

PORT OF BELLINGHAM

**MAC (MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE) MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017
HARBOR CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON**

Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Ian Puchlik
Gene Knutson
Brian Pemberton
Byron Richards
Jim Kyle
Peter Border
Bill Douglas

Committee Members Absent:

Port Representatives Present:

Kyle Randolph
Andy Peterson
Tamara Sobjack
Alan Birdsall

Committee Members Excused:

Jerry Writer
Paul Burrill

Visitors/Guests:

Dave King
Pete Granger

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. In light of recent events Brian Pemberton started off the meeting by asking for a moment of silence for the crew of F/V Destination, presumed lost at sea off the coast of Alaska.

Introductions

Introductions were made for Tamara Sobjack, Director of Finance and Marinas, and Alan Birdsall, Manager of Marinas. Together Tamara and Alan will oversee both harbors now that Dan Stahl has left the Port of Bellingham. Brian Pemberton also introduced Dave King, owner of Belhaven Yachts and a MAC member applicant.

Minutes

Peter Border made a motion to accept the October 11, 2016 minutes as written, which was seconded by Byron Richards and passed unanimously by the MAC.

Jim Kyle made a motion to accept the November 8, 2016 minutes as written, which was seconded by Byron Richards and passed unanimously by the MAC.

Public Comment

No public comment was given.

Commercial Fishing Presentation

Pete Granger of Lummi Island Wild gave a presentation on the local commercial fishing industry. Topics included the types of fisheries available locally, descriptions of the vessels used in the local fleet, some of the benefits of eating wild seafood, the types of upland businesses that support the local fleet, and the economic benefit that the industry provides to Whatcom County.

Recap of Marine Electrical Presentation

In January of 2017 the MAC hosted a marine electrical presentation that focused on stray current in marinas presented by Jack Wilken. During the February 14, 2017 meeting Kyle asked if any of the MAC members had questions pertaining to the content of the presentation. Peter Border asked what sort of information was being given to customers regarding stray current. Andy Peterson explained the content of the most recent Harbor Newsletter, which focused on this topic. Kyle explained that he and Andy had also developed handouts on the topic which would be made available to boaters after they had been reviewed by Port staff. A brief discussion ensued amongst the MAC regarding stray current, how it was tested, and what role GFCI's play in marine power systems.

Staff Updates

Andy Peterson discussed recently completed projects involving silt removal, dock boxes, and pier repairs. He indicated that Phase 2 of the dock box replacements will begin in June of 2017 and two of the Blaine webblockers will be receiving repairs this summer. Kyle Randolph mentioned that the Gate 3 power upgrade project was on schedule and that both the Inner Harbor Design project and the Gate 1 refurbishing project were on hold for the time being. Pam Taft reminded the MAC that the 2017 moorage rate increase will go into effect April 1 and boaters will be receiving a letter to this effect around March 1.

Dockside Feedback

Ian Puchlik asked about whether the Port was going to begin discussions on a possible liveaboard fee. Port staff indicated that no direction has been given by the Port Commission to discuss this matter and therefore no action has been taken. Ian also asked about Port policies on derelict vessels. Kyle Randolph explained the current policy on derelict vessels.

With no further business the February 14, 2017 MAC meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.