

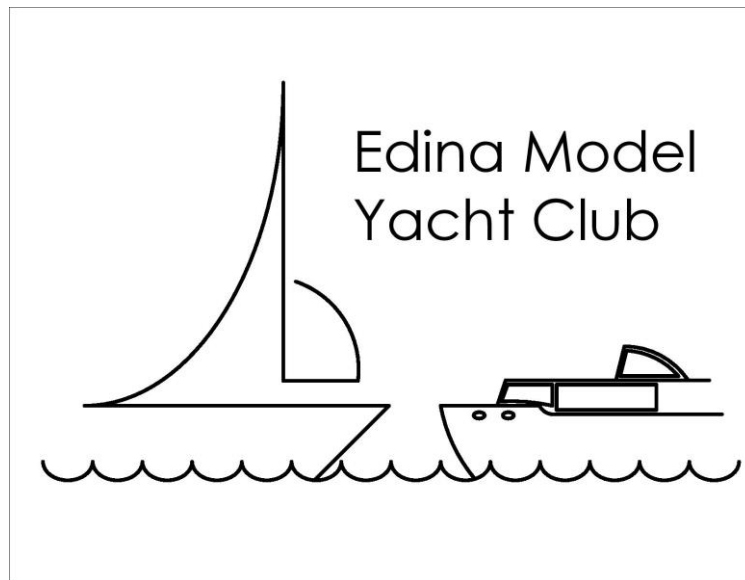
January Membership Meeting and Other News

Welcome to the 2019 Edina Model Yacht Club boating season. Right now boating is largely relegated to building activities, but not completely - more on that later. We had one new member who actually started sailing with us last year and has officially joined us this year. Jim Mckie has a lot of real boat sailing experience on Superior and smaller lakes, and is involved with youth sailing programs on Minneapolis lakes. Oh yes, he is also a former F4 Crusader fighter pilot. How boring is that! The member meeting featured a summary of the Board meeting that was held at Paul and Pat Olsen's home January 5th, and five boats with the build in process or completed this winter so far.

Summary of the Board meeting

(note, the following contains more information than was presented at the meeting)

- Financial Statement
 - The club had \$1,166 in the bank on January 1, 2018, and \$1,442 in the bank on January 31, 2018. The increase is due to the sale of boats donated to the club. Membership was 47 memberships = 35 individual + 12 family for an approximate total of 59 members. Total income from membership was \$1,550, from boat sales \$910 = \$2,460. Total expenses were \$2,184.
- Club promotion
 - It was suggested and approved to make a new poster for the club to highlight all the events of the club and give basic information about the club in general. This way the poster can be displayed all year long at Hub Hobby and on the park bulletin boards. We will still do a poster for the Parade and Light House Nights. We need suggestions for boats to include in the general poster and Parade poster. Get back to me or John Bishop (johnbishop7@me.com) with your ideas.
 - Jim Pennoyer had created a new/updated logo for the club last year. The board discussed and approved ordering 24 hats with the logo. The hats will be baseball style with darker blue bill and front, white mesh in back, and the logo in white stitching. The cost is a \$40 setup fee and \$10 per hat. The hats will be sold to members only for \$12 each, and should be available next month.



- Jim also had a discussion with John at Hub (manager of the RC area) in which John indicated that younger persons buy the fast electrics, grey hairs buy the sailboats and kits. John was willing to attach to each boat box sold a business card to advertise the club (not on fast electrics - see below). Creating the card to attach to boxes is along the lines of the business card advertisement that was being developed last year by Tim Crain and Gary Tschautscher that we could hand out at the ponds and events we attend. Tim is working on a modified card specifically for the box application.
- Discussed a sail-type banner (looks like an airplane propeller blade on end) to denote the club when we are at the ponds and at events. I discussed this with Tom Shirley (park manager) and Tom indicated we could only put up the sign on park property, and suggested in the landscape area adjacent to the ponds. No action was taken by the board.
- Discussed sandwich signs to direct new members into the meeting room. No action was taken. Subsequent discussion was about a magnetic sign to be placed on the outside of the door at the truck dock we go through to cross the maintenance area to get to the meeting room (\$30). A mockup will be on the door for the next meeting.
- Website
 - Add a tab for boats for sale. This is on a trial basis and will be done only to try to assist selling the boats that are currently in the cage area.
 - The newsletters I have been doing have not been placed on the website due to formatting. I have reformatted the newsletters and they will be added to the archived newsletter area of the website.
- New/Existing Events
 - 1-2-3 pond races will try to be set for a specific day(s) rather than last-minute depending-on-the-weather scheduling we have done in the past. Also discussed a possible poker run event to include all boats, powered and wind.

- With boat access from the middle to south pond opening up due to the new bridge construction we discussed adding fast electrics again to the south pond. It was decided that due to potential conflicts between paddle boats and fast electrics the club would not actively promote fast electric boats.
- Dry Dock Party
 - No changes to the 2018 event. The 2019 banquet will be the same format and caterer.
- Discussed how to use moneys donated to the club, either directly or through sales of boats donated. Discussed replacing the Pelican boat with something more stable in the water and easier to transport to off-site locations. Decided to not specify a use for the funds, to just allow them to accrue.

