

**BIRCH BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY CLUB  
MARINA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
January 13, 2009**

**Call to Order: Members Present:**

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| Bob Webber- Chairman Presiding | John Kaye  |
| Gordon Mitchell                | Rod O'Dell |

**Members Absent:** Gary Wilde Monte Whitt Norm Rauch

**Board Representative:** Ken Davidson

**BBVCC Representative:** Ken Hoffer – Mgr.

**Call to order at 7:00 pm**

- **Previous Minutes:** A motion was made by John Kaye and seconded by Gordon Mitchell to approve the December 10 minutes as presented.

**Old Business:**

**Boat Repair:** Bob Webber reported on the status of the work boat and provided a list of the items that need to be completed. Discussion addressed the need to get the boat in working condition as there was no resource to remove deadheads that drift into the marina. Further discussion established that the work boat fell under the domain of the Harbormaster and the maintenance staff could complete the needed work during slow periods.

- Motion by Gordon Mitchell, Seconded by John Kaye to thank Norm Rauch for his considerable time and work to get the boat to its present stage and to turn the boat over to the Harbormaster for completion. Motion was unanimously approved.

**Marina Parking Lot Plan:** With considerable input from the Marina Committee and interested others, a final version of the parking lot layout and landscaping will soon be completed by Craig Telgenhoff and submitted to the Board of Directors. Ken Hoffer reported that the restroom remodel is almost complete, weather depending and that a new concrete picnic table has been installed adjacent to B dock gate.

**Galvanic Testing:** Harbormaster Ken Hoffer reported that boats identified as “hot” boats during a galvanic survey of the marina by Don Gardner (nine boats) have all responded and some action has been taken. Some have reported having new zincs. A re-test of the marina will occur at a to-be-determined date and periodic testing will occur during the year. Audience members commented that new zincs are not the solution and that hot boats need to solve whatever electrical problem is causing stray voltage. Committee chair Bob Webber and Don Gardner will re-test the hot boats to clarify the problem.

**New Business**

**Cleats:** At the December 10 meeting a motion was approved for all dock captains to survey their docks and apprise each moorage lessee if there was not a minimum of three cleats per dock with 10-foot spacing. Committee member Gordon Mitchell reported he had surveyed “A” dock and found the dock well-equipped with cleats, with 2 exceptions: 1 slip had no cleats and one had only 2 cleats in

service. He noted these slips moor two of the heaviest displacement vessels on “A” dock. Through discussion, the committee concluded that lines tied to bull rails, not cleats, is a common situation throughout the marina, resulting in insecure moorage and damage to the rails. Improper placement of moorage wind load also creates warping and damage to the dock itself. Ken Davidson reported the Board was considering replacing all cleats with new ones for uniform spacing and size. All docks will be surveyed to determine how many cleats are needed and cost of the project.

**Safe Moorage:** Committee member John Kaye presented to the committee a proposal regulation for safe moorage which defined the size, type, and placement of a 4-line moorage configuration to be applied to all boats in the marina. Discussion identified many instances of boats tied with inadequate number of lines and with improper materials that could result in boats breaking free in high winds. Audience comments questioned whether one set of rules will fit all boats and if the proposed configuration were implemented as a new regulation, the regulation would be unenforceable.

- A motion by John Kaye, seconded by Gordon Mitchell to recommend the Board add the proposed mooring rules to the Marina Rules and Regulations as a new rule. Vote was 2 votes in favor, one opposed. Motion carried by majority vote.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

**Next Committee Meeting:** The next Marina Committee Meeting will be Tuesday March 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

*Rod O'Dell*