenrater, Bob Nelson, P/C Kerry Schwab, Sharon Sisco, and R/C Gerry Urbaniak. Our first meeting was devoted to reviewing several components of the House: the Dining/Grill Room areas, the Bar, the kitchen and food, and events held at the Club.

Utilizing a ‘strengths and weaknesses’ analysis, the committee began considering what was good about the specific areas, and what needed improvement or had shortcomings. These initial findings follow.

DINING ROOM/GRILL ROOM

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
Private elegance in Bliss Room	Crowdedness in peak season
Good service most of the time	Heavy furniture in Grill Room (takes up too much space)
Cleanliness is very visible	‘squeaky’ tables and chairs in Bliss Room
The view	Deck, lawn area and Grill Room are too far away from the kitchen (cold soup)
Menu is inviting	‘Hollow’ stair noise by Bliss Room
Prices are good	Wallpaper is outdated

BAR AREA

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
Great drinks always	Wasted space behind the bar
House Manhattan	Too great a distance across the bar
Bloody Mary’s	Nothing encourages ‘couples’
Food service at the bar encourages beverage sales	Music system is difficult to use
	Long waits when busy

-Ideas for increasing traffic include encouraging couples by new marketing techniques such as ‘Ladies night’, giving away a ‘Spa package,’ offering meals and drinks ‘Just for Couples,’ playing specifically to spouses, emphasizing service to couples, etc.

KITCHEN/FOOD

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
Meals look great	Doneness issues
Kitchen is very accommodating	Cool food at Sunday Brunch

Very fresh food	Not enough chicken on menu
Great desserts	Pizza size is different on different days
Generous Portions	Wine info. Is lacking

-Ideas include adding a 'Late night menu' for members and their guests that visit the Club after hours (10:00 p.m. or later), and selling the 'EYC Brand;' for example, selling a special salad dressing, cookie, etc, that you can only get at our Club.

SPECIAL EVENTS

TRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
Oktoberfest	Communication of events
Summer Party	Last minute reservations make planning difficult
Wine, Beer Tasting	Finding what members like is a challenge
Happy Hours	
Great Music	
Respectful atmosphere	
Great staff	

Items that will be addresses at our next meeting: Catering, Club Managers, Staff issues, Menu House Committee meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:45 p.m. These dates follow: Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12, Jun 09, Jul 14, Aug 11, Sep 08, Oct 13 and Nov 10.

Vice Commodore's Report: V/C Trost presented his report which is filed with the original Board packet. In it he reported that he attended the New Year's Eve Party with great food and dancing, topped off with spectacular fireworks! If you weren't there you missed another great party. The following morning he dutifully reported for the annual Tom and Jerry Party that was extremely well attended. On Tuesday, January 6, he held his second Dock Meeting. In attendance were P/C Arthurs, Commodore Amatangelo, P/C Robertson, P/C Pete Gorny, Michael Hromyak, Mark Downing, GM Mike Lynch and himself. They picked up where they left off from the December meeting -- filling approximately 12 more requests. The final slip assignments will come more in focus as slip payments are received. On December 22, he attended a meeting with Commodore Amatangelo, F/C Heitzenrater, Mark Eller, Gene Ware, Secretary-Treasurer Karen Imig along with two representatives from PNC Bank. Discussion was the continuing finance of the Basin Project. On January 8, he attended a meeting with Commodore Amatangelo, F/C Heitzenrater, Gene Ware, Mark Eller, GM Mike Lynch, Secretary-Treasurer Karen Imig and P/C John Murosky. Basin Project details were discussed along with financing. He also attended the first Celebrity Bartending Happy Hour on January 9. Sister Merry Greg (Gorny) and Sister Merry Matthew (Niemic) were bartending and he certainly hopes someone has some photos for the LOG.

