



North Flathead Yacht Club
Annual General Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2017
Somers Fire Hall

Officers Present: Commodore Brad Lane, Treasurer Eric Hurst, Port Captain Jeff Medler, Past Commodore Phil Healey, Secretary Lori Switzer, Vice Commodore George Michels

Board Members Present: Shelby Switzer, Ginjer Yachechak, April Russell, Pati Pennington, Chris Parson

Absent:, Carly Baumgarten, Rear Commodore Kirk Kalbfleisch,

Members Present: There were 50 total members present, representing 36 votes.

Call to order at 7:08 pm

Minutes from last AGM meeting on November 18, 2016 Motion by Ginjer to accept the Minutes. Second by Bob Harris. Motion carried.

Officer/Committee Reports

Commodore - Brad welcomed all the attendees. He reminded us of those fond members who are no longer with us from this last year, Tom Sliter, Chuck Breslin and Genia Tartaglino.

Brad recognized each of the 2017 Board of Directors and thanked them for their time and commitment.

The Commodore reviewed the repair work and painting that has been completed on the clubhouse this last year. It includes repair of siding, new windows in the club room, trim work and paint interior and exterior. Also the second level decking epoxied and painted. Brad recognized and thanked all those members who helped and volunteered.

He thanked the three members involved in the audit committee : Jeff Fisher, Trevon Baker and Jeannie Luckey. Also he thanked the Budget Committee: Phil, Eric, Maren, Shelby, Ellen (and himself).

Brad also thanked Dean for initiating the presentation on Invasive Aquatic Species by Karen Minske. He appreciated Phil and Eric for taking the class to inspect and certify our yachts in the yard prior to launching.

Brad reviewed the many dock repairs that took place over this last year. These included electrical work which makes our club safer. He gave much thanks to Wes Hulla for the many hours he gave to these repairs.

He gave an update on the Class Action Lawsuit which was filed on our club's behalf. He thanked Jeff Medler for his detailed work. The estimate the club **may** receive is \$10,000-12,000. There still is another court hearing to be held.

Brad thanked all those involved in keeping up the club grounds and hard efforts at the Spring and Fall work parties. He also thanked the Social Committee, Gayle and Bev for great events and staying under budget.

He recognized Kurt Hafferman for all his help and engineering input into club projects. Brad gave an update of the Long Range Planning Committee's work. They are maintaining a list of Capital Improvements of the work to be completed at club in the future. This group will meet quarterly.

A spread sheet was given to members with the current list of projects from the Long Range Planning Committee.

Brad gave an update on the North Boat Ramp repair, currently on track to be completed in the Spring of 2018. Steve Nichols with Classic Boat Works will also participate in the completion of the project.

Other projects being planned are: Wave wall project with C-dock stringer replacement, rebuilding the dock on south side of the beach area, securing a trailer lot and re-doing the BBQ area because it is sinking.

Brad said it has been an honor to serve NFYC.

Vice Commodore – George encouraged a member to volunteer for this job. It has been rewarding and educational! He has enjoyed getting to know all the members. He thanked all the racing sailors. George thanked the Montana Cup volunteers and Wes for keeping the Committee Boats in good working order. He also thanked April and Riley for their work with the Junior sailors and Riley for the Race Steward position.

George expressed his gratitude to our Rear Commodore, Kirk for a job well done on the club grounds.

Treasurer – Eric stated that April has done a good job with Junior Sailing and her budget. He reported on the reserve account totals for the docks and facilities. The Loan has a balance of \$291,978 and we pay 4.25% interest. Our loan payment for 2017 was \$42,241 and the loan matures on 6/28/2025.

Our membership is full at 140 members plus 4 Charter members.

A membership dues increase went into effect for Spring of 2017, from \$450 to \$500/member.

The Race Steward's salary was increased this past year, to cover the larger Junior Sailing program. Eric reviewed the expenses spent on the clubhouse and docks. He gave thanks to Wes and we should all realize how much we benefit from his time spent on various club projects.

At this point in the year, we are ahead overall on the budget and the Accounts are in good shape!

Eric reminded the members of the By-law change a year ago with respect to Yachts not launched this past summer and stored in the parking lot. In July 2018, any boat not put into the water in 2017 will need to be launched or moved from the lot, with any extension requiring board approval.

Motion by Kaci Yachechak to accept the Treasurer's report. Scott Murphy seconded. Motion carries.

Port Captain - Jeff thanked all who attended the Fall work party. We got a lot accomplished. Jim Kelley recommended we remove dock ladders so the ice does not damage them. Some have pins that come out easily. Last year there was two ladders that Eric, Wes and Kurt had to repair due to ice damage.

