

June 15, 2022 MAC Meeting

In attendance: Dan Averill, John Richards, John Sanford, Corey Joyce, Mary LaFleur, Bud LeMieux, Brad Johnson, Terry Nemeth, Marcus Abbott, Dan Worra, Skip Dasser

Excused: Greg Dickison, Crabbing

John Ronngren, in a meeting

Joe Verdoes, at Dr. Apt

John Dumas, at graduation

Port happenings, Brad Johnson. Attached is Brads report. Recap:

Bathrooms new steel doors have been put in place in north and west bathrooms.

T-Dock was a down a few days and is back up

B Dock power has been replaced, protected by GFI, Bud asked if when they blew, does it blow the entire dock or just the slip. The answer is that it can do both.

Letters went out to web locker tenants stating that they cannot store nets and gear outside, only work on them. We are almost at 100% compliance.

Rotary Park viewpoint trail is now open, there is a gravel trail going all the way to the top, great job by all that worked on it.

Yacht Brokers had issues with Insurance hold harmless agreement, the brokers are reaching out to their carriers to see what changes need to be made.

Thank you cards by the staff are placed on boats on their parting day, they are well received and have local pictures on them.

There was a 13 years low tide, -3.9. Port staff walked the docks to check out ramps, docks etc.

There was a vessel that drug anchor and it was able to save itself so the port did not have to get involved.

ABAY (Anacortes Boat and Yacht Show) will be May 18-21 and could go to Sunday 22nd

The fuel dock had a bad sensor and that was repaired

San Juan Ferry & Barge now has two boats in the marina, the commercial dock was full minus two slips before the fishermen left for the season.

Waterfront Festival Happy Hour at the Transit Shed was relaxed and fun for all attendees

Race week is up and coming, John Sanford stated that the entrance to the marina will be a busy place.

Dan Worra: B Dock gates were talked about at the last commission retreat. They have decided to go with enhanced cameras, motion lights and ring tones so that you can talk to who is there.

Dan welcomed Dianna as the new at large and said that she would be voted in before the next MAC meeting. Dan did not feel that the gates would look very good nor would be effective.

Mary LaFleur gave the updates on the Marine Trades meeting (The minutes are attached). The lack of cooperation from the executive director and the port for many of the issues that have been going on for the past 8 months. The group had a robust conversation back and forth regarding all of the meetings that have taken place.

Dan stated that a wait list fee of \$500 would be a barrier between businesses that want to come to the marina, and he is not willing to do that. He is trying to protect the little guy. The group stated that any amount of fee was fine, just implement a fee. This would bring in administrative money. When money comes in it is recorded and who signed up and when could not be disputed. This will take folks off the list that are not serious and protect the port from any issues with timing as to when someone came on the list. He said he would reach out to the brokers and ask if they want this. During all the marine trades meetings this was voted on by the brokers and they were the ones that set the price and that it was wanted.

There was discussion about the transfer of slips to the brokers, Dan Worra stated that the slips belong to the port and not the brokers, the group stated that the buildings transfer and they do not belong to the tenant either, that it used to be in the contract, this is the first time they have not transferred. The Marine Trades felt that they should transfer as it will hurt the business and have no gain to the port. Everyone was upset that this matter has not been resolved through negotiations, communication and there is a great amount of frustration in the MAC and the Marine Trades. None of the nine recommendations have been resolved.

There was discussion regarding the commission talking about this during July and August which is the height of the marine industries business, and they would not be able to attend, rather it should be done at another time. The discussion that the port executive and commission are not really listening to the user groups and Marine Trades. They feel that enough time has gone by and there have not

been negotiations rather they are being told no. The group is asking for clearer policies.

There was no public comment in the room so moved on to agenda.

There is still a space on the MAC for a seat on the boats under foot and the yacht broker's position. Brett Senes has asked to be on the MAC in the commercial fishing category and was unanimously voted in.

Dan Worra brought up that an email was received with a complaint that the port should put up a no wake sign at Alpha marker. They were waked out coming into the marina. Dan explained that that part of the water way is not owned by the port. It would have to be the coast guard that put up the signs and the Skagit County Sherriff would have to police it. Discussion was that it is up to the captain to watch his wake and they are responsible for it. Once signs are up them people will be calling to have the port police it and it is not up to them. The group decided it was not in the ports best interest to do this.

Conversation regarding Panntoa (Nordic Tug Owners Group) was not allowed to use the Seafairer's Memorial Park for their rendezvous, Dan Worra stated that no one could use it because they were short staffed. There was discussion that they had used it before during the Waterfront Festival and this year could not. Mary LaFleur stated that it is hard for the vendors from our town to go other places when they are not here, the vendors have to take their own boats and the ferry does not run there now. Also, it is a huge loss for the port and local businesses to not have them.

The MAC moved the wait list fee to new business and there was a motion carried to ask for a fee to be charged to the brokers in an amount the commission is comfortable with. It was voted unanimously.