

WEBSTER SAILING ASSOCIATION  
SPRING BANQUET, MAY 3, 2003  
MINUTES

Tom Pezzella, Commodore

Welcoming remarks.

New members that were present were recognized.

Thank you to Cindy Phillips for her efforts in organizing the banquet, and to A.J. and Point Breeze, for their cooperation and hospitality. Everyone agreed that with the dessert, the meal was an improvement!

The Secretary was not present, and her minutes of the Fall Banquet were not read, but the Commodore gave a synopsis of what transpired, and this was accepted.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. The usual bills and expenses were scrutinized without much comment. Monies for anticipated real estate taxes and other major expenses were mentioned, and planned for. No major projects are forthcoming this season. The club is paying interest back to those members who lent money for the wall project. After expenses, and in addition to the set-aside (savings account) fund of \$3,060.51 , WSA currently has a working balance of \$3,379.46. We also now have non-profit status. A complete financial report is available at The Anchorage.

Old Business:

The grading of the parking lot was completed this spring, thanks to member Phil Plasse and his company, N.E. Paving. At no expense to WSA, several truckloads of gravel were brought in, graded and rolled, from the gas bin to the front entrance. It really looks great, and the slope and drainage are much better.

Those members who braved the weather and still came to the

work party were recognized. We were able to accomplish all the essential goals. Thanks went out to Norm Cloutier for the use of his bobcat, and Mary Chabot for the vital coffee and breakfast.

Brother Bob's letter to WSA was read, announcing his resignation from his religious order, and the upcoming wedding! Congratulations, Bob!

The insurance issue was discussed. WSA needs each member to annually provide proof that they have a minimum of \$100,000. worth of insurance on their boats. This proof needs to be sent in along with the Membership Dues Form in the spring. This is vital to our organization. Membership will not be complete without this documentation. We hope that all members will understand the importance of this process, and comply. Most homeowner's policies automatically cover your boat at no additional charge. Membership cards, the new gate combination, and important forms will not be sent out until the Secretary receives this information.

**New Business:**

Jim Osterman and Dan Wilhelm were recognized and thanked for their tremendous effort in putting in all new mooring lines, buoys and hardware. Each mooring now is numbered and lettered, has a swivel down at the mooring, and floating yellow line in the event that the buoy disappears. Any old hardware will be saved for a brief period of time, in case the owner wants it, although most of it needs to be discarded. A tremendous effort! Thank you, men.

WSA will not expend any money this year to combat the weeds. Shoreline Weed Control has been notified in writing. There is some concern about the method used ( hydorraking) and its effectiveness. Some weeds actually reproduced by fragmentation, thus multiplying the problem. The newly formed Webster Lake Association(WLA) is working in conjunction with

local, state and federal agencies on this issue; therefore it may be in the best interest of WSA to wait and see what progress is made there, before we continue and spend our money.

Along those same lines, it was voted that WSA will join WLA for the annual membership dues of \$20. Both groups have mutual interests, and WSA is currently represented on WLA by Tom Pezzella, who is the co-chair of the Water Quality Committee. It was also noted that several of the selectmen, some just voted in, now live on the lake, and it is hoped that they will contribute to the improvement of this great and beautiful resource.

Grounds Committee chairman Tom Keevan made a few brief comments about the property, and Doug Kenyon discussed the Race Committee, which could use a few new people to replace a couple that had to resign.

The major issue that was discussed was the leaking roof on the Anchorage. It is the tool shed and sail loft roof which needs to be replaced. Estimates from Bob Gordon and Bob Cloman were \$1200. to replace rotted plywood, add new asphalt shingles, and dispose of all waste materials. Labor would be done by WSA members at an upcoming work party. The committee which was established includes Phil Townes, Bill Carrington and Tom Pezzella. The membership appropriated \$1200. for this repair.

#### Future Projects:

Two items were offered by the Commodore for consideration. One is the aging Committee Boat, and it's repair or replacement. No one could quite remember how old the boat is, it just seems to always have been there. . A new 25 hp motor was purchased several years ago, and is now running fine, after being tuned up and having the carburetor rebuilt this winter. It was decided to continue to get by with the boat as is for now.

The second is the boat ramp. It is cracking, and has not been

seal-coated. Erosion along the wall side is a continuing problem. It was suggested that we pave the remaining 3 feet to the wall to eliminate this problem, and give us enough room to launch 2 boats simultaneously. Phil Plasse, member and President of New England Paving Co., informs us that the EPA may not allowed repair of the ramp should it fall into disrepair; rather they may require WSA to remove the existing ramp, and replace it with cement at considerable expense. No action was taken at this time.

The video of the television spot done on WSA last fall was shown, much to the delight of those in attendance. Those members interviewed by the TV station represented WSA well, and certainly shed a positive light on our organization. A copy of that tape is available for loan at The Anchorage.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.