

**North Flathead Yacht Club
Board Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2014
7:00 PM
Club House**

Officers Present: Commodore: Trevon Baker, **Vice Commodore:** Kurt Hafferman, **Treasurer:** Maren Amnotte, **Secretary:** Anne Muir, **Past Commodore:** Tim Rogge

Board Members Present: Mark Salisbury, Jack Muir, Ginger Yachechak, Melanie Dardis, Jeff Medler, Tobey Schule

Yacht Club Members Present: Brad Lane, Phil Healey, Guy Stickney

Meeting called to order at 7:05 Pm.

Minutes were read. Tim made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Melanie 2nd. Minutes approved as written.

Old Business:

1. Initiation fee adjustments:

Mark Salisbury presented information discussed at the New Member/ young Member brainstorming meeting. **See attached notes from that meeting.**

Mark also presented a proposal for a tiered membership initiation fee based on age. **See attached notes for specific age and fees.**

The board discussed, at length, the pros and cons of this proposal.

Kurt made a motion to accept the tiered initiation fees as written. Ginger 2nd. The majority of the board approved. Motion passed. One member of the board abstained from voting.

Ginger asked for an amendment to the motion "to have the membership committee review the initiation fees every year and report findings to the board."

Kurt Hafferman made a motion to accept. Mark Salisbury 2nd . **Motion passed.**

Maren will post the initiation fee adjustment on the club web site.

Board discussion on having some kind of criteria to accept new members, such as a check list and point system. ie, how many years of sailing, how many years of racing, etc. The board also discussed how many times a year we should look at new member applications. Maren made a motion to look at apps quarterly. (May, August, November, February) Tim 2nd. **Motion didn't pass**

Ginger made a motion to hold apps from Oct - May 1st and vote on new members at May meeting and hold apps from June through Sept and vote at Sept meeting. No 2nd.

Melanie Dardis made a motion to look at apps in May, August and Nov. Kurt Hafferman 2nd. **Motion passed.**

Board tabled looking at the social membership until next meeting.

2. Dock Repairs:

Kurt recommended hiring a certified welder to repair the cracks on C Dock. Kurt will bring in a structural engineer to advise.

3. Facility Repairs:

The repairs to the facility will come in under \$2000 and will be completed in approximately 3 weeks.

New Business:

1. Epic Shore to Shore Race:

Discussion on the pros and cons of letting Non Profits use our club facilities for fundraising activities. The board decided that we need to pick and choose agencies that have something to do with sailing.

Melanie made a motion to not allow First Descents to use our facility for their "Epic Shore To Shore" race. Kurt 2nd. **Motion passed.** The club will not allow this event on club grounds.

2. Camp Marshall Sailing Program in Big Arm is looking for a sailing instructor. Phil Healey will email them as he is interested in this position.

3. Spring Work Party will be May 17th.

Commodore Report:

Trevon proposed a "meet and greet" social gathering with the Lakeside/Somers Chamber of Commerce. This event will be held at the yacht club on June 25th.

Vice Commodore Report:

1. Kurt Hafferman has things under control for the Montana Cup Race.

2. Carl Halgrimson (Race Steward) needs to have small boat certification. There is a class being held in Seattle May 23-25. The club will pay \$350 for the class. Carl also needs CPR and First Aid certification. This is available in Kalispell. Carl will attend class before race season begins.

3. Jesco will do a once over on the committee boat and assess whether we need a new motor.

Treasurers Report:

3 members have given up their slips.

Maren reviewed the budget and treasurers report.

Melanie made a motion to accept budget. Kurt 2nd. **Budget passed.**

Membership committee:

Tim Rogge
Mark Salisbury
Ginger Yackechak
Maren Amnotte

The membership committee would like to hold a “meet and greet” event at the club to introduce the community to sailing. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers, chips ,beer etc. Tobey Schule will sponsor this event, if we can do it for under \$500.

Discussion on bylaw change to implement a mission statement for the club which would address that racing is what our mission.

Jr Sailing Committee:

Melanie reported that we have 4 community members interested in the Jr sailing program.

Mark Salisbury reported that we now have a new insurance carrier.

Kurt made a motion to adjourn. Anne 2nd. Meeting adjourned ant 9:55

Submitted by
Anne Muir
NFYC Secretary

Membership Committee Recommendations

1. Consider membership applications three times per year only.
2. Establish a permanent membership committee.
3. Review tiered membership fees and dues annually for effectiveness.
4. Establish a social membership classification for recruiting purposes.
5. Have social functions that interest diverse candidates that may be invited.
6. Possibly coordinate With Flathead Valley CC a learn to sail program.
7. Informational meetings at various venues videos etc.
8. Encourage members to mentor young sailors.

Age Tiered Initiation Fees

INITIATION FEES	DUES
18-23 _____ \$250.00	\$300.00
24-27 _____ \$400.00	\$300.00
28-30 _____ \$550.00	\$300.00
31-33 _____ \$700.00	\$450.00
34-36 _____ \$1000.00	\$450.00
37-40 _____ \$1500.00	\$450.00
41-44 _____ \$2000.00	\$450.00
45 and up _____ \$2500.00	\$450.00

Couples: Age determined by oldest member

New Member/Young Member Brainstorming Session

- Mark Salisbury presented ideas regarding tiered membership and social/provisional membership
The group discussed at length the advantages and disadvantages and what we would like to see the board move forward with, Mark will present these changes.
- As part of bringing in new members that are interested in being active in the racing program we discussed the possibility of hosting a meet and greet membership rally on the grounds at the club, early in the season, during which members could reconnect with each other and new people would be invited to see the yacht club ground and meet members. This would hopefully be early June and be hosted as a social event by the club. We would need to promote this publicly through the interlake, beacon, facebook, website etc.
- Another idea that was discussed not only for new members but for all members is the idea of a stipend or credit for race participation. This would be given to all boats who qualify in a particular series ie) Dels, POETS or long distance. The amount would need to be discussed by the board and would be issued at the end of the season.
- We discussed the possibility of pairing with FVCC to host a sailing course in which people could learn to sail and build excitement towards our program, perhaps leading to social/provisional memberships in which a person could prove themselves to the club prior to applying for membership
- We discussed having a Jr. Flag Recruiting Committee who would be committed to hosting events, advertising and promoting new membership
- Regarding membership and how it is voted on, we discussed having a specific time of year that all applicants are looked at each spring. It would be nice to have a date after dues are paid so we know how many openings we have available and make a decision on all applications at one time. We also discussed the idea of implementing "criteria for acceptance" in which the board could determine without being biased whether an applicant was acceptable. This would help with future membership decisions and account for different boards etc. to make decisions equal throughout years to come.
- Lastly, we discussed having our mission statement added to the bylaws as it currently is not. If we are having a meeting with the membership as a whole to add the provisional membership this would be a great time to add our mission statement.