

Dinghy Landing Committee Meeting
June 14, 2024

Attendees:

Gina Gloski (Leader), Steve Simonsen, Christine Ransley, Catherine McCann (remote), Lindsey Dombert (remote)
Susan Bradley (recording secretary)

1. Call to order: Committee leader, Gina Gloski, called the meeting to order at 4:34 PM AST, at C'est Le Sea (300-65) and via GoTo Meeting video conference.

2. Approval of Minutes from April meeting – Minutes had been posted to the google drive. Christine made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Catherine seconded. All accepted.

3. Follow-up on Open Action Item List –

- Google Drive creation completed by Catherine
- Current Dinghy Dock permit provided by Steve but there didn't appear to be a Corp of Engineers submission – this is still needed
- Survey created by Thom, 28 responses
- Insurance for Landing Area still being worked by Christine with Tunnick – 2 out of 5 no quoted, awaiting others. Several members suggested using Cornerstone on St. Thomas. Christine also working with St. John Insurance to determine how much of landing is covered since they do cover the estate roads.
- The contract with Proper Yachts is still being worked by Gina. Previous contracts had a clause for a 30 day notice to vacate the rack space – will work to understand implications of that.

4. Assign Tasks for key areas –

a) Survey Status and Summary – Thom

- Gina reviewed survey results at a high level. 28 members responded to the survey
- 90% responded yes or maybe to having secure storage for kayak/paddle-boards. 50% said yes – 14 homeowners. 51% would help pay for it.
 - 43% were interested in obtaining a dinghy rack if one were available. Twelve homeowners who don't currently have a rack responded that they'd like one. Majority would need 0-6 months notice if one became available. Most dinghy were sized to be 16 ft or smaller. Proper Yachts indicates due to space between racks, 16 ft is largest that could be accommodated. 50% of those desiring a rack are wanting to get to a boat in bay or elsewhere.
 - 84% are possibly willing to share a rack, most willing to pay a nominal annual fee with 2 homeowners not willing to pay. 70% said that limiting the time a rack was allocated (3-5 yrs) would impact their desire to have one. 4 homeowners would want one regardless.
 - 54% were potentially interested in some other means of dinghy storage like a sand screw and anchor.
 - 70% would potentially use the landing more if there were more amenities (gazebo/tables).
 - 83% agreed the steps should be repaired to make them safer - \$5000 has been approved by trustees to spend. Steps need the screw attachments for dock ramp and handrails should be added.
 - 70% were in favor of a larger, more stable dock. Some discussion among committee of real need and if bigger makes it more stable. Will need to consider for 2025 permitting.
 - Majority of people concerned about others using the dinghy landing area. 63% wanting a gate. Majority willing to help beautify area.

Action: Summarize results to share with membership **Assigned:** Thom

b) **Signage – Gina volunteered to work**

Committee discussed possible signage ideas and agreed on:

1. Top of the Drive to read “Private Drive – No Entry” Sign to be yellow.
2. Sign seen from water possibly painted on Dock face and top “Private Dock” Paint to be Red.
3. Sign on chain that drapes across stairs from dock. “Private Dock - EGCBA Members Only” Sign to be Red.
4. Sign in parking area. “Private Property – unauthorized vehicles will be booted by Dwight Towing Service”

Hang Tags with stickers or windshield stickers are available and will need to be distributed to membership.

c) **Parking Area – Steve volunteered**

Parking area versus potential kayak rack needs to be mapped out. Steve will map potential vehicle parking spaces without kayak rack – will be assessed later.

d) **Usage agreement for Dinghy Racks – Gina**

Gina created a first pass at an agreement based on forms found on-line. As well as forms used previously. She will post to google drive.

Action: Review the forms and make suggested changes. **Assigned:** All committee members

e) **Storage Racks for Kayak/Paddle-boards – Catherine volunteered to research**

f) **Proper Yacht Contract – Gina will continue to work**

Some discussion on keeping the priority of members in mind when allocating a rack to Proper Yachts. It is still unclear how many homeowners are still in need of a rack so may not be an immediate issue. Suggestion to potentially barter with vacant lot for more space.

g) **Insurance – Christine**

Assess impact of adding kayak rack?

h) **Camera and Gates – Gina**

Working quotes with Donald’s camera contractor

i) **Permit and Dock – Gina**

Permit expires December 2025 so would need some plans drawn up early in 2025. There were varying opinions about how and why the dock needs to change. No immediate action needs to be taken.

j) **Dinghy Landing Rules – Gina**

Discussion about allowing people outside of the association to dropoff/pickup as long as not parking at dock or on property. Also, questions about what is the value, monetarily, of the service that Proper Yachts (PY) is providing, if this frees up a rack. Also, should check that PY is self-insured. Draft of changes to rules have been posted on google drive.

Action: Review draft of rules and suggested changes. **Assigned:** All committee members

Discussion around the process to allocate rack space - maybe first come first serve doesn’t allow maximum use if people use partial year or different times of year. New rules could limit usage to 3-5 years. Concerns raised about impact to current owners. Lindsey suggested a process of assessing every year, with all requesting submitting names for random drawing, so the timing was always the

same and some expectation of when available. Suggestion to work on system in preparation for annual meeting. Gina believes need to address sooner because of the open racks and hot topic in annual meeting. Suggestion to use current process until a new one is developed. Committee feels they need more input. It should be noted that shared racks may be considered.

Action: Send an email with form for membership to fill out if they want to be considered for a rack.

Assigned: Gina/Susan

5. **Adjourn** – Motion made by Steve to adjourn meeting, seconded by Christine. No one opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm

Minutes submitted by S. Bradley 6/19/24