Things going on:

Winter has not dampened the activity for the sail-racing group. Terry Mackey has been coordinating the design and build of new buoys for Smith pond. The ideas and designs have been presented at lunch meetings being held at Shanty Town Bar and Grill on the first Thursday of the month, and in the ODOM google forum. The design had been finalized and buoys constructed, now they just need to be tested on the water and in action.



Last year Burt Fisher constructed new buoys for the center pond DF 95 racing so we have a couple of different designs that we are trying out and fine tuning. The pink buoy is in the correct floating position. The green buoys are hanging down in the holder Burt also fabricated.



One of the boats that was offered for sale in the Larry Johnson collection was an ice boat, one of several built by Tony Johnson. The boat was purchased by Kevin Kavaney. Not my idea of a good winter but if you have an ice boat it is quite a good winter! Here is Kevin with his and Tony's boats on Lake Minnetonka:



These boats are exceptionally fast and even the north and south ponds are probably undersized for the speeds these can achieve. Notice how beautiful these boats are! I understand Tony has a few more of these boats so if you are interested in sailing one of the ice boats you should contact Tony.

Boat Presentations:

Very interesting boats were brought to the meeting in various states of construction. If you were not at the meeting you really did miss not only seeing the interesting boats but interesting presentations.

Bill Uhl - we were fortunate that Bill was able to come to the meeting and show us his Gato-class submarine under construction. It will be a surface boat only, especially considering the weed problem we have been known to experience in the summer - it is probably better to keep it on the surface if you want to go home with your boat at the end of the day. On the left is a photo of the early stages in Bill's shop, and on the right is Bill with the boat at the meeting with the skin, propellers and rudder installed. Painting and sanding are in process. Bill said the boat should be called "The Bondo" for all the filler he has used. Bill built the boat from plans he found on line and had them reproduced to the correct scale of the build.



Bill confided to us that he is more interested in the build than the details, of which there are a lot of them to be built and installed, but it sounds like there is enough enthusiasm to finish this boat. Let hope so.

Vern Bollesen - an admirer of paddle wheelers Vern is on his way with this one having completed a lot of the mechanicals. From the cover on the kit box you can see there is a lot of detail to be installed, and this model should be stunning when it is completed. In the meantime let's hope that Vern brings this one back from time to time so we can enjoy the progress.



Mike Corbett - another member of the club that is attracted to boats of historic interest. Mike became enamored with this boat about 2 years ago and eventually found the basic bones of the boat on line. The rest of the build you are on your own. It is a model of the “Numbers Boat” constructed starting in 1909, a one make gentlemen’s racing boat commissioned by the Thousand Islands Yacht Club in New York state for racing on the St. Lawrence River. As racing boats were one-off expensive propositions the thought was to commission an affordable boat for the average man, and boats were built as orders were received. Eventually 20 were built. They were powered by a 4 cylinder engine producing a whopping 30 hp., with the engine located under the foredeck. That is a long propeller shaft but I don’t imagine there was much flex from the 30 hp. engine. Currently there are 6 remaining in various conditions, but in about 2009 two boats were commissioned to be built as replicas with fiberglass hulls, numbers 21 and 22. These have a 140 hp GM engine, said to be good for over 35 mph. Mike has completed up to fiberglassing the hull, which had an amazing smooth-as-glass finish. Mike gave a very good presentation of the history of the boat and had a lengthy article on his laptop that was very interesting. This needs to be displayed in any condition at the Parade of Boats.



Frank Patka - Frank brought his Cris Craft in-progress boat for tips on fiberglassing. You can see that Frank is well along in the build and doing an excellent job. Mike says he prefers sailing and will likely tackle a sail boat with his next build, but he wanted to try a power boat and he certainly picked a beauty. A new member last year Frank has certainly jumped in with both feet into the hobby. Very nice model!!



David Petrich - David has a soft spot for boats in distress. Personally I love seeing a boat brought from shambles to beauty. Here is another example from David's shop. A partially completed kit that was attempted to be constructed by a novice builder who realized he was in over his head. Wood decking incorrectly constructed, fiberglass application a mess, and the hull sanded without a block so that the hull was very wavy were only some of the challenges. As the fore deck was already installed wiring to the front navigation light was difficult and required an ingenious solution to route the wiring. The instrument cluster is of a see-through design so David is planning on installing back lighting which will illuminate the gauges - neat!



Thank you to all the people who brought their projects in to share with the club and submitted pictures included in this newsletter.

Final items:

The calendar of events is nearly completed for the year. All events are completed except for the 1-2-3 pond races are to be determined. Calendar attached to this newsletter.

The membership data base was lost in a computer transition last year so please be certain to complete the entire form with your membership application this year so that we can re-establish the computer base. Membership form is attached to this newsletter.

I think we can all hope for an early spring this year.



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