

NORTH FLATHEAD YACHT CLUB  
MINUTES  
December 10, 2014  
AT THE CLUB HOUSE 7:00 PM

**PRESENT:** Officers: Commodore Brad Lane, Vice Commodore Phil Healey Substitute Secretary Sherry Abel (Christa Handford is sick), Past Commodore Trevon Baker, Treasurer Maren Annotte, Port Captain Kurt Hafferman. Board members: Dick Graf, Kaci Yachechak, Lori Switzer, Eric Hurst Jeff Medler.

**ABSENT:** Rear Commodore Kirk Kalbfleish, Board member Ginger Yachechak.

Commodore Brad Lane called the meeting to order at 7:04. He asked Sherry Abel to read the minutes from the November 12, 2014 meeting. Eric Hurst made a motion to accept the minutes as written, second by Kaci Yachechak. Motion carried, after brief discussion on waiting until May to vote in new members. Maren also asked for the order of the agenda to be changed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Kurt, Maren and Trevon have been working on an application for new club insurance quote. Kurt will thoroughly go over with the insurance representative on all policies they are looking at. The race insurance was cancelled due to the insurance company stopping the coverage. We got a new underwriter insurance in the mail today. We now have U.S. Sailing for Racing, which is paid for only three months per year. General liability insurance is different. Burgee can do both types of insurance. Kurt will sort through this before the end of January.

The Board approved application Melanie Dardis submitted for a wedding around June 25. We still need the deposit and hold harmless form signed. Maren will remind Melanie to do this.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion of the board meeting nights---it was decided to change to the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. January 8 will be the next meeting at the club.

The 2015 Budget Committee meeting will be next Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 6:30. Members attending will be Maren, Phil, Brad, and Tim Rogge will be asked to attend, as well as Heidi Lane, Social Director.

Maren needs to have Board Officers listed in the minutes who will have permission to sign checks, or have a debit/credit card for the club. Those people will be Commodore Brad Lane, Rear Commodore Kirk Kalbfleisch, Secretary Christa Handford, Treasurer Maren Amnotte, Vice Commodore Phil Healey, and Port Captain Kurt Hafferman. Eric Hurst made a motion to approve the board officers as listed to be signers on all checking, savings accounts, with debit/credit cards, second by Trevon Baker. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion followed about getting a grant from Flathead Electric to apply for an AED—defibrillator to have at the club. As more members are getting older it would be a good safety reason to have it. Kaci Yachechak will follow up on the application.

#### **REPORTS:**

**Commodore Brad Lane** said he really didn't have anything to report since it is the first meeting, but he is very glad to be here.

**Vice Commodore Phil Healey** talked about the calendar for racing, and plans to have fleet race committee meetings soon, and is looking for racers to volunteer for each fleet. He will be talking to Karl, the race steward about possibilities of making changes to get more interest in the Friday night races.

**Rear Commodore Kirk Kalbfleisch** is in Florida for the winter, but report is that the bathroom problem was fixed.

**Treasurer Report from Maren**, see attached. Maren reported there is one member who has an outstanding bill of \$125 for mast up fee. Chad Lyman has not given proof of insurance either, so she will send a certified letter to pay by the end of the year or lose his membership.

Profit and Loss report will be discussed at the budget meeting. Briefly, there were less dues received in 2014. Montana Cup lost about \$500 this year also. There is about \$9000 left in the checking account, and still has to pay about half of that in bills.

Motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by Trevon Baker, second by Erick Hurst. Motion carried.

**Secretary**—no report. Christa is very ill with strep throat, so her mom, Sherry Abel is filling in for her tonight.

**Port Captain Kurt Hafferman**, see copy of his report, list of members and boat slips. We used 90 slips, with 47 vacant. Discussion followed regarding dingy docks, and possibly expanding the racks at the spring work party. Kurt will do inventory of all the boats and trailers at the club. He will also do a survey and topo of the yacht club as well.

**Membership Committee:** No report tonight, Ginger is absent. Members on this committee include Trevon, Maren Tim Rogge, Mark Salisbury, Toy Schule, and Jeff Fisher.

**Handicap Committee:** Phil Healey will be head of it this year as part of his job. Kurt Hafferman has been working on it, but still needs work. Commodore is supposed to put together people for Protest Judges. Phil reminded that sail measurements must be turned in. Tony DeVoe was the expert on handicaps in the past. Kurt mentioned that in the past years PHRF handicaps were used for consistency. Thanks to Kurt for dealing with this.

**Race/Vice Commodore**, has already reported.

**Junior Sailing**—we still need someone to run the program. It consists mainly of administrative duties, there is no teaching needed. Brad will ask Heidi and Melanie if they know of anyone who might be able to help.

**Social:** no report.

**Website** was updated by Maren yesterday, and she still has other changes to make. We need to add the facility use form, which Mark Salisbury will send to Maren. We should also have member and Attorney Pat Sherlock look at the hold harmless form again.

**Long Term Planning Committee:** Eric Hurst volunteered to be on the team. Ideas were presented at the yearly member meeting in December. Members of this committee include Ken Yachechak, Buck Love, and Jim Thompson. Additional land for parking of our trailers was probably the most important, as voted on at the annual meeting. Tim Rogge knows the owner where we rent from now, and will have him ask if he is interested in selling the property, or giving the club first right of refusal at the time he is ready.

Motion was made by Trevon Baker to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kaci Yachechak, motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m

Respectfully submitted by:  
Sherry Abel  
Fill-in Secretary for Christa Handford,  
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