Commodore's Report: Commodore Amatangelo submitted his report and it is filed with the monthly Board packet. In it, he stated that we got through the holidays and the functions at the Club seem to all have been great successes. The Christmas party was well attended, the band was great, and if you didn't attend you missed out on a great party. The Breakfast with Santa Claus was crazy. He said he is glad he's a grandfather. There were a "gazillion" kids there. We should have been passing out forms for the Reyburn Sailing school. John McGrane did a great job as Santa, but you didn't read that here. I believe this is the only place Santa gets "tuits." Tom and Gerry was packed, big crowd there, and they drank till it was gone. Many thanks to Doug Loesel and Pete Gorny for getting up early and getting all the eggs busted and separated and running the big blenders. The first Celebrity Happy Hour had two of the ugliest nuns I've ever seen but they knew how to pour wine. Maybe that's part of their job description. I know the Grounds, the House, and the Docks meetings are all off and running with their meetings

This past Saturday we had a sold out Sinatra Dinner Theater. He ended by offering his personal thanks to all of our staff and for inviting him to their Christmas Party. He had a great time.

Committee Reports:

Basin Committee: P/C Murosky submitted the following report via email: The new D/E docks are coming along nicely, having all but 6 finger piers and the main catwalk in the water. The conduit for the electrical is in place with a few remaining areas to be fitted. All that is left for the volunteers is the horizontal lumber between the finger piers, putting on the end uprights after the pilings are installed, installing the cleats and installing the aluminum angle that creates the forms for the concrete. We are well ahead of the game on D/E docks. Our own crew is done installing the new bulkhead cap from the front of the Clubhouse to L-dock. We are waiting for good weather to put in the first lift of flowable fill in that area. We are currently analyzing on which area to work next. His advice is to do G/H-docks which are bulkhead docks and would not require any dredging or moving of the Junior Sailing area OR to do A-dock down to the Junior Sailing wing. Either area will be OK. Dockmaster Bill Vogel wants to do B/C-docks which are in the worst condition. This could also be done to the Junior Sailing wing. The G/H-docks would give the best view from the Clubhouse and driving down the main road to the fuel dock. He is waiting to hear from Merco on the new Nick Scott dock. He will forward their quote immediately upon receipt of the quote. We have plenty of time to install the dock, which will require only about 1-2 weeks to complete, as Mr. Scott's boat comes later in the season.

GM Mike Lynch added that we are looking at the additional power requirements for Nick Scott's boat as well. The Commodore suggested that we send Mr. Scott a letter outlining where we are to date on modifying his dock, and also to clarify the requirements so there are no misunderstandings.

Membership Committee: The membership makeup before and after this meeting was as follows:

	<i>As of 12/15/2008</i>	<i>As of 1/19/2009</i>	<i>2009 Budget</i>	<i>Caps</i>
Regular	704	693	705	768
Associate	211	203	197	200
Special	58	55	58	
Senior	88	91	86	
Junior. Family	136	132	134	
Junior	<u>29</u>	<u>289</u>	<u>25</u>	
Total	1226	1203	1205	1200
Non-Resident	24	24	25	
Honorary	39	44		
Grand Total	1289	1271	1230	

The Membership Committee report also noted the deaths of the following members: Paul Ryan (Sr).

Even with the new members last month, we are still down about 23 members from last month. GM Mike Lynch noted that we lose about the same number of members, on average, each year. He provided a report on the resignations to date, the reasons if known, and the loss of dues and assessment revenue as a result. He also stated that he has received numerous calls from potential members but most want a slip right away. Membership Committee Chair Gerry Urbaniak will discuss the CAP with the Membership Committee and if required, make a recommendation in February about altering it.

Unfinished Business:

MP3 Music Player for Lighthouse: Matt Niemic stated that he is still working on getting a quote but anticipates that the project can still be complete by Spring.

Use of Gas Well: P/C Arthurs said that preliminary discussions are underway regarding the most efficient use of the gas well, as well as applications for other alternative energy sources. It was also

noted that the gas line to the Lighthouse deck had no pressure on the head. Dockmaster Vogel is trying to troubleshoot the problem.

Honorary Membership: Greg Gorny proposed a policy for Honorary members going forward, which included widows and significant others of deceased Past Commodores. He suggested that an executive of an organization associated with boating may be considered for an Honorary Membership by the Board. The membership is tied to the position, not the person, and will be reviewed yearly. Incoming CEOs of corporations who move to Erie from out of town may be granted a 1 year honorary membership at the discretion of the Board, after which time they would be invited to join the Club. Any holder of an elected office will not be considered for an Honorary Membership. However, he suggested trying to find a way to enable these individuals to use the Club several times year for business purposes. The Board discussed this proposal but no decision was made.

