



ALTON MOTORBOAT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2020

264 MEMBERS: 134 REGULAR 125 SOCIAL 5 HONORARY

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Grounds	John Dooley
House	Dan Fitzgerald
Membership	Cliff Rushton
Special Events	Jim Dunham

NOTE FROM CHAIRMAN: (Jim Neumann 314-580-0538)

May is here, we are still under Illinois Quarantine rules. That does not mean the Board has stopped. We are getting really close on the building project. We have scheduled a preliminary meeting with Jun construction to go over the build, trusting the IDNR paperwork will arrive soon.

I would also like to thank John Fitzgerald, Rich Kortcamp and Red Dunham for the work they have done on the docks. They are helping to eliminate several problem areas sited by the Corp. These have been ongoing and are now nearly all resolved. Please thank them when you see them around the club. Also, another Thank You to Rich Willie for all he has done for permitting and paperwork on the SBA loan. Looking forward to getting everyone together as soon as this Quarantine is lifted.

NEW BUILDING UPDATES:

Your board is working hard and diligently to move forward in building a new clubhouse building meeting once a week by way of video conferencing. Below is a short description of what has happened and what needs to happen in the near future.

The old club house was demolished and removed. As to the demolition reimbursement costs, we have been reimbursed \$17,000.00 we paid to Stutz for the demolition. An additional \$13,000.00 will be issued by our insurance company upon completion of the foundation of the new building.

Our SBA Loan was approved for \$200,000 and appropriate legal documents have been submitted. We are waiting for confirmation of completion of the loan process and initial \$50,000 disbursement of funds.

We have a final building plan and the contract proposals from Jun Construction, (General Contractor), Loelke Plumbing and Camp Electric as the contractors voted on by the membership. Any finish work to be completed by volunteer members.

To acquire a building permit, (4) government entities are required to approve the plans. Application have been submitted to Jersey County Code Administrator and Food Manager, Corp of Engineers, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and the Illinois Environmental Administration.

Documents submitted for the Building Permit were Building Plans, Survey of the Property, and the Elevation Certificate. All permit applications were submitted at the same time.

To submit permits, a Property Survey and Elevation Certificate was required to assure that AMBC is building on the property owned by AMBC, and to identify the location of the new building, and to identify at what height the new building must be, (2' above 1993 flood level).

Additionally, the Jersey County Code Administrator and Flood Manager, is requiring that a soil core boring sampling be completed to verify that the footings, building basement walls and building will be built on ground that will support the structure. SCI Engineering, Inc., of St. Charles, MO, has been approved to complete the core drilling and soil test.

The new building is 80' x 44', and approval was required to place the deck supports piers and deck over Corp Property on the existing parking lot. The reason for this request was the (2) utility poles along the north side of Harbor Dell Road would have needed to be relocated because, by building code, the structure must be 10' from any utility pole. This would have required Ameren Illinois to survey the property and acquire approval to move the utility poles to the north side of Harbor Dell on property owned by Jersey County. This also would have required approval by Jersey County at an estimated cost \$20,000 to move the utility poles.

However, we have received written approval from the Corp to move the building south, 12 to 15 feet which allows us to place the deck supports piers and deck over Corp Property on the existing parking lot.

Once the four Joint Permits are approved a Commercial Building Permit will need to be completed and submitted to Jersey County Code Administrator and Food Manager for approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

In these unprecedented times, the Alton Motorboat Club is faced with adopting new, temporary processes. As you are all aware, the rescinding of our State's "Stay at Home" order allow our organization to gather as a whole is yet to be determined and by all appearances, it will not be for some time.

For this reason, the Board of Directors propose to the membership that we amend our constitution in a way that we may conduct business as usual. The following paragraphs give a summary of each proposal and how to submit the enclosed ballot.

Because Article 15 of the AMBC Constitution only allows changes to the Constitution the first Membership Meeting of the calendar year or by a Special Meeting called solely for that purpose. Because of the state's "Stay at Home" order, we are prohibited from either.

The first proposal is to TEMPORARILY allow voting members to submit a written ballot to be counted as an official vote of the Regular Members.

The second proposal would temporarily amend the process of how we vote in new members. The proposed temporary process would allow applications to be given to any Board Member.

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This application would be read at the Board Meetings, currently held weekly by video conference.

We would notify the voting members of the new applicants by our text and email service, and the application would then be posted on the AMBC smoke shack for your review. A written ballot would then be sent to the voting members to cast their vote and return to the Boat Club.

The third proposal, only by the passing of the above two proposals, are a list of new applicants for your consideration. Please find, included with this mailing, the official explanation of the two proposed amendments and a list of new applications received. As voting members of the Club, your response to these initiatives is required. You may return your fully executed ballot by using the enclosed stamped envelope, by scanning or taking a photograph of the ballot and emailing the completed form to:

altonboatclub@yahoo.com

Soon, important decisions about the construction of the new clubhouse must include your input. In this era of social distancing, maintaining constant communication with our members, and even more important is to create an avenue for our members to express their ideas and concerns with your Board.

