

## Waterfront Organizations of Oregon Digest of May 9, 2017

**Sheriff's Report Marc Shrake.** Opening day went OK. Pilot project for derelict boats on track. **No Wake Zone** (NWZ) violator pictures were sent to the sheriff and will be used in the form letter sent to the violator. Forward e-mail photos to the Multnomah County sheriff's Office c/o Marc Shrake [marc.shrake@mcsos.us](mailto:marc.shrake@mcsos.us) For best results show the registration numbers, wake, and head shot of operator. NWZ buoys are yet to be placed for the season due to high water. There are 89 derelict boats and flotilla structures are of the Portland area. State of Oregon has a new law in place that is being tested by the courts. Slow progress is being made on these cases. **Fleet Week** will be smaller than last year but no details were given. The new boathouse built in Astoria has been put into the water but must wait for the current flow to drop before bringing it upriver to Portland. **SOLVE** is having a river cleanup on Sauvie Island at the Johnson Avenue Ramp, kayaks and other small boats will be picking up debris and trash this weekend. There will be another event next fall.

**Treasury report. Stan Tonneson:** 8 members renewed. **Debbie Butler** deserves many thanks for her help with the auction at the annual dinner that reduced losses on food served.

**Insurance Thom Hokanson:** The 4 M's, mold, mildew, moss, mushrooms, moss is the only one that needs sunshine. Fungi needs only stagnant air and moisture to grow into a "Mold is Gold" lawsuit. Insurance is not designed to cover long-term problems but instead to cover suddenly occurring issues like a water pipe break or a fire extinguished by water that triggers mold growth inside wallboard within 48 hours of the incident. Most insurance companies only cover \$5000 to \$10,000 on mold because of these issues in the past. Clean mold with bleach and air it out and make sure to have good airflow afterwards to prevent mold recurrence.

**Legislation Jeff Ingebrigtsen:** the Oregon house has voted on a bill to allow tenants to get paid moving expenses if forced from mobile homes. **Membership: Ron Schmidt** has been bringing in more new members and maybe working on commercial businesses next. There is a perception among some people that we only represent float home owners but we need more other types of businesses to round our organization out. We represent both tenants and owners on common waterfront issues.

**Boater Safety:** A discussion about wing dams and king piles concluded that the **Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE)** needs to be fixing those. Without king pile markers on the end of wing dams many pleasure craft will end up going on the rocks. **Storm water runoff update:** industry such as **Vigor** are facing large annual payments and are in the process of pursuing lawsuits. When these lawsuits go to Court they will ask the floathome groups to join with them in the fight. The **Oregon State Marine Board** is hurt financially as they lost the fees they were counting on that would've come from non-motorized boats such as kayaks and canoes account adverse media coverage.

**Election of officers** was held with the nominees voted in by acclamation. **Stan Tonnesen** will be treasurer again, **Jeff Ingebrigtsen** will become Vice President, **Ron Schmidt** will become President. **Bob Wilson** will continue as Social Chairman and annual dinner co-coordinator. Critical positions still need to be filled for a secretary and web site manager. The Board will do minutes on a rotating basis until a new secretary is found. **Next WOOO meeting June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

J. M. Zweerts secretary WOOO