On a motion by Greg Gorny with a second by Doug Boldt, the Board unanimously removed Mrs. John Rickloff from the Honorary member list since she is not married to a Past Commodore and both she and her husband, Mr. John Rickloff reside in Florida. She had not been sent a membership card and had been added to the list in error. On a motion by Doug Boldt with a second by V/C Trost, the Board unanimously elected Mrs. Cynthia Taylor to Honorary membership, as a result of a request by her brothers, P/C Gib and P/C Rich Loesel.

2009 Committees: The Committee list was updated.

New Business:

Capital Item-Wallpaper: GM Mike Lynch presented a proposal to replace the wall covering in the lower restrooms and Bliss Room. This paper has not been replaced since 1993. On a motion by F/C Heitzenrater with a second by V/C Trost, the Board unanimously approved the purchase and installation of the new wall covering for a not to exceed price of \$13,500 including tax.

Capital Item-Deck Lighting: GM Mike Lynch presented a proposal to install new deck lighting to replace the rope lights that were installed when the deck was built in 1993 and now are inadequate in providing ample lighting for the numerous the activities on the deck. There will be nautical hanging lanterns and surface porthole fixtures on dimmers and 100-watt metal halide floods to illuminate the lawn areas. On a motion by R/C Urbaniak with a second by Doug Boldt, the Board unanimously approved a not to exceed amount of \$8,000, including tax, to purchase and install the lights.

Capital Item-Tractor: F/C Heitzenrater presented proposals for a new tractor. The tractor is used to move, launch and haul most boats of 30' or less. It is also used to move and empty the portable waste pump out and it is used as a sand and salt spreader backup. It has been delayed on the Capital projects replacement schedule and is starting to require repairs of up to \$1,000 last year. The proposals ranged in price from \$38,349 to \$27,730, with the preferred model being a Case DX60 demo model for \$29,219. This model lists for \$40,692. After discussion, the Board decided to postpone a vote on this project until they had a firm quote on the new bath house and other planned capital projects.

Bay Swim II: F/C Heitzenrater reported that he had been in discussions with the Bay Swim committee regarding plans for the upcoming swim. They would like to hold it on June 27, 2009, the same day as the first race of the Interclub cruise, which will take place in Erie. After much deliberation, the Board decided that they could not honor the request to hold the Swim on the same day as the Interclub race. The issues are the congestion that would result in having the two events together at the EYC, the possibility that the sailing race could be postponed an hour or so for weather which would mean boats would not have cleared the swim area in a timely manner, and the safety concern should any boat have to prematurely return to the dock for emergency reasons as has happened in the past.

Ice Safety: John Orlando pointed out that our “Danger - Unsafe Ice” and throwables are not yet in place. He noted that he had been on the ice recently and was able to kick through quickly. He recommended that we put the ice safety warnings in place as soon as possible.

Hunting Incident-Executive Session: By unanimous consent, the Board went into Executive Session from 9:20 until 9:52 to discuss a recent incident regarding hunting from the property. After discussion in Executive Session, on a motion by R/C Urbaniak with a second by V/C Trost, the Board unanimously passed Grounds Rule Number 30 , which states, “Hunting, including bow fishing, or the discharge of a firearm is not permitted on the EYC grounds including the docks, piers, ramps, rip-rap and on the basin waters without the written permission of the Board of Directors. The use of blank shells for Opening Day ceremonies, the marking of sunset and use by the Race Committee is permitted.” This Rule is effective immediately. This Rule has been imposed for several reasons, including unauthorized hunting from the Club property and littering of the Club Lighthouse area with shell casings and beer cans. Other reasons were the safety concerns raised by the consumption of alcoholic beverages while hunting and the fact that the carcasses of dead waterfowl were discarded in the Club dumpsters.

Adjournment: Greg Gorny made a motion that we adjourn the meeting; Matt Niemic seconded it and it carried unanimously. The time was 9:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary/Treasurer