

**North Flathead Yacht Club**  
**Board Meeting Minutes –draft**  
**May 14, 2015**  
**Club House**

**Officers Present:** Commodore Brad Lane, Vice Commodore Phil Healey, Port Captain Kurt Hafferman, Rear Commodore Kirk Kalbfleisch. Board Members: Jