Special Meeting - Ramp

Minutes Sunday October 9, 2022

Special Meeting was called to order Sunday October 9, 2022, at 10:00 at the club.

Board members present: Sam November, John Matarazzi, Neil Sands, Tim Green, Rob Davis, Jim Knab, Bill Colgan, Roger Anderson, Marie Murray, Dick Steinle, and Jeff Hastings. Also present Greg Holochwost, Cathy Thompson (Member elect).

Absent: Jeff Tolbert, Kingsley Blasco, Don Walbrecht, Dave Stock, Steve Black, Dave Racine

Motion made to enter previously sent talking points. **Passed** See Attachments

It was agreed that Board members be allowed 5 minutes during discussion of ramp issues.

BOARD ACTION – Motion made by Jim and seconded by Jeff H. to build a ramp in the marina at the same time the eastern bulkhead is replaced. The ramp would be built per John's drawings and specifications and not exceed $50,000 in cost.

Discussion:

- Marie questioned how the ramp would affect club operations on land and in the marina especially on busy weekends. She expressed concern about the safety with too many vehicles in the launch and lifting area. There were no clear answers to her questions.

- Neil estimated that a ramp could bring in 3 new members a year. This could pay off the ramp in 5 years.

- Tim stated that Hobie sailors could use the ramp for launching. Bill pointed out that idea was not practical.

- Jeff H. stated that money spent on a ramp would better be used toward replacing the marina.

- Jim described multiple sailing clubs that he has been to with one to three lifts and none had ramps. Severn sailing being one example. He asked "Shouldn't that tell us something?"

Votes in favor of motion - Dick, John, Neil, Sam, Tim, Roger, Dave S. (Proxy)

Votes against motion – Jim, Jeff H., Rob, Marie, Bill, Don (Proxy), Dave R. (Proxy), Kingsley (Proxy), Jeff T. (Proxy)

John requested to change his vote from yes to no. The Commodore agreed.

Total in favor – 6, Total against - 10.

Motion – **Failed**

Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Minutes submitted by acting secretary Jeff H.