

WSA Fall Banquet Meeting Minutes, September 11, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Tom Pezzella at 4:35pm.

Acting club secretary Joe Aurelio read the Spring 2004 Banquet meeting minutes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report, and the membership unanimously voted in favor.

Club treasurer Norm Cloutier gave a treasurer's report. The current balance was \$5,276.28. Norm expects that expenses incurred before annual renewals start rolling in will leave an approximate balance of \$2,186. The total treasury including the set aside fund stands at \$6,793.26. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report, and the membership unanimously voted in favor.

Chairman of the Nomination Committee John LeBoeuf presented the current slate of officers for (re)election. A motion was made and seconded to accept the nominations, and the membership unanimously voted in favor.

Old Business:

Commodore Tom Pezzella spoke about the Weed Control efforts that were done in 2005. Webster Lake Association's (WLA) plan for 2005 included two herbicide treatments in June and July and one mechanical harvesting in July of Winter Cove. WSA saved the going price of \$175/hour by our membership in WLA. WSA had the option to contract for additional weed removal at a discounted price of \$155/hour. The weed control efforts targeted the invasive species of Fanwort (Kabamba) and White & Yellow Lily pad. There is a new invasive species of Asian Clam, but it prefers gravel bottoms.

Continuing, Tom told us that WLA is funding Sediment Control at \$168,000, and that the water quality testing occurred throughout the Summer, and there has been noticeable improvement in the quality of the lake due in part to the completion of the water sewer hookups.

Lastly, Tom thanked all the committees and their chairmen for another great season at WSA, and the following individuals for their contributions:

Roger Livingston	Jibs & Jibes
Sally Mitchell	New Curtains
Roger & Sally	Scraping & Painting windows
Tom Pezzella	Gravel added/spread along the fence
Bob Cloman	Food & Drink (Friends & Family Day)

During the Spring Banquet, a boat slip idea was announced. During this abbreviated first season, Tom announced that Norm Cloutier won the slip. This will be offered again in the Spring, and all raffle tickets, at \$25 each, should be in by the March 1st deadline.

New Business:

Commodore Tom Pezzella recognized Senior Vice Commodore Mel Tews contributions, but informed the membership that Mel requested that he not be reinstated to that role because of his schedule and travels. Tom moved Mel to the list of Honorary Vice Commodores, adding his name to the list of current members Ernie Boudreau, Alis Nims, and Bill Boyd. To fill the role of Senior Vice Commodore, Tom asked, and Bob Gurlitz accepted this role. In his announcement Tom mentioned Bob's long history with WSA, including that he was previously a Commodore. The membership applauded the contributions of both Mel and Bob.

Tom announced that the membership committee would take a more active role to review new member qualifications to sail safely.

Tom told us that through our continued annual membership in WLA, weed control will continue in conjunction with WLA.

Tom suggested that we get member T-shirts for WSA. He told us that he had contacted Kathy MacMannis from Sew Much More (508-478-9526), and that we could get a heavy weight cotton T-shirt, any color, one color printed, with a small graphic in the front (over the heart) and full back at a cost of \$12/shirt and the club could sell them (based on orders) for \$15/shirt. Comments from members in attendance we supportive of the idea, with some requests for different types of apparel as well, including long sleeve T-shirts, sweatshirts, and hats. There was some discussion of the graphic that would be used.

Tom asked for a survey on the location or preference for the Spring Banquet. He mentioned that Point Breeze and Lic's were possibilities. Comments from members in attendance were that the buffet style dinner at Lic's for the Spring Banquet worked out well.

To Do:

Bumpers on the two new dock sections.

Scraping and painting windows and doors.

New handrail, stairs, and lights to boat ramp/beach area.

Sand & paint bathroom and kitchen floors.

Attach gutter to roof on north side of the anchorage.

Two more new dock sections in the Spring. A motion was made to appropriate

\$800 for the new dock sections, as it was mentioned that the new sections this year had approximately \$400/section in materials, and 48 man hours of labor in them. After discussion the motion was to appropriate \$1,000 for the building of two new dock sections. The motion was seconded and approved by the membership in attendance.

Lastly, Tom mentioned that there would be some changes to the By-Laws to be announced before the Spring Banquet, and these changes are mostly wording to align the club with the way we actually operate.

Before closing, Saif Saifullah asked Igor Rabkin to talk about the trip Igor took to Waquoit Bay, East Falmouth. Igor spoke about talking his O'Day 19 to Waquoit Bay, joined by Saif and Joe Aurelio on the initial of the four days he spent over Labor Day weekend on Waquoit Bay. During the first day, Igor, Saif, and Joe sailed to Martha's Vineyard, returning back to Waquoit Bay. Igor told us that with near perfect weather, the trio's trip was done on one tack each way, taking approximately two hours for the trip over, and one and a half hours for the trip back. Igor suggested that club members that are interested should contact him over the winter so one or more trips outside of the lake as a club could be planned, potentially with a reciprocal agreement with a local club to use their facilities if one is convenient.

A motion was made to adjourn, it was seconded, and at 5:20pm all in attendance voted in favor to end the business portion of the meeting and turn over the Fall Banquet to Doug Kenyon, Race Committee Chairman for presentation of the Trophies.