Secretary – Lori introduced our 8 new members and one Honorary member added this last year. She also reminded the club of three new marriages this last year within our membership.

Lori gave a report on the quote by the Mild Fence Company to replace our entrance gate with an electric one. There are two types of gates that can be installed. The quote also included the repair to the fencing on the far east side of the lot where trees have fallen on it in the past.

She thanked the Board for their hard work and dedication to our great yacht club.

Handicap Committee - Dick Graf thanked Phil and said that All sailors were happy with their numbers.

Membership Committee – Ginjer asked for volunteers.

Adult Sailing Committee – George gave a report on the Introductory Sailing Course at Flathead Valley Community College in the summer of 2017. Trevon and George were the instructors. There was good

participation and exposure for our club. Three sailors from the course went on to purchase a sailboat! He would like to continue this course next year.

George reminds the members that there is an American Sailing Association school being held out of Dayton at the SFYC. One can obtain an Instructor's certification at this school.

He is considering hosting a Safety at Sea Course at our club for our members.

Junior Sailing – April reported that most students are not club members. Riley has been great with the juniors and had beginner, intermediate and advanced classes. April would like to see them branch out more with racing on Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings. Riley would like to use the Flying Juniors and Lasers more with the juniors. April is looking forward to coordinating the program for one more year. She would like some more adult volunteers to help with the organization.

Social Committee – Gayle and Bev had a good time with the events. They are open to new ideas. How about a Naming of the Yachts party?!

Website Committee – Maren said the website is up to date. Kaci asked, "How do we find the minutes on the website?" Maren stated that any member can request the board minutes.

New Business

Statement of Purpose (SOP) – Phil recommends that the SOP be incorporated back into the By-Laws of NFYC. It is currently a separate document. Previously it was attached.

Motion made by Phil to attach the SOP to the Bylaws. Maren Seconded. Motion Carries.

Trailer Lot (Doten property) For Sale – Brad presented the information on this property for sale. He gave the members a summary and a map. This is an opportunity to purchase the land we currently rent as trailer storage in the summer. This is approximately 2.4 acres with a 20' deeded access. The club paid \$2250 this year for the lease, and have had the opportunity to lease it for many years. If purchased, we would pay the taxes vs. the lease. Brad stated the club could add the purchase price to the end of our current loan at Glacier Bank. Our terms and payment would not change, just that it would take longer to pay off the loan. The question is do we add the cost of the lot to the loan and share the cost of improvement in our club to future club members or do we charge a usage fee? There are individual items within our club we pay for that maybe it makes sense to have a surcharge for the storage of trailers in the summer.

Shelby is concerned about the loan. He doesn't see how it would be paid off by the maturity date in 2025. He calculated that ~ \$14,000 will remain on the loan balance after the June 2025 maturity date under the current annual payment. This increases to \$91,000 if the current \$55,000 price of the trailer lot is added to the loan balance.

Melanie stated we should buy the property, as we may not have an opportunity like this again.

Jim Kelley spoke of another option that may be available in the nearby area, with a lease on 1-2 acres with a purchase option. This land is on the south side of Sunny Brook Lane.

Scott Murphy stated he believes we should share this cost even though he does not use trailer storage. He also would like to have the total loan package reviewed and understand the amortization schedule.

Motion by Don Lewis to purchase said property and add that to the existing loan. Melanie Dardis seconded.

Motion Carries

Election of Officers for 2018 NFYC Board of Directors

Maren moves that the nominations be open from the floor. The current nominations are read.

Justin Young is nominated from the floor for the position of Vice Commodore.

Reggie make a motion that the nominations be closed. Dick seconded. Motion Carries.

Election held by ballot.

NFYC 2018 Board of Directors

Commodore: Ginjer Yachechak

Vice Commodore : Justin Young

Rear Commodore : Kirk Kalbfleisch

Treasurer : Eric Hurst

Secretary : Gayle Graf

Past Commodore : Brad Lane

Port Captain : Jeff Medler

Board Members at Large

2 year term

Jim Kelley (thru 2019)

Doug Rommereim (thru 2019)

Ken Yachechak (thru 2019)

Remain at large Board Members for 1 year

Chris Parson (thru 2018)

Shelby Switzer (thru 2018)

Austin Baumgarten (thru 2018)

Motion to Adjourn by Kaci, Pati seconded. Motion carries

Adjournment 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Lori Switzer – Secretary

