

**North Flathead Yacht Club
Board Minutes
June 11,2014
Club House 7:00 PM**

Officers Present: Commodore: Trevon Baker, **Vice Commodore:** Kurt Hafferman, **Rear Commodore:** Kurk Kalbfliesch, **Secretary:** Sydney Anne Muir, **Past Commodore:** Tim Rogge

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

Yacht Club Members Present: Jerry Begg, Luanne and JD Metcalf, Jim Kelly, Taylor Williams, Michael Berry, Pat Sherlock, Ron Robinson, Ken Yachechak, Brad Lane, Heidi Lane, Carl Halmgrisom race steward

Trevon called the meeting to order at 7:00Pm

Tobey made a motion to accept minutes as written, Ginger 2nd. Motion passed.

Michael Berry was present at board meeting to plead his case for reinstatement back into the club. His membership was pulled due to late payment on dues and slip fee. Maren now has his check. Board will discuss this issue and let him know.

Several NFYC members were present at the board meeting who oppose the new membership fee structure the board passed at the May board meeting.

Members present who are opposing the fee structure and would like to see a special meeting called for the general membership to further discuss this issue are:

Jerry Begg
Taylor Williams
JD and Luanne Metcalf
Pat Sherlock
Heidi Lane

Some of the concerns of this group are:

1. That the new fee structure would affect the club financially
2. Age discrimination
3. Unfair that some folks paid \$2500 and now the fee has gone down.

This group would like to have the board rescind the decision for a new fee structure and call a special general membership meeting to further discuss this issue.

The board explained that this decision was not made lightly and the main objective for this decision was not only to try and sustain the longevity of the club financially, but also to maintain our racing program, which has been on downward swing the last few years. By having a tiered initiation structure it would provide incentive and make it more affordable for young people who are into racing to join the club. Our membership committee has spent a huge amount of time researching other clubs fee structures etc. The board voted on what we felt was the most realistic and suitable answer to maintaining the health of the club. The board also explained that the club is currently very strong financially and that the initiation fees only go to the facility reserve fund and that the operating costs are covered by dues

only.

Tim Rogge and Jim Kelly both stated that the job of the board is to make these kinds of decisions and if every issue that came up was up for general membership vote that there would be no reason for a board and nothing would get accomplished. Jim Kelly also feels very strongly that we need to revitalize our racing program and maintain our original mission statement that "NFYC is primarily a sailboat racing club".

Trevon requested that opposing group get 10 signatures from members who would like to have a special meeting called. Signatures were obtained and presented to the board. Trevon will call for a special meeting of the general membership in conjunction with our monthly board meeting July 9th.

Old Business:

1. Facility repair: Wes Hulla and Kurt Hafferman are at the tail end of completing the wall construction. They both have put in an exorbitant amount of time and expertise for this project and all on a volunteer basis.

2. Long term Planning: We will pursue looking into property for trailer storage. The committee feels we need over an acre to accommodate all trailers. Hopefully by this fall the committee will have something to bring to the board for options. We will also look into the possibility of building a garage/ pavilion for the committee boat etc.

3. The board revisited the McAllister application. They have been very proactive in their pursuit of becoming club members and have jumped through all of the hoops the board requested. The board accepted their app at this time because they had submitted the app in the middle of our transition from looking at apps as they came in to looking at them 3 times a year.

Melanie made a motion to accept their application. Jack 2nd. motion accepted unanimously.

4. Flathead Community Foundation has requested the use of club facilities August 25th. There will be approximately 50-75 people. They would like to use the BBQ area, parking lot, bathrooms, beach and dock. There will be no alcohol. The board has requested that there be no dogs on the premises.

Tim made a motion to accept Flathead Community Foundations day use application. Ginger 2nd. Kurt was opposed. Tim would like to keep the community involved in our club as he feels some of our sailors come from some of these organizations. Motion passed with 10 yes and 1 no.

New Business:

1. Tom Able Memorial: Would like to use club July 6th for a boat parade and celebration of Toms life. Kurt made a motion to accept. Ginger 2nd. 9 for 1 against. Motion passed to use the club facilities for Toms memorial.

2. Ron Robinson has requested the use of the club July 13th from 6:00-10: pm by a youth group(15-18 year olds) out of Billings. They would like to use BBQ area, beach and water front picnic area. Melanie made a motion to accept the application. Kurt 2nd. Unanimous vote in favor. Motion approved.

3. Picnic Table Upgrade: Jim Thompson would like to upgrade our picnic tables. He has found some plastic ones at Costco for \$120 apiece. They are light, can fold up and would be easy to store. They are a bit smaller than what we currently have. The table the club has now are a bit larger and wooden. Some board members felt it would be nice to keep consistent with what we currently have. Ginger made a motion to table this decision until next board meeting. Tobey 2nd. (votes for tabling the meeting .2 against. Motion passed. The board will discuss this at next board meeting.

Vice Commodore Report:

1. All dock repairs are complete. Wes Hulla has fixed fingers on A dock.
2. Committee boat has been completely serviced and is running well. Jesco has recommended a new propeller for \$ 544. They feel the propeller cannot be rebuilt. Will wait until Maren gets back to see if money is available . The money will come out of Kurts budget.

Membership Committee:

Ginger would like to have a meeting to further discuss the tiered initiation fee. Will let folks know time and place.

Social Committee:

The club will host a summer kick off party members and friends June 13th.

There will be a Somers/Lakeside Meet and Greet Chamber gathering at the club on June 25th.

Junior Sailing:

There are currently 15 kids enrolled. Program starts June 23rd.

Melanie made a motion to adjourn. Ginger 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Submitted by:

NFYC Secretary

Sydney Anne Muir