



NORTH FLATHEAD YACHT CLUB

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 14th, 2016 7:00 PM

Present: Officers: Commodore Phil Healey, Vice Commodore George Michels, Rear Commodore Kirk Kalfbfleisch, Treasurer Maren Amnotte, Secretary Christa Handford. Board members: Dick Graf, Eric Hurst, April Russell, Carley Baumgarten, Patti Pennington, Lori Switzer.

Absent: Port Captain Dean Sirucek, Past Commodore Brad Lane

Members: Melanie Dardis, Steve McAlister, Hank Handford

Call to order: 7:08

Minutes from last board meeting: Phil would like the line "No more dry rot" stricken from Kurt Hafferman's report on the June minutes.

There was a motion to accept the minutes with the change about the dry rot by Eric.

Second by Patti

Motion Carries

Old Business:

1. Property management committee – This idea had been brought up by Brad at the June meeting. Kirk thinks that should be put on the back burner for now.
2. Club Manager - Maren – This discussion is tabled for now.
3. Update on Lyman boat – Bill Reed called them. Maybe we should move forward and evict him. This discussion is tabled until next month. We should consider looking into legal action next month.
4. Security System – Maren had information from Federal Protection, Inc. Maren went and toured the system. There would be a camera pole on the club house and another camera on the light pole strong enough to read license plates. There would be a third camera that shows everyone that walks in and out of the club house. It would erase after every 30 days or more. It would be 290 dollars per month plus installation charge. There would be a lease for a certain amount of time. Kirk pointed out that we are liable for damage to the camera from vandalism which is something to think about. An electronic reader gate would be an option that might cost less over time. Tabled for now.

New Business:

1. Tom Sliter Condolences - We will donate 50 dollars to the Somers town project/train. We will give a check to Terri Leiphart.
2. Email from Member – Melanie Dardis – Junior Sailing Complaint – If assistants are being paid, that should be approved by the board. McKenzie is being paid and Simone and Taytum. She is concerned about the number of assistants and how they are hired. There are now three paid assistants. Why was it not advertised and offered to other club members' children? Melanie believes there should be one assistant. It should have been sent out through the whole club. April explained how this came about this year and said that in the future the positions will be advertised.
3. Another complaint between members – There is a sailboat without a mast. Brian Brown complained. Tabled. No action at this time.
4. Diesel Spill – Lori wondered what ever happened with that problem. It's been dealt with. It was an accident. We do have oil pads to soak up spilled oil. Phil suggests someone could price oil clean-up products.
5. Rory – Patti brought up that there has been an issue with his training. It was suggested that he should have help on the race nights in the committee boats so he can keep up with everything.

Officer/Committee Reports:

Commodore – No New Report

Vice Commodore – “Well, everything is up and running, though admittedly not as smoothly as I might have hoped. When I volunteered for this I was warned that the position would be difficult and thankless. While the former may have proven true, the latter fortunately has not. In that spirit, I offer the following report, July 14, 2016.

We received a nice note of Thanks from Ian and the FLBC Staff to all the Skippers and Crew who welcomed them aboard for a race a few weeks ago. Sounds like they all had a great time.

Thank You to Wes who continues to monitor issues with the C-boat. I don't care what Jesco says, that engine stinks more than it should. Thanks as well for taking the time to familiarize a number of us with the systems peculiar to both boats. Compiling a check list for each boat remains on my to-do list. I have received additional interest from members who could not make the first session, so we will look to schedule a repeat performance.

Thank You to Lori who helped me put away the C-boat after a race the other night. Doing so frees up Rory so he can start processing scores for you as soon as possible.

My Thanks to those of you who are actively involved in racing. Participation is not what I had hoped, but maybe that's just where the Club is right now. Fleet Captains, what outreach can you be doing?

I would like to commend Rory on his race management in light of the season's inconsistent winds. Someday, hopefully soon, he will encounter the mythical evening breeze. As for Tuesday's issues, I learned that it is not reasonable to send someone out there single-handed and expect them to accurately score a finish like the one we had. While we normally plan to have another pair of eyes onboard, that regrettably fell through the other night. Please contact me if you are interested in helping the Steward sometime. I recommend it as being highly entertaining and educational regardless of your race experience. Julie suggested that we ask each fleet to pony up a helper once a week, and I think the idea is worth considering.

I have two comments regarding the upcoming MT Cup Regatta:

- 1) Please Register! More boats = More Fun. If possible, do so before the deadline so I have some clue as to party size.
- 2) Please Volunteer! Again, sooner would be better than later. I'm looking for helpers interested in Green Initiatives, Late Registration, Selling Shirts, On Water RC/Mark Boats, Breakfasts, Dinner, Waste Management, Prize Giving, and probably a bunch of other stuff I'm not thinking of right now. If you have a role that you have done in the past and are willing to do it again please contact me. Likewise, if you're tired of doing the same old thing but still want to be involved let's find you a different task. New helpers would of course be awesome. Fair Winds,

George Michels
Vice Commodore”

Rear Commodore - Club House Report – It’s getting close. Eric and Kirk caulked the wall and ceiling. Wes is working on the pipes. The brackets are all in. Mast Lift Report-The bocks have been replaced. The mast lift needs to be redone. It was dangerous, but is getting fixed. The lift is rented until next Wednesday. Kirk and Eric and other members are trying to pitch in to get things done that can be done for now with the lift. Steve has been helping Kirk a lot.

Treasurer – See Attached Report – A vote should be taken in August about moving the pole repairs to the facilities reserve.

Secretary – No Report

Port Captain – No Report

Membership Committee - Maren – There is an application. The applicant is buying a boat and is a niece of a member. She is very excited to join. We’ll look at it next month.

Handicap Committee – Dick - Everybody wants a higher number. Dick wants to remind everyone that this is just for fun. Phil would like to remind everyone that they need to fill out forms for different numbers – not writing it on a napkin.

Junior Sailing – April –She is working on a new schedule for next year. She’s doing beginner, intermediate, advanced with a check-off list of skills at the end of each level. Beginners would be in the afternoon.

Social Committee - Walk-a-boat theme is Dr. Seuss

Website Committee – Maren – There was a request to have current race scores posted. Maren said to send them to her.

Long Term Planning - No Report

New Topics for Next Meeting - None There
was a motion to adjourn by Dick.

Second by Patti

Motion Carries

Adjournment 9:18 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Christa Handford
NFYC Secretary