

Redondo Beach Boaters Association, Inc
Minutes of the 7/27/2004 Meeting
Website www.southbaynet.com/rbba/

Board members present:

Dick Krebs
Bob Meistrell
Dr. Gerry Morton

Kevin Herink
Stuart Strachan
Bill Paukert

Members and others present:

Christian Cook

Chris Strachan

Call to Order -Kevin Herink called the meeting to order at 7:16 PM

Agenda –

Prior to the start of the meeting we discussed starting our meetings with additions and subtractions to the agenda to assist in keeping the meetings focused.

1. Review and approve minutes of 6/29/04 meeting.
Motion to approve the minutes, subject to minor spelling corrections, was passed.
2. Meet your Councilmen. A handout consisting of all the current Redondo Beach Council members was distributed. Members of the board were asked to consider visiting informally with Council members (within their respective districts). The objective would be to get to know them better and gather their views on the current state of the harbor and the Boaters Advisory Panel recommendations.

The Boaters Advisory Panel recommendations were then shared with the Board. This led to a discussion of how to move forward with at least some of the plans sooner rather than later. Kevin pointed out the Boaters Advisory Panel recommendations have been presented to the Council many times. Kevin was concerned that although the recommendations exist and have been presented, little has been done at the Council level to get the recommendations implemented. Dr. Gerry Morton discussed the benefits of providing boat moorings for visitors to the harbor. The Boaters Advisory Panel included provision of guest slips as one of their recommendations; however, installation of guest moorings would be an effective, low cost way of providing visitor access sooner.

Action item: Present the guest mooring concept to the Boaters Advisory Panel to get their input on whether they would like to support such an initiative and perhaps include it with their other recommendations.

3. Redondo Beach "Modified Heart of the City" plan – Update any news?
It was noted that there is no real news concerning the plan. The two citizen

consensus plans, Heart Park and/or Village People, will be on the March 2005 general election ballot. It was pointed out that this is just an advisory vote. The purpose of the vote is to get an idea of the level of popular support each plan has with Redondo Beach residents. It was pointed out that both plans assume that AES will cease operations. Currently, AES can continue to operate the power plant for a long time if a suitable offer does not materialize for their property.

Several noted that several properties (e.g., the former Camacho's restaurant) are currently underutilized and could be made available to other tenants able to provide additional services to harbor users and residents. Additional revenues from successful new businesses could be allocated to dredge the harbor, as well as other purposes. Christian Cook noted that there is a parking lot adjacent to the Cheesecake Factory that typically is not available for public use. Stuart commented that one of the goals for the RBBA and the Boaters Advisory Panel should be to promote enhanced use of all harbor facilities and to urge the city to make appropriate (and timely) decisions regarding the most productive use of land assets.

4. Officer and Board Members – We have two board members to approve. Stuart appropriately offered to allow the seated board members an executive session to discuss the candidates. **After discussion, a motion to approve Stuart Strachan and Dr. Gerry Morton as new Board members was unanimously approved. Welcome Aboard!!**

Action Item: Dr. Gerry to complete a bio to be published on the Website. Please e-mail to Dick Krebs and Kevin Herink.

Additional discussion ensued around Board membership and the selection process. Dick pointed out that, since the start of the organization, we have had little board turnover. We discussed creating a board candidate application to gather general information, a short biography to be used on the Website, interests and skills possessed by the candidates that can be utilized by the organization.

5. Membership – renewal status will be reviewed. Bill Paukert reported that since our last meeting we had 44 one-year renewals and 13 four-year memberships. Our current membership is around 160 people. Bill will update his spreadsheet and give another report next meeting. Dick reported that the Port Royal Marina intends to include our application in the next available monthly billing.
6. Membership Card – the Board agreed to defer this discussion until a later meeting.
7. Financial update. Bill Paukert reported we had \$5,500 in the bank as of June 30th, 2004. We also reviewed an insurance rider for our policy for terrorist coverage. Stuart pointed out that, if this additional coverage is for a nominal

charge of say 5% or less of our current premium, we should probably consider it. We also had a discussion about the organization's need for general liability and Director's and Officer's insurance. Our position has always been that insurance is a necessary cost of our organization. The importance of protecting our members against lawsuits is vital to the organizations existence.

8. Seminar Planning - A seminar planning committee was formed with Dr. Gerry and Stuart. **Action Item: The committee will outline a session with potential dates and report back to the board in our August meeting. Anyone with information about potential presenters or ideas are urged to share them with the committee ASAP.**
9. Newsletter – We need staff to produce our newsletter. **Kevin will help produce the next newsletter due in October. Stuart will work with Kevin and provide editing services. The membership will provide inputs in their area of knowledge.**

Norm Matte will try to provide our newsletter with harbor patrol statistics to be published in our newsletter and possibly on our Website.

Christian then discussed an unrelated issue – whether or not the RBBA should actively promote the use of the pump-out station generally, discourage illegal dumping, help boaters understand the three mile requirement for open-water dumping, and even if lawful to dump to sea, suggest that all members avoid open-water dumping if doing so does not present significant burdens or difficulties.

Action Item: Kevin will contact the Harbor Patrol for clarification of the raw sewage dumping laws and boundaries. Members were asked to consider this issue as an official position for the organization and consider promoting pump out station use on our Website.

Note: Bill Paukert made a motion that our founder Bob Douglass and his wife Lindsey be made honorary lifetime members of the RBBA--- the motion was unanimously approved.

10. Next Meeting – August 27th

How to get there: South on Palos Verdes Blvd. to Calle Mayor, left on Calle Mayor a few blocks to Via Pasquel, up Via Pasquel to 409 Via Pasquel.
Phone 375-9390

Meeting adjourned 9:03 PM.

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President