

Meeting Minutes of BBCMUG (internal meeting), May 14, 2013 at 6:30PM

In attendance:

- JC d'Almeida
- Sean Smith
- Grant Phillips
- Peter Vandergugten

Topics Discussed:

- **Registration as a Society** – JC had submitted the name request almost a month ago, so far no reply from the Societies Act. JC will contact them to ask when we can expect to hear about approval of the name request.
- **Engineering Report** – A copy of the Worley Parsons study conducted in February 2013 had been supplied by PB to the group. Several members have reviewed the findings in the report. Overall, the report basically confirms the many maintenance issues with the dock and piling structures which our members are already familiar with.

Of particular note is the finding that the steel pilings on S and T docks have rusted through along the mud line, and are deemed to be at the end of their service life. One piling at the end of S dock is already leaning, and the end of that dock has been cordoned off, and several vessels relocated to other slips.

Electrical service, water supply, and several other items were not part of the scope of this study.

The study recommends installation of several new pilings, replacement of floats, and numerous other repairs, with an estimated cost of approximately \$200,000.

The group wishes to see what PB's plan of action will be in response to the findings of the report.

Some discussion was made about contacting all vessel owners on S and T docks to inform them of the concerns for the safety of their vessels in light of the report's findings. GP will write a draft letter for review.

- **Waiting List** – A number of informal surveys conducted by a member in April indicates that between 40 to 50 slips on the east side of the marina remain vacant, and that perhaps 10 to 15% of the marina slips overall are available. This seems to contradict the PB's insistence that there is a lengthy waiting list. Discussion was held to make the slip surveys more organized, using an Excel spreadsheet, and to continue to monitor the number of apparently vacant slips.
- **Washroom Reconstruction** – Discussion held on the proposed layout of the washrooms, it is still not clear whether the reduction in the number of washroom stalls to make room for showers will be satisfactory for peak demand, or whether the PB policy of "unisex" washrooms will be well received.

- **Bike Rack Area** – At the last meeting with PB staff, it was suggested that if a secure gate and fob entry was built at the entrance to the courtyard grounds to the members' washroom, this would allow for a well-secured location to park bicycles. The solution is relatively cheap and easy to install. The group intends to ask if any progress has been made towards such an installation.
- **Tide Grid** – New steel plates have been installed, and the tide grid has been cleaned up. Some kind of ladder access is yet to be installed, at this point it is not yet clear what the form of this ladder will be.
- **Wi-fi** – Wi-fi is now available, with login and password details posted at the gates and also available at the marina office.
- **Other Outstanding Issues** – The group has brought up many issues in previous meetings with PB staff, at this point it is felt that there is no need for continual discussion, what we expect to see is real progress. The group is looking forward to hearing from PB staff what progress is being made on all the various issues of concern.

Future meetings:

- The next meeting will be with Parks Board staff, on Thursday May 23th, from 3 to 4:30 PM, at the Members Lounge at Burrard Civic Marina. All members are welcome to attend.