Orr's-Bailey Yacht Club
Board of Directors
Minutes
October 21, 2024
6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Directors Present: Liz Incze, Commodore; Sue Baker, Treasurer; Dawn Kalmar, Secretary; Lee McIlvaine; Chris Nichols; Tara McCarthy; Teena Patton; Bunny Siegel; Janice Skillings-Goff; Phil Sumner

Directors Absent: Howard Levitan; Andy Rusczek; Bob Seaman

1. **Call to Order**
   The meeting was called to order by Commodore Incze at 6:04pm.

2. **Minutes**
   On a motion by Skillings-Goff with a second by Siegel, the vote was unanimous of those present to approve the minutes for the September 16, 2024, meeting, as presented.

3. **Financials**
   Baker provided the explanation of item #4402 for the August financial report that was needed in order to resolve the open item and approve the minutes. On a motion by Incze with a second by Sumner, the vote was unanimous of those present to approve the August 2024 financials, as presented.

   On a motion by Patton with a second by Siegel, the vote was unanimous of those present to approve the September 2024 financials, as presented.

4. **Long-Term Water Committee Update**
   As part of the long-range planning by the Finance Committee, McIlvaine and Mark Tubinis were asked to look into the club water situation. An update on the status and findings was presented to the Board as background in preparation for the upcoming budget conversation.

   McIlvaine provided a situation overview of the OBYC well, including a review of Harpswell groundwater studies (1982, 2008) that defined areas of risk for saltwater intrusion, the actions taken by OBYC to monitor and test the Club well and surrounding area issues with saltwater intrusion, including the neighboring Merritt House experience in 2017. McIlvaine provided a brief overview of how saltwater intrusion occurs and the process of groundwater recharge. He also reviewed established limits of chloride for various use cases (i.e. drinking water). August and September usage data from the Club's DROP system (August = 64 gallons/day and September =18.4 gallons per day) was shared. An average person uses 55 gallons/day, which puts the Club's peak use at less than the average for a two-person household. Understanding the peaks in Club use is helpful in our planning.

   McIlvaine recommends continuing to assess Club water quality, including salt levels in May and September of 2025 & 2026. The proposed water-quality sampling will provide multiple data points to complete a trend analysis to assess whether the salt concentration detected in

the water collected from the OBYC well is 1) stable, 2) increasing, 3) decreasing, or 4) fluctuates within a range seasonally.

Nichols asked about conservation (i.e. gutters, cisterns) as a means of helping preserve water and minimize potential for salt water intrusion. McIlvaine responded with several ways we are guarding against catastrophic loss of water, including automatic shutoff systems and signage to encourage conservation. Overall, McIlvaine was encouraged by the initial data.

5. Volunteerism

Following up on discussions at the Annual Meeting and ongoing conversation around club volunteerism, Sumner shared a draft survey to be completed by Committee Chairs to assist them in identifying needs and supporting their efforts to get Club members more active as volunteers. Sumner solicited feedback on the survey from the Board, which he will incorporate before sharing with Committee Chairs.

6. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is November 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

On a motion by Nichols with a second by McCarthy, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Kalmar, Secretary