

Giants Neck Beach Association--Dock Committee

Minutes of July 15, 2023 Dock Committee Meeting

-Meeting called to order by Chair John Henninger at 10:05 am. Attendees included John Henninger, Tom Daggart, Joe Sculli and John Wohler representing the entire committee.

-John Wohler proposed, and Joe Sculli seconded, to elect Eric Davison and Dean Fiscus to the Dock Committee. The committee voted unanimously to elect Eric and Dean to the committee effective immediately. Eric and Dean joined the meeting at this time.

-John Wohler proposed, and Joe Sculli seconded, that Dean Fiscus be elected as Assistant Treasurer, effective immediately, including giving Dean full check writing and account management authorization at both the Chelsea Groton Bank and Charter Oak Federal Credit Union where the Dock Committee has accounts. The Committee voted unanimously to elect Dean to the Assistant Treasurer position under these terms.

-The Committee walked the dock and confirmed that the appropriate boats were correctly tied up at each slip. A few boat owners were identified for follow up. Any additional action required will be approved by the Dock Chair.

-The Committee noted that the dock was sound with no broken or missing planks and did not appear to need any other immediate repairs. John Henninger mentioned that a GNBA neighbor has access to a canvas-covered firehose that was taken out of service, and he is willing to give it to the Dock Committee. The Committee agreed to take the firehose and see if we can install it at the far end of the dock to protect boats landing there. Once the firehose is received, a subcommittee will install it.

-The Committee discussed future projects for the dock. It was noted that the previously discussed project to bring electricity onto the dock for the purpose of recharging electric boat engines will remain on an "active" hold. The Committee decided that it wanted to pursue installing a finger dock for dinghies, kayaks, etc. to create more water access for boaters and possibly relieve the length of the slip waitlist. John Henninger will reach out to Alan Pease (and possibly John Mulligan) to see who owns the 5 pilings in the water just to the north side of the dock. Once we understand the ownership of those pilings, we agreed to form a subcommittee to pursue this opportunity further.

-We agreed that we would hold off power washing the dock in spring 2024 until we can see whether it is needed, since it was just done spring 2023.

-The Committee reviewed the current annual dock slip fee of \$150. After some discussion, John Wohler proposed, and Tom Daggart seconded, that the Dock Committee increase the annual boat slip rental fee from \$150 to \$200 effective for the 2024 boating season. The Committee voted unanimously to the increase unanimously.

-John Wohler advised the Committee that we currently have a waitlist of 32 people and that list is posted on the GNBA website. Further, John noted that the financial condition of the Committee is it is solvent with an adequate reserve for repairs/some improvements.

- The Chair adjourned the meeting of the Committee at 10:50am.