

**PORT OF ANACORTES
CAP SANTE MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: 2/9/2016 – TIME 5:00 PM
PORT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE – COMMISSION ROOM**

Members present: Erica Pickett, Ken Crews, Andy Schwenk, John Richards, Howard Bean, Greg Mustari, Mary LaFleur, Corey Joyce, Mark Lione, Bret Andrich – Past Chairman, Stuart Currie – Chairman, Robin Pestarino - Secretary

Members absent: Danielle Vincent – excused absence, Dave Groves – unexcused absence

On behalf of the Port from the Marina: Dale Fowler

Port Staff and Commissioners present: Keith Rubin, Bill Short, Dan Worra

Guests in Attendance: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Stuart Currie at 5:00 p. m.

Welcome and Introductions: Stuart Currie had the committee introduce themselves and what entity they represented. There were no guests or attendees in the audience therefore there were no public comments before or after the business meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- MAC Bylaws were presented to the Commissioners and approved as presented by Executive Director Dan Worra. The bylaws stand as the MAC revised them,
- MAC Committee notebooks will be made available at the March meeting. Dale Fowler will assemble and distribute them. Dan Worra provided notebooks to the officers of the MAC.
- T – dock lights and hoist speed were discussed and tabled until March meeting as there were no definitive answers to the questions asked. This item is marked for the March Agenda.

New Business:

- Seattle Boat Show for the Port was a brilliant success with hundreds of people stopping by and 8 to 10 rented boat slips, one of which was a 57' for \$9,000 per year. There is a wait-list for most sizes down to 36'. Dan Worra has supplied the MAC with costs for the boat show (Dan Worra emailed the cost breakdown for the boat show to each member of the MAC).
- Boat overhang grew from the above discussion. Dale Fowler told the MAC the rules in place will be enforced due to liability if pedestrians walking the docks hit their heads on the boat's overhang. There will not be a notice sent to all CSM tenants, only those who have overhang on their boats. The

notice will cite best business practices and remind the tenant of the contract they signed when they first became an occupant of CSM.

Two Commissioners, Bill Short and Keith Rubin, attended the boat show and were applauded by Andy Schwenk for being good ambassadors for the POA.

Mary LaFleur and Howard Bean both cited the need to try and get all of the Anacortes marine vendors in the same area, on the same aisle – Aisle 800. They would then have synergy and also would have better branding and marketing. It was discussed and decided this matter would be taken care of by the Marine Trades Association.

- Marine Happenings: Dale Fowler brought us up to date with the Marina offices' renovations. The offices have not been renovated since they were built in 1996. This first renovation will take another two weeks and in the interim the office is doing their business in a temporary building in the parking lot.

Salmon Derby will not be run this year in Anacortes. Dale explained that the costs are too high to risk not being able to actually have the derby at the last minute so it has been canceled.

May 7 will be Opening Day of boating with many activities for children in a fair atmosphere with entertainment such as a bouncy house. It will also be the day that Dale Fowler's retirement announcement will go into effect after 28 years of employment with the POA. We wish him well and hope to have him as a “civilian” member of the MAC!

The Harbor Master position will be advertised with an applicant being selected by April 18 to start on the job by May 8, 2016.

TrawlerFest will again be in Anacortes from May 5 to 22.

- Web locker and transient moorage rates – Dan Worra and Bret Andrich discussed the local rates (rates breakdown for area ports was passed out at meeting). The matter was tabled until the March meeting. This will be an Agenda item for March.
- Live aboards were discussed at length. This was a 3 year program with a sunset date of February 29, 2016. The Commissioners must decide to keep or reject the program. The MAC discussed the issue in-depth suggesting the additional 15% charge to the monthly moorage be eliminated, the live aboard population is not excessive as the high was 9 and has stabilized at 6, the POA does not charge seasonal rates – the same rate is constant all year, provides occupation in the winter months, and the live aboards are “eyes” in the marina when the POA security team is not there.

Dan Worra offered that the staff is mixed on this issue, the live aboards have a potential to become a nuisance, the POA does a credit check and a back ground check on applicants, the applicants must have a boat 32' or larger, they do impact the amount of garbage, parking, shower usage, possibly laundromat. Dan also cautioned the MAC about eliminating income the port has budgeted for, not just in this issue but in any issue as the POA has \$8 million worth of income and \$8.2 million worth of expenses.

Motion: MAC encourages the Commissioners to continue the live aboard program for another 3 years with a sunset date of February 2019, and to eliminate the additional 15% surcharge to

the moorage fees. Motion seconded and passed.

The question was asked if houseboats would ever be allowed in CSM as they are in other communities with an answer of “no”. The reason being that they produce too much of a shadow on the water and cause damage to the marine life.

- POA website upgrade was tabled by Dan Worra due to a time factor. This item will be an Agenda item in March.
- Fidalgo Yacht Club's interest in relocating to Cap Sante was explained by Mary LaFleur. The yacht club would like to rent the entire top floor of the proposed building that would sit north of the Harbor Master's office building according to the master plan. The issue is the yacht club has been told they must pay for a feasibility study on the building. They feel the POA should pay for their on feasibility study and they will rent the top floor. Stuart Currie suggested the yacht club person call Dan Worra to discuss this issue.
- Stuart Currie has tabled the issue of time allowed for public comment until next meeting. This will be an Agenda item in March.
- The potential of private organizations building on public property issue was tabled due to time limitations. This will be an Agenda item for March.

Adjournment – Hearing no other business, Stuart Currie adjourned the meeting at 6:08 pm.

Next Meeting – March 8, 2016 at 5:00 pm.