



## NORTH FLATHEAD YACHT CLUB

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 15th, 2018

Call to order at 7:03 PM

**Officers Present:** Commodore Ginjer Yachechak, Past Commodore Brad Lane, Vice Commodore Justin Young, Secretary Gayle Graf, Treasurer Eric Hurst, Port Captain Jeff Medler

**Board Members Present:** Austin Baumgarten, Ken Yachechak, Shelby Switzer, Ellen Ballerstein

**Absent:** Rear Commodore Ben Knotts, Doug Rommereim, Chris Parson

**Members Present:** 34, representing 30 votes

Minutes from last AGM - Motion to accept the November 2017 AGM Minutes was made by Tim Rogge. Ellen seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Officer/Committee Reports**

Commodore - Ginjer recognized the members who were lost to us this year and their contributions to the club. She thanked the current Board and relayed their individual contributions. She gifted each board member with an NFYC burgee and each officer with a flag denoting their service area and a card. She summarized some major accomplishments of the Board for 2018 including the recent land purchase, the north ramp project, and the LED light project. She recognized the Dotens who leased the trailer lot to us for many years before the purchase. She recognized Brad Lane, Eric Hust and Jim Kelley who were instrumental in making the land purchase possible.

Vice Commodore - Justin reported that we had a great turn out on Tuesday night races, but Friday night races were less well attended. J24 Regionals went well as did the MT Cup Regatta and the club made money on both. Our Race Steward left earlier than expected, but racing finished strong thanks to member volunteers. He thanked Ginjer for her leadership during the year.

Race Committee - Ginjer reported that this committee generally consists of the Fleet captains who had no report. Maren reminded the group that the Race Steward is also responsible to help set buoys for Long Distance Races.

Handicap Committee - Dick Graf thanked Phil Healey for all his help this year. PHRF will get somewhat of an overhaul next year, and if anyone has a non-standard sail size, it should be measured, reported on the appropriate form and handed in to Dick or Phil.

Rear Commodore - Ginjer reported that Ben did a great job filling in this position and the hiring of groundskeeping and cleaning companies worked well for us this year. Eric mentioned that both the north and south club gates would be locked for the winter season and can be opened using the regular NFYC key. Steve Nichols and the O'Shaughnessy family suggested and support this extra measure of security.

Treasurer - Eric shared the 2018 highlights: 2.66 acres of property was purchased at 282 School Addition Road from the Hildegard Doten Trust for \$55,000. The total amount of the transaction was \$57,634. \$25,000 was

withdrawn from the Facilities Reserve and \$31,363 was added to the existing loan at Glacier bank. There will be no change in the yearly loan payment due to the purchase until maturity in 2025.

NFYC received \$19,341.97 as our portion of the Mattson vs PPL Montana Settlement. The settlement involved erosion and fluctuation of lake levels. Eric thanked Jeff Medler who did most of the legwork in 2017 to file the paperwork. The funds have been deposited in the Dock Reserve.

Other major projects included: North Ramp improvements which totaled \$8884.34 and was under budget. Many thanks to Kurt Hafferman! A lighting upgrade on main property to LED is in progress. Total net cost to the club after rebate from Flathead Electric is \$7077.17. There will be long-term savings to the club each year thanks to Mike Frey, Matt Russell, and Richard Cohen.

Eric thanked Lynn Miller for donating \$500 to Junior Sailing. The interest rate on the loan went up from 4.25% to 5.5%. There was some discussion of looking at the rate in 3 years. Eric also reported that the land purchase will increase the tax payments.

The club will finish the year with a profit, but have several large projects to consider. We added 4 memberships this year with 3 openings currently. Justin motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Scott Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary - Gayle asked the membership if everyone was happy with the current means and amount of communication. It was suggested that good articles or other items of interest could be shared with the membership via the NFYC facebook page. She mentioned that the calendar of events and the race results sections of the website are great sources of information. Gayle and Maren will be working to make Minutes accessible on the website as well.

Port Captain - Jeff reported that gravel has been put down on the new entrance to the trailer lot which is approximately 30 feet north of the old entrance. He will work on removing a tree and marking the entrance before trailers are parked in the spring. He thanked Maren Amnotte and Mark Lorang for their record keeping and testimonials which assisted him in filing paperwork for the Mattson vs PPL Montana suit. He reported that the swim ladders would be removed soon to protect them from the ice and reminded members to remove any lines which may reach the water before the lake freezes.

Membership Committee - Ken reported that there are 3 openings which can be filled in May.

Adult Sailing Committee - George taught his second season of Introduction to Sailing at FVCC this summer. There were approximately 20 students each season and some have purchased boats. He reminded us that ASA certifications are available through courses taught in Dayton and they are always looking for instructor if anyone is interested. George is considering doing a Coastal Navigation course and looking for Guinea Pigs. He may also offer a Safety at Sea course for the club. Watch for updates about those courses on the club's facebook page. Thanks, George!

Junior Sailing - Carly Baumgarten will be taking over as director of Junior Sailing this year which will be supported by the new Race Steward. Ginjer reported that the new covers for the boats work well and have saved the club time and energy since the boats no longer need to be moved each season.

