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### **April Meeting Highlights**

Thirty-five members were registered to attend the meeting on April 13, held at Chartiers Country Club in Pittsburgh. President David Podurgiel welcomed Evan Weaver of Pittsburgh Pirate Ship who is considering membership in WAP.

Evan took the floor to inform membership of his company. Pittsburgh Pirate ship can host up to 35 passengers with a crew of two on regularly scheduled one-hour river cruises. Additionally, the vessel can host private cruises.

David took a moment to acknowledge CDR Stephen Miros of the USCG. CDR Miros was attending his final WAP membership meeting as he will be transferred to his new assignment in Port Smith, Virginia. David thanked CDR Miros for his expertise, time, and efforts toward a strong partnership with the WAP.

Shane Checkan, Navigation Committee Chair was introduced and provided current information regarding closures and scheduled re-openings at various lock and damn locations including significant delays at Greenup, see report for details.

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Scott Harshman of Port of Pittsburgh Commission presented the Legislative Report and began his presentation by advising Port of Pittsburgh priorities; Upper Ohio River Navigation System Project, Opposing additional taxation, tolling and lockage fees and Reassessing USACE Benefit-Cost Analysis parameters.

Mary Ann Bucci of Port of Pittsburgh Commission spoke regarding the importance of “face-time” with the IWUB on April 20<sup>th</sup>. She also advised she will be in attendance for the WCI virtual DC fly-in at month’s end. Mary Ann has been named to the Transportation Research Board Subcommittee on Ports.

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LTJG William Russell presented the USCG report. He reported he had submitted the Waterways Association of Pittsburgh for consideration of the 2022 Harbor Safety Committee of the Year Award. This national award will be presented at the 2022 HSC Conference to be held June 13-15 in Boston, MA.

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US Army Corps of Engineers report was presented by Ian McKelvey. Details of current and future lock closures and delays were advised and discussed.

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Lee Henrick presented the national weather forecast.

Robert McCallister, member of the Education Committee reported the Who Works the Rivers educational event will be held on the Gateway Clipper Fleet on Friday, April 29. Currently almost 100 students have signed up for this important educational event. Several of our members will participate as sponsors, presenting at career and activity stations.

Kristen Stojakovich, chair of the networking and membership committee, reviewed our 2022 goal of 5% increase in membership. She also reviewed the list of new and potential members. Potential new members can be directed to Carole Ann Krelow, Executive Director for information regarding membership

Shane Checkan reminded members of our upcoming Sporting Clays Tournament, Friday, May 6, 2022 at Hunting Hills Shooting Preserve in Dilliner, PA. Cost is \$85 per person. Deadline for registration is April 29.

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To view our current calendar of networking and educational events, visit our website: <https://www.waterwaysassociationpgh.org>

### **PMA Scholarship Update**

PMA has received 21 applications for Scholarships! The PMA Scholarship Committee will review each application and four winners will be announced in May. Scholarships will be presented at our July membership meeting.

**Point of Pittsburgh Sailing League** will be instructing high schoolers on the rivers this year.

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