

New Hamburg Yacht Club Board of Directors Meeting Open Session

Date and Time	09/17/2024, 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
- Bob Molitoris - Trustee
- Greg Freeman - Trustee
- Jim Whiting - Trustee - A

Committee Chairs

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

Meeting Minutes

Dock/boat incident and safety concern

Curtis Stolz reported trying to guide a log back under a dock; it became stuck. He suggested needing a boat to hook and pull it out and away, he noted limited knowledge and raised potential hazard concerns. Doug Tompkins acknowledged.

Investment of club funds and CDs

John Richardson criticized a month-long delay in acting on investments, stating that 250 members could assist with research and that 15 minutes could yield 10 quotes for CDs. He emphasized that large amounts of idle cash were not earning interest. Richardson also shared research on CD rates (4.75% to 5.25%).

Doug Tompkins defended the efforts, citing scheduling issues and a meeting with accountants.

Michele Manzi and Rita Hughes discussed multiple accounts, uncertainty about the building, and the film project.

Doug Tompkins and Marty Novick said the allocation will be discussed tonight during the executive session.

Accountants meeting recap and accounting system setup

Rita Hughes asked what happened with the accountants. Doug Tompkins said they discussed taxes and setting up QuickBooks. Michele Manzi questioned why they hadn't been invited, referencing a prior statement about being included. Doug Tompkins apologized, citing scheduling difficulties.

Access control: lock change and codes

Michael Marcello Jr changed a malfunctioning door lock. He Offered to provide codes on request. Doug Tompkins noted very few people should have access. Marty Novick requested a code due to duties.

Access to filming contract details and member transparency vs confidentiality

Mr. Marcello requested a copy of the filming crew contract discussed in July at the Member meeting. Marty. Novick noted that a copy had been provided, but only one. He expressed concern about broad distribution or online posting due to competitive sensitivity, as no formal non-disclosure agreement was in place. Members may request a

copy, but public posting — including on member sites — must be avoided due to access risks.

Amount discussed publicly and confidentiality expectations

John Richardson noted that members had discussed the TV contract dollar amounts and were not informed that the information was confidential. Marty Novick reiterated the importance of transparency to members but expressed a preference to keep the figures within the club. He referenced another club (Cornwall) that had a non-disclosure agreement and emphasized, "Loose lips sink ships."

HRBYCA Association meeting scheduling

Hank Matheus mentioned the association meeting at the Marlboro Yacht Club on Tuesday, September 30, with speaker Richie Ross from Red Hook Boat Club. The reception will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting starting at 7:15 p.m.

SLA compliance: serving drinks to visitors from other clubs

Marty Novick asked how to legally serve visiting members from other clubs (in the context of the Hudson River Boating Association). Michelle Manzi clarified that visitors are considered guests: a member must sponsor them, and the guest must pay for their drinks. The sponsor must personally know the guest, and the bartender cannot serve as the sponsor. John Richardson noted that a prior SLA violation resulted from signing in unknown visitors.

Seawall project permits and agency interactions

Bob Callie and Doug Tompkins discussed permit issues related to completing the seawall work. The DEC is providing confusing instructions on categorization since the work started before the rules changed; the project is on hold until DEC prints/forms are clarified. The engineer is working on the matter, and the hours will be billable.