Social Committee - Gayle reported that 6 boats were named or renamed and there was a good turnout for the potluck at the ceremony which took place on 5/5 and this event will continue if members are interested. She asked about interest in winter activities and reviving the Hot Tub Regatta. Everyone is invited to the annual New Year's Eve party at the new Graf Haus. She asked if having the annual Club Picnic in July instead of late in the year worked well for everyone and reminded members that next year's theme for Wal-a-Boat is Margaritaville. She commented on the growing popularity of the Voyage to the End of the Word and encouraged members to take part in some of the races that are geared toward socialization such as the Yellow Bay and Lakeside races. If there is interest, she will put together a plan for a 3 or 4 day end-of-season cruise around the lake which would include stops at various restaurants, breweries, wineries, or other clubs. She reminded everyone that the Annual Banquet is for all members, not just racers and there was discussion on how we can make this and other events more inclusive. Gayle threw out a few other ideas for club social events and asked for input from members.

Website Committee - Maren reported that other than adding monthly Minutes and a few race results, the website is up to date. Hailey Graf volunteered to be on the committee and help with reviving the website's photo gallery.

New Projects Committee - Brad thanked the members of the committee with a special thanks to Kurt Hafferman who will now head up the committee. Projects that have been accomplished include the new trailer lot, and a survey completed by Waati Engineering to help find a long term solution for the failing wave wall. The committee will need to work with an electrical engineer to bring the upgraded dock lighting up to code as part of the project. The BBQ pit area is sinking and needs fixed as well as the ramp to the south boat launch. The entrance to the new trailer lot needs completed with asphalt and a new gate installed in the spring. Replacing the Committee Boat was discussed. Of less importance, the committee has discussed a boat repair area on the grounds, a mower shed/garage to store equipment, rocks along the north side of the parking area and perhaps acquiring the swampy land north of there. The committee has also discussed acquiring a destination property that members could sail to. Brad thanked Kurt who has given his expertise on the north ramp and many other projects.

Jennifer Rogge thanked everyone who participated in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters sail, about 10 boats

### **New Business**

1. Proposed bylaw change - Eric explained the reasoning and intent of the Bylaw change. He explained that we would be voting on a concept not the fee which would be governed by the Board and not part of the Bylaw. Currently, the Board is suggesting \$20/foot of boat. The term, "Actively used" boats is defined in the Bylaw and would be policed via the honor system as it is not the Board's intent to police members. At Julie's suggestion to clarify that mast-up parking is not free, Reggie Goode made a motion to amend the first sentence of the Bylaw to read, "Mast-up storage is available ***for a fee*** to members who "Actively use" their boats." Tim Rogge seconded the motion. Motion carried. There was some discussion of the Board's sensitivity to the needs of

its members who cannot launch their boats during any particular year, and the feeling was the fee is punitive enough without other repercussions. Tim made a motion to accept the proposal as amended and Ken seconded. Motion carried.

2. Voting of new Officers - Gayle made a motion to accept nominations from the floor, and Maren seconded. Ginjer called for nominations three times. Tim made a motion to close the nominations and Reggie seconded. Motion carried and voting for 3 new Members at Large and the Bylaw proposal commenced.

After the votes were tabulated, Ginjer welcomed the 2019 Board:

Commodore: Chris Parson

Vice Commodore: Ginjer Yachechak

Past Commodore: Ginjer Yachechak

Rear Commodore: Dick Graf

Secretary: Gayle Graf

Treasurer: Eric Hurst

Port Captain: Jeff Medler

Members at Large for a 2-year term: Hailey Graf, Justin Young, Ellen Ballerstein

Members remaining on the Board for another year are Ken Yachechak, Doug Rommereim, and Austen Baumgarten

Proposed Bylaw change to Article XII Section 4 passed: 27 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 2 ABSTAINING

The Bylaw will read:

“ Mast-up storage is available for a fee to members who "Actively use" their boats. "Actively used" is defined as a mast-up boat that is sailed during the season. Members in good standing may store a sailboat on the grounds for one sailing season without use. Boats for sale are also allowed one season of storage. All boats not being launched for the season must be parked along the back (East) fence or east of the pump house. Boats not "Actively Used" for one season have until July 1 of the following season to remove their boat from the club grounds or the member will be assessed a Non-Use fee. If the Non-Use fee is not paid, the member becomes not in good standing with the club and the Board may exercise Article I I section 3 of the Bylaws. Members may also choose to put their boat in a slip, and pay the required slip fee by May 1 and the Non-Use fee will not be assessed. No sailboat-hardware or accessories (e.g. jack stands, anchors, sails, or masts) may be stored on the grounds unless attached to the sailboat or trailer thereof, unless approved by the Board of Directors. Any sailboat hardware or member's personal items left on the grounds more than 30 days may be disposed of at the discretion of the Board. Empty trailers are to be relocated to the trailer storage lot (282 School Addition Road) when the boat is launched for the season. All empty trailers must be moved off the club grounds by July 1 of each year. Empty trailers must not be placed back on the club grounds until September 1 of each year. The Board of Directors has the authority to define the amount of the Non-Use fee and any other fees for non-compliance to this By-Law.”

The Board thanks everyone who threw their hat in the ring, past Board members and everyone who volunteered during the 2018 season.

Motion to adjourn was made by Brad Lane and seconded by Scott Murphy. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Gayle Graf, Secretary