



Have a Safe & Happy 4th of July!

June Meeting Highlights

President, David Podurgiel welcomed members in attendance. Twenty-seven members registered for the meeting. He gave special welcome to Dessa McCurdy of McCutcheon who was attending her first meeting and to Josh Maynard and Christopher Clark of AMG Resources who have expressed interest in becoming new members. AMG handles processing and trading of scrap. Josh and Christopher attended as guests of Ingram Barge.

President Podurgiel presented the Navigation Report. Discussion included the complications caused by the current on-going low water event; close to critical. Low water affects both locks and navigation and care must be taken. The USACE, National Weather and our Navigational Committee have worked closely during this event to keep mariners informed of complications. A written Navigation Report was not available.

Scott Harshman of PPC provided the Legislative Report. He advised PPC has requested additional IWTF funding to complete the Montgomery Lock project. He reports the House has added verbage to a bill toward this goal. PPC received 26 applications for the Small Grants program totaling approximately \$200K with a budget of only \$70K. Recipients will be announced in July. He thanked Carole Ann Krelow, Executive Director who is retiring, for her work with PPC and the WAP.

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LTJG Eyobe Mills provided the USCG report. Advised USCG will not be available over the 4th of July holiday on local waterways as staff will be assigned to other areas. Discussion followed regarding contact for emergencies during this period. LTJG Mills advised dialing 911 who are very effective in forwarding emergency information to one of the available agencies, Pittsburgh Fire River Rescue and PA Fish & Boat. Mills then presented a plaque and Challenge Coin to Carole Ann Krelow, Executive Director, thanking her for the good work she has done for the WAP and the USCG during her term.

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John Dilla provided the USACE Report. Membership questioned an item on the report noting Maxwell Lock. Primary and Auxilliary is scheduled for work 11 Mar – 19 May 2024. He advised only one lock would be closed at a time during that period. Also of note the

scheduled change of command on August 4. Details to follow.

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Alicia Miller presented the National Weather Service report. Of note, the current dry spell has caused low water conditions predicting rainfall, although it may be “scattered” with hit and miss conditions. Predicted El Nino conditions will bring normal to below normal temperatures, advising even with normal rainfall throughout the balance of the year, our precipitation accumulation may stay below normal.

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Kristen Stojakovich, chair of the Membership and Networking committee reminded membership of the upcoming TopGolf event, Thursday, June 29. Henderson Brothers and Bank of America will be hosting as sponsors. Future events include: Family Night at Washington Wild Things, Fri, Aug 4 includes food and fireworks. Annual Golf Outing at Seven Oaks Country Club will be Tues, Sep 19 and will again be held in partnership with Traffic Club of Pittsburgh.

Daria Schwartz, Chair of the Education Committee reports upcoming events as Man Overboard Seminar, Thur, July 20 at the Fez in Aliquippa and Breakaway Barge Seminar, Thur, Oct 19 also at The Fez.

Gretchen Chamberlain of Website Redesign committee discussed reducing the list of website links is in process and that member companies should provide their company information as part of the program. Creating a website that is a tool for membership being the goal.

Mike Graham announced 3 PMA Scholarship recipients have been selected: Zachary Sussan, Andrew Frank and Nicholas Chessar. They have been invited to receive their scholarships at our July meeting onboard the Gateway Clipper fleet.

Old Business:

Podurgiel advised the Executive Director position remains open and requests if membership has recommendations resumes may be sent directly to him.

Meeting was adjourned by President David Podurgiel.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 12 onboard the Gateway Clipper Fleet.

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