

**Minutes of the General Meeting of the SF Marina Harbor Association at
Golden Gate YC on August 3, 2006; commenced at 7:35 pm with 28 Members and 4 guests**

* **Presentation by Bruce Munro, and member discussion of, draft SF Marina Harbor Rules** developed by our Association. Board Member William Palmer moved to defer a vote and to not discuss the rules with Rec & Park. The President stated that the Board had already approved posting the rules on our website and presenting them to Members for open discussion at the General Meeting, and that no vote was contemplated. The motion was denied by a vote of 18-8. Mr. Palmer questioned why the proposed rules do not have a well defined appeal process as well as a form that a member can complete to initiate an appeal, instead of hiring an attorney. Mr. Munro observed that it is quite simple to include such forms in the final document, and that the rules contemplate employing an appeals process in the event of arbitrary or capricious decision-making by the harbormaster. Mr. Palmer commented that the proposed rules prohibit liveaboards. Mr. Munro observed that the existing rules do as well. Mr. Stone observed that the policy seems to be don't ask, don't tell. Some members felt liveaboards add to harbor security, while other members observed there are derelict boats which dump effluent into the harbor and are disorderly. We now await reaction from the Rec & Park Department on the rules we sent them.

Mr. Palmer stated that since January he has held a letter, which he did not share with the Board, stating that Rec & Park will not review and approve any new rules until after the renovation project's design phase has been completed. When asked why he had not shared this with the Board. Mr. Palmer stated that it contained other items that were not relevant to the Association.

* **Presentation by Bruce Munro of new By-Laws of the SF Marina Harbor Association**. Mr. Palmer moved to amend the new By-laws to require a General Membership meeting no less frequently than every 45 days. Mr. Munro pointed out that Mr. Palmer had voted for the By-laws as they stood at the Board Meeting, that he gave us no notice that he would make a motion to amend at the General Membership meeting, and that his motion was out of order. Mr. Palmer responded by saying that the idea had just occurred to him. Mr. Stone pointed out that the Board meets frequently and that there often is not enough news to present to Members that cannot be also covered on the website and through mailings. The motion was defeated 17-8. Members approved the By-Laws unanimously. Copies are available at www.sfmarinaharbor.org.

* **Status of harbor operations.** Neither Terry Schwartz nor Brad Gross attended the meeting; in their stead, Mr. Palmer presented an update on current repairs. Based on the Nuts & Bolts recommendations, Brad has issued a purchase order requisition for new ramps at gates 4 & 14, with estimated completion in early November; in the meantime, Brad has closed gates 19 & 25 pending structural evaluation; Assistant Harbormaster Denis Belfortie indicated that the union took away 35% of what the Harbormaster's staff previously could do in the way of minor repairs; Mr. Stone commented on recent meetings he and Mr. Munro have held with Rec & Park financial staff and expressed dissatisfaction with the response so far regarding the double-billing of overhead (over \$600,000 during the recent three year period) to the harbor budget.

* **Other items**

- **Minutes of the March and May General Meetings were distributed to Members and approved**
- **There was no Treasurer's report since the Treasurer was absent**
- **Subsequent to the meeting, Rec & Park Project Manager Mary Hobson indicated the Final EIR would be issued in September, with public SF Planning Commission hearings in October**

The meeting concluded at 9:40 pm.



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