

Boston Harbor Association Meeting Minutes

May 5th at Boston Harbor Marina @ 6pm- Chris Hamilton sat in as a guest

- Approve last month's minutes: [Link to minutes](#)
 - Larissa read over the minutes, not everyone was able to access them. Scott moved to approve, Nancy 2nd, meeting minutes approved without correction.
- Treasurer's Report, Nancy Brown
 - \$150 insurance payment
 - \$115 for email
 - 3 memberships came in through QB 3 came in through checks 2 in Paypal
 - \$6421.68 total in the bank
 - \$80 QB annual fee
- Update on July 3- Burfoot Park BBQ & Bike Parade
 - [Approve Banner](#)- adjustments made at the meeting
 - Budget? - Mindy get costs for food from Costco?
 - Reserve equipment-?
 - Bike Parade route- Close road to Burfoot Park? Update- John applied for permit to close roads the same as last year's route.
 - Permit to close street? - Larissa & John follow-up
 - 5 Sponsors have been confirmed \$250 - Mindy & Jackie continue to follow-up
- Update & decision on postage.
 - Nonprofit postage requires a Bulk Mail account and a minimum of 200 mail pieces per mailing.
 - \$350 application fee & then \$300 account fee. The annual fee will be \$350.
 - Mailings will be \$0.44/each
 - Have to bring to Tumwater bulk mailing station to apply

- Application with the Post Office to be a recognized non-profit (takes about a week)
 - Create Bulk Mailing account online
 - Apply & pay permit fees
 - Total annual cost with non/profit, mailing 750 items every 2 months:
 - \$2,630 with non-profit pricing
 - \$3,285 with regular pricing
 - Postcard, regular pricing \$2,520
 - Is it first class mail?
 - Include sponsorships?
 - Include classification?
 - Put something in the newsletter to state we are trying to build community & increase membership
 - Kate: Mailings are very expensive. Approximately 80% of current dues would be going to mailings, if we don't get additional dues.
 - Do a 1-time newsletter mailing to test how responsive people are to the physical mailing, just prior to July 3. \$585 for mailing plus \$1,000 for printing. - Kim Move.
 - Kim moves to try it for a year- final decision awaits to put off mailing out and think on it more.
 - Jackie to follow up with Commissioner about grant for community communication and safety- currently no funds available.
- Environment Update - send written update- Kim sent.
 - BHA Border Adjustments?
 - Community Input? - Chris here but no topics- he had told others that he was going to come talk to us about still having The Fireworks show. He was informed by Kate that we haven't solicited sponsors for the event, and it was still cancelled.
 - New Business- ask for new members & donations
 - Close - Next meeting June 2, 6 pm at the Marina.