

# Caretakers Corner

The end of the season is here and even though I hate to see the summer season go I can't say that I'm not looking forward to a break. This season has been very interesting, with our Annual meeting bringing about a change in our dues structure, the updating of our Rules and Regulations and our By-Laws, and of course, the flood.

Here's a little break down of the things that have changed in our Rules and Regulations that you may want to remember.

## II. Boat Houses.

A. BEFORE REMODELING A BOAT HOUSE, all applicants must submit the plans of his or her boat house, including: the length (which must not exceed 32 feet, including all docks or booms); the width (which must not exceed 16 feet) and materials used in the building and floating of the boat house. **These plans must be submitted to the Board of Directors who will apply for the required permits from the Minnesota DNR and the Corp of Engineers. All approval and permits must be obtained before any remodeling can begin. The owner is responsible for all costs in regards to these permits and for having a roll off dumpster at the remodeling site. Building material are not to be placed in Club dumpsters.**

F. **BOATHOUSE OWNERS shall be responsible to maintain the property directly in front of their boathouse and to place his or her consecutive number on the shore-side of his or her boathouse in a manner that provides easy reading.**

## V. Docks.

B. ANY MEMBER who will have had a space on the docks the previous membership year will notify the secretary before **February 28th** that he or she intends to retain such space and must have a current paid-up membership before such a space will be assigned to him or her, or the space will be assigned to a person on the waiting list.

## IX. Membership.

A. All FIRST YEAR MEMBERSHIPS **will be \$350.** An additional fee of \$220.00 will be charged for new memberships involving any slip or Boathouse with electrical power.

B. THE REGULAR MEMBERSHIP RATE of the Minnesota City Boat Club shall be **\$250 per year plus 10 hours of work time.** Unless membership and all assessment fees are paid by April 1 at the latest, membership will be terminated unless under extreme circumstances, which shall be voted upon by the Board of Directors. **Members seventy years of age who have been members in good standing for 20 consecutive years will be exempt from work time.** All members must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.

C. WORKTIME. **All members are required to perform 10 hours** of work time in addition to their membership dues each year. Should a member choose not to perform work time he or she may elect to purchase their work time from the Club at a rate of \$10 per hour to be added to their membership dues.

## **XI. General Rules.**

M. POWER and LIGHT BILLS Kilowatt charge shall be levied at twice the current Xcel rates, with a **minimum of \$5.00 per month** for everyone with a meter. Any members 60 days overdue will be notified by certified mail. If payment is not received within ten days of written notice, service shall be disconnected. **Members will be charged five dollars (\$5.00) per month late fee,** for late or unpaid light bills. Late or unpaid will be anything unpaid for 30 days or more.

There are other changes, however I believe these will impact our members the most. Hopefully, this little break down will help.

Now the flood, it did impact our season. First off, no chicken-Q, no Labor Day weekend, and a lot of work putting the club back together. It was a little expensive putting the club back together however it is coming along very well. In the spring we will put down the finish gravel on all the roads and in the trailer parking lot. That should complete our repairs from flood damage and hopefully we can move on and welcome in our next season. "Should Mother Nature decide to be nice to us"?

The assessment collection has been going well and we can see the end, it is a necessary evil but I hope it is not needed very often. The only real complaints that I heard besides, "I don't want to pay this", (none of us did) was that there should have been some discussion about the assessment in advance of the implementation. Well, there were two meetings, one of them a regular monthly meeting, and like all of our monthly meetings, no one came. The other one was a special meeting about the flood and assessment. I do believe that the decisions were made properly and the reasoning used was also proper.

I am planning on opening the Club for Super Bowl weekend, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. On Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> there are at least two ice fishing contests and maybe three, everyone is welcome to come on down and get involved. The contests should all be starting at 8 AM or a little later. Then on the 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be watching the Super Bowl. Stop in and enjoy the game.

Hopefully, I will have my own Website up and running by the end of December. (M.C. Boat Harbor LLC). I will have my newsletter posted on the site, along with upcoming events, membership applications, and information about the club.

For all of our friends down at the river, have a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Bob & Barb Schei and of course, Harley

PS. Look for my next newsletter on my Website. Just Google [www.mcboatharborllc.com](http://www.mcboatharborllc.com).