I have included my contact information at the top of the proposal document or feel free to use the Boat Club's email address above to voice any questions or concerns.

Your participation in this vote is required, so please take a few minutes to read the information provided, complete and return your ballot **before May 26, 2020**. Thank you in advance for your participation.

ENTERTAINMENT - (Mark Woulfe – (618.910.2614)

HOUSE (Dan Fitzgerald - (618.806.3708)

SPECIAL EVENTS (Jim Dunham – (618.466.7126)

BAR (Rich Kortkamp – (618.910.1175)

DOCK REPAIR - (Red Dunham – (618.600.5226)

All metal transition plates have been installed to meet the Corp. requirements. Thanks to John Fitzgerald for the hard work. Permanent electric will be restored to the west docks as soon as we possibly can. Please let Chairperson Red Dunham know if there are any issues requiring attention on your dock area so repairs can be scheduled.

DOCK ASSIGNMENT (Suzie Fill – 618.781.4558)

There are currently (10) slips available for immediate occupancy and (1) up for bid which will expire May 10. Available now are three 30-foot slips, numbers 25, 32 and 37. Four 32-foot slips, numbers 40, 41, 45, and 46. Three 36-foot slips are also available, numbers 1, 7, and 8. Up for bid is a 32-foot slip, (number 43). The bid process ends May 10 and is posted on the smoke shack on the club property. There are also (52) parking spots available at this time.

If you have parked your boat in an unregistered slip, please contact Suzie Fill by phone at (618) 781-4558.

FOUNDATIONS (John Dooley – 618.830.8755)

Even though the clubhouse has been removed, there will still be plenty of clean-up needed around the property. We will soon be asking for volunteer work parties to assist us with cleaning and preparing the parking lot and grassy areas for the upcoming boating season.

MEMBERSHIP (Cliff Rushton – (618.781.1156)

As of April 29th, (229) members have been retained evidenced by their annual dues being paid. We have (13) members who have officially dropped from the role and are waiting on the response from 7 Regular and 28 Social Members. The Board Members are very encouraged by the response given our displacement.

Three new Member Applications have been submitted to the Board for Regular Membership Glenn Hubbard of East Alton, Angela Carver of Godfrey, and Ronald Cobine also of Godfrey. One transfer of membership has also been submitted. Sal Governale submitted a request to transfer his Social Membership to Phyllis Governale, (spouse), and Phyllis Governale has submitted an upgrade application from Social to Regular member.

FROM THE COMMODORE:

We have faced many obstacles lately, but your Boat Club continues to move forward. We will overcome the pandemic, rebuild our clubhouse, and be stronger than ever.

During this time while we are not allowed to gather in large groups, it is important for us to use our other avenues to communicate and stay up to date. Our website, "altonboatclub.com" has been updated to include applications for membership, current open docks, and those up for bid. You can look over pdf versions of our Club Constitution, by-laws, and harbor rules. Ever wonder what was happening 5 years ago at the Boat Club? Check out our online newsletter archive which offers the last 112 editions. There are a few pictures on there too, more to come. Facebook and text alerts will also continue to provide up to date information.

The weekly Queen of Hearts drawings and our Steak Nights will return as soon as possible. There are several events still on the calendar and we WILL have every event that we can. The weather is getting nice and we will open to the extent that we can, as soon as we can.

Our 63-slip harbor has been continually active, and the membership has approved the dredging and reshaping of the harbor mouth. This will happen when the needed water level aligns with excavating availability.

Interest in the Club is already starting to ramp up. We have 4 potential new members you are ready to join ASAP. Remember that we are all recruiters and the Club can always handle another good member.

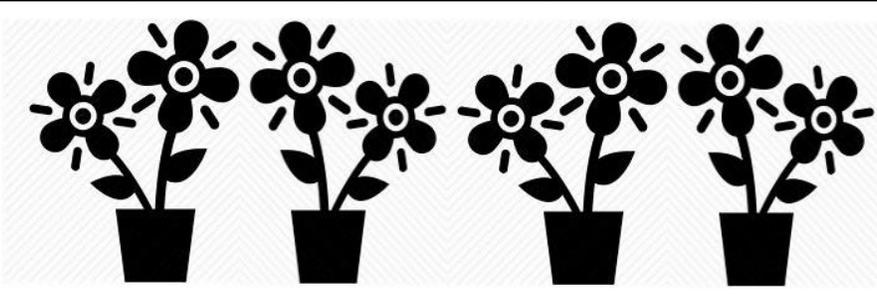
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4 BOARD MEETING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE 7:00PM	5 CINCO DE MAYO	6	7 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	8	9
10 <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>	11 BOARD MEETING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE 7:00PM	12	13	14	15	16 ARMED FORCES DAY 
17	18 BOARD MEETING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE 7:00PM	19	20	21	22	23
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