

New Hamburg Yacht Club Board of Directors

Meeting Open Session

Date and Time	06/19/2024, 06:30 PM
Venue	NHYC
Recorded by	Brian Sutcliffe

Board Members

- Douglas Tompkins - Commodore
- Marty Novick - Vice Commodore
- Bob Calley - Fleet Captain
- Brian Sutcliffe - Secretary
- Rita Hughes - Financial Secretary
- Michele Manzi-Davies - Treasurer - A
- Bob Molitoris - Trustee
- Greg Freeman - Trustee
- Jim Whiting - Trustee

Committee Chairs

- Bar - Neil Colello
- Social - Russell Nichols - A
- Club Rentals. - James Carroll - A
- Cleaning - Darlene Harrington - A
- House - Arthur Glynn
- Rental House Art Glynn
- Grounds - Stan Saya - A
- Safety - Curtis Stoltz
- Sunshine - Betsy Rosa - A
- Constitution - Susan Sullivan - A
- IT Chair - Michael Marcello - A

Meeting Minutes

Proposal to Use Yacht Club as a Filming Location for a TV Series

Introduction of Filming Proposal

Daniel McCarthy, the location manager for a new Fox Network show called 'Best Medicine', introduced a proposal to use the yacht club as a key filming location. The club would be depicted as a fictional bed and breakfast named 'The Salty Breeze' in a coastal Maine town.

The production team proposed two options: 1) A full transformation of the building's exterior (e.g., adding wooden shingles) and interior (excluding the upstairs bar) to create 'The Salty Breeze' set. 2) A more limited plan focusing only on the exterior and the docks, with the interior scenes being built on a separate stage.

Filming Schedule and Club Access

The project would last for six months. The production's typical Monday-Friday schedule conflicts with the club's peak usage from Thursday to Sunday. The club proposed that filming be restricted to Monday through Wednesday. While decorations would remain, the crew would not have a constant daily presence.

Crew Size and Logistics

The film crew consists of about 75 people. They plan to manage parking by using offsite lots and shuttling crew in. They will also work with the town to acquire permits for parking production trucks on the street.

Impact on Club Operations and Members

The board raised concerns about how filming would affect member access, pre-booked hall rentals, and use of the marina. The production team stated they could work around member events on non-filming days and would coordinate in advance for moving any boats, respecting owners who do not want their boats filmed.

Financial Compensation Proposal

A two-part compensation structure was proposed to the club: a general six-month rental fee to cover overall inconvenience, and an additional premium fee for each specific day of filming.

Coordination with Rental House Reconstruction

A concern was raised about the filming's impact on the planned reconstruction of the fire-damaged rental house on the property. The project is about two months from starting, and it was determined that construction could be scheduled around filming days or delayed until after the six-month shoot is complete.

Final decision

A final decision from the director is expected on Monday, June 23, 2025. If approved, the board must act quickly, potentially arrange a special member meeting, and negotiate financial terms. They also discussed parking solutions, suggesting the firehouse, Bowdoin Park, or local supermarket plazas.

Club Lot and Property Cleanup

A member proposed moving a boat and several large piles onto a house's concrete slab to tidy up the club's lot, which was agreed upon. Greg Hemmingway reported having removed old and excess life jackets, keeping a variety of sizes and taking the rest away. A question was raised about unclaimed waterskies, which could be a liability.

Food Truck and Event Coordination

Issues with food truck logistics were raised, specifically an incident where moved cones blocked a vendor's access. To prevent future chaos, it was decided that Brian Sutcliffe should manage all food truck bookings. The idea of coordinating food trucks with music nights, like the one on July 18th, was supported. A suggestion was made by John Richardson to invite the New Hamburg Fire department to a future food truck events.

Noise Complaints from Bar Music

Greg Freeman, speaking for the neighborhood, raised concerns about loud music from the bar being projected outside, which disturbed residents. The music reportedly continued until 9:35 PM last Thursday, past the informal 9:00 PM cutoff. The discussion focused on solutions such as keeping music indoors, positioning speakers parallel to the river to minimize sound travel, and strictly enforcing the 9:00 PM stop time, although the town ordinance is 10:00 PM or 11:00 PM.

