



NORTH FLATHEAD YACHT CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

JANUARY 8TH, 2015

7:00 PM AT TREVON BAKER'S HOUSE

Present: Officers: Commodore Brad Lane, Vice Commodore Phil Healey, Secretary Christa Handford, Past Commodore Trevon Baker, Treasurer Maren Amotte, Port Captain Kurt Hafferman. Board members: Dick Graf, Kaci Yachechak, Lori Switzer, Eric Hurst, Jeff Medler, Ginger Yachechak.

Absent: Rear Commodore Kirk Kalbfleisch

Call to order: 7:11 PM

Trevon Baker made a motion to accept the December minutes with the following correction: Treasurer Maren Griffith, rather than Secretary. Second was by Kaci Yachechak. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Club Insurance – Kurt Hafferman shared the current policies for Commercial and Inland Marine Property (club house and boats) and the Commercial Liability that we currently have with Payne West here in Kalispell (Kurt handed out copies). The Commercial and Liability policies are in place but at this time but we do not have regatta insurance. The insurance agent at Payne West offered a different regatta insurance carrier, The David Agency, and that application was also handed out but we have not applied for the regatta insurance yet. The current policies are \$1,491 for Commercial and \$2260.50 for liability. It appears that regatta insurance has been \$100 with Payne West and would be near to \$500 with the David Agency.

US Sailing offers the Gowrie Group's Burgee insurance. Kurt has sent in the application presented at the last meeting and they are reviewing the application and going to provide a Commercial and Inland Marine Property and Liability quote as well as the regatta insurance quote. The Board can then compare the existing policies and regatta insurance offered by Payne West with the Gowrie Group quote. There was some discussion about the club's eligibility for the different types of insurance, the David Agency has a \$50,000 Annual Gross Revenue, that will have to be checked to determine what defines Annual Gross Revenue. There is also some discussion about what the regatta insurance covers. A suggestion was made that we might want to get an attorney from the club to look over the policy choices before

we commit to one. No decisions could be made at this time while we are waiting for all of the quotes to come in. Kurt will follow up by scanning and providing the Gowrie Group quote and Payne West quote together for the Board to consider before the next Board meeting.

2. Long Range Planning Committee - Kurt Hafferman spoke to the owner (Doten) of the trailer lot. Doten said he is never interested in selling the lot and he would not like to be asked again. He's fine with how things are working right now. He doesn't wish to redo the agreement. The committee will continue to look someplace else for property.
3. AED defibrillator – Kaci Yachechak researched the cost for different types of AED's. We don't qualify for a scholarship because we are not a 501.c.3. Federal non-profit corporation. It would cost \$1500 to \$2000 to buy one. The fully automated AED's are more expensive. There was some discussion about where it would be kept and if we really need one. After the discussion there was a motion made by Kaci Yachechak to investigate the full cost to purchase an AED and wall case for the club. Second was by Jeff Medler. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

1. 2015 Proposed Budget (see attached) – Maren Amnotte presented the proposed budget for 2015. There was discussion about whether \$6,000 for the committee boats is too much since many repairs were done last year. It was decided that we should keep it at \$6,000 in case of unknown upcoming expenses on the aging boats. There was discussion about what the dock fees should cover. It was pointed out that the docks are more than paying for themselves at this point with the dock fees. There was a motion by Ginger Yachechak to accept the proposed 2015 budget as written. Second was by Kaci Yachechak. Motion carried.
2. Adult Sailing Lessons – Trevon Baker presented the idea that he and Kurt Hafferman would consider offering an eight to ten week class for adults who would like to learn how to sail. They were still working on ideas for possible boats to use. There was a San Juan 7.7 donated to the Yacht Club but was not accepted. We could still accept it possibly. The issue of insurance coverage was discussed as well as who would teach it, would non-member's need to come in as 'temporary members, and are there club members who would volunteer to offer clinics? Trevon and Kurt would donate time. It was suggested that we could possibly offer to members only to start at no charge. It was mentioned that it would be nice to start with five couples. The lessons could possibly culminate on a race night. Ginjer mentioned that these issues had also been discussed at the membership committee meetings. It was decided that Trevon and Kurt will put together a plan and will present it to the next meeting of the membership committee who will decide if they will carry it to the board.

3. Maren discussed the idea of going with a new credit card company and credit card scanner for the iPhone so the Yacht Club would again be able to accept credit cards for payments for dues and dock fees, and in particular this year it was requested by some of the out-of-state Montana Cup entrants. It would cost \$1.90 to swipe cards, \$2.65 if Maren enters it manually, \$3.15 for American Express and business cards, \$49.00 annual fee, \$5.00 statement fee, and a \$19.00 compliance fee. After some discussion it was decided that we would take no action on this at this time due to the expense and hassle that would come with accepting credit cards. It was decided that this really isn't needed at this time.

Officer/Committee Reports:

Commodore – Brad Lane said that April Russel said she would be willing to do Junior Sailing.

Vice Commodore – Phil Healey said he is looking for fleet captains and some nominations have been made but he is still collecting more. The calendar is being worked on. He talked about purchased and needed equipment/ flags, horns, etc. PHRF issues were discussed. The large race committee boat was moved to storage to be dried out because it was full of snow. Phil said that Karl is looking forward to next year and is currently living at the club. He asked that members don't leave the gate open if you go to the club and lock it when you leave. He also mentioned that we need to make sure to coordinate with possible added adult sailing lessons when working on calendar.

Rear Commodore - No Report

Treasurer – Maren Amnotte presented the Treasurer's Report (see attached). The club currently has 4 openings. Kaci Yachechak made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second was by Eric Hurst. Motion carried.

Secretary – Christa Handford asked a question about where to send the minutes when they are finished. Trevon said they should be emailed to all members of the board for their review and then submitted to Brad Lane with any changes that were needed. Brad will then send the draft of the minutes out with the next board meeting agenda.

Port Captain – Kurt Hafferman had a question about the drawing of the dock that is used to assign slips. He wanted permission to change it to a digitized dock layout from a Google Earth aerial photograph. He was told that he could do that.

Membership Committee – Ginjer Yachechak is hoping to have a meeting soon and will have Kurt and Trevon there to present the possible adult sailing lessons with the Membership Committee.

Handicap Committee – No Report

Race Committee – already discussed in Phil's report

Junior Sailing – April Russel should be invited to the next board meeting.

Social Committee - No Report

Website Committee – Maren reported that about half of the corrections have been made.

Long Term Planning - Eric Hurst will tell other members about looking for new property for trailers.

Adjournment: Motion by Kaci Yachechak to adjourn the meeting. Second was by Ginjer Yachechak. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Christa Handford

Secretary, NFYC