Member Conduct and Neighbor Dispute

Greg Freeman reported a neighbor's complaint about another member speeding down to the club and giving the neighbor 'the finger' after being asked to slow down. However, Marty Novick,, who witnessed the event claimed the neighbor was the aggressor and had yelled at Ken and Gina Mann, who Marty described as 'good Christian people' who would not behave in such a manner.

Safety Inspection Update

A safety inspection was conducted by the Town of Poughkeepsie. While official feedback from Michelle Manziis still pending, preliminary reports from Marty and Jim Whiting suggest that everything went well.

Block Party Arrangement for September 27th

Greg Freeman is hosting a block party on September 27th from 2 p.m. to 9 or 10 p.m. for about 100 people. Two options were proposed: 1) Block the date on the club's rental calendar without a fee, but borrow tables and chairs. 2) Pay the rental fee and be allowed to use the club's bathrooms to avoid renting a port-a-potty. Concerns were raised about the strain on the septic system. Option two was dismissed.

Clarification of New Member List Movement Rules

A question was raised about the definition for moving a person to the bottom of the list. The group discussed the existing rule. The existing rule was determined to be adequate.

Club Smoking Policy

An issue with a non-member smoking on the property prompted a discussion to create a clearer smoking policy. The current rule prohibits smoking under any roofed area. Various locations for a designated smoking area were suggested to avoid future conflicts. Concerns were raised about the disposal of cigarette butts, particularly near the river and septic system. The smoking deck and a location by the motor shed will be assigned areas for smoking. Non smoking signs will be installed in other areas.

Cleaning Committee Duties and Member Work Hours

Neil Colello (via email) asked if cleaning duties had been addressed with Darlene Harrington. Marty Novick confirmed he spoke with her and reported that some members are not doing their jobs. They are monitoring the situation and will not allow 'freebies' for work hours without a valid medical issue. A mid-year check-in on hours is being considered, but challenges with the social committee's schedule were noted.

The discussion centered on members failing to complete their required work hours. The current fine, set at \$25 in the late 1980s and now \$30, is considered insufficient to motivate members. A suggestion was made to increase the fine to a level equivalent to the value of \$25 in 1987 to serve as a significant financial penalty.

Recording Work Hours

Various methods for recording work hours were discussed. While the current system involves members inputting their hours on a website, some members need assistance to do so. An alternative, a fob-based time clock system, was mentioned. The board agrees that the fine for not completing work hours needs to be increased. Members will be prepared for this change, with a formal decision on the new fee to be made in December. The goal is to re-establish a meaningful penalty to ensure participation.

Members are responsible for logging their own hours. For those with legitimate technical issues, help is available from Brian Sutcliffe or their committee chair. However, simply not inputting hours is not an acceptable excuse. Doug Tompkins will bring it up at the Member meeting.

Proposed Bylaw Change for Membership Age

Ann Machado (via email) raised a concern about the club's bylaw, which allows membership for individuals 18 and older. Given the presence of open taps, this creates a potential liability with underage drinking. She suggested changing the minimum age for membership to 21.

Restrooms Mess

A complaint from Ann Machado (via email) about messes in the restrooms was brought up. Doug Tompkins will address the Membership meeting about this issue.

Formation and Tasking of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee

A new Constitution and Bylaws Committee has been formed, consisting of Marty Novick, Jim Whiting, Greg Hemingway, Donna Carte, Susan Sullivan, and Janice Schopfer. The committee was formed to address and streamline the process of constitutional and by-law changes.

Process for By-Law Amendments

There was a lengthy discussion about the need for a clearly defined and communicated process for members to submit by-law changes. The current lack of a formal process has led to confusion. The proposed process is that suggestions should go to the new committee for review before being presented to the board and then the membership.

Ladies' Auxiliary Fundraiser Request

Mrs. Higgins requested to sell NHYC bumper stickers and new note cards at the event scheduled for June 19, 2025. This was approved.

Tracking of Accumulated Action Items

The issue of action items from previous meetings being forgotten was raised. It was suggested that after every general membership meeting, a list of action items and questions should be compiled by the Recording Secretary and sent to the board to ensure follow-through. This would keep the board accountable for providing answers and updates at subsequent meetings.

Financial Secretary Report

Deposit 16 and 17 - 2025

Fobs	\$15
Regular Boat Fee	\$1,492.14
Bank Service Charge	\$20
Total	\$1,527.14
NY Sales Tax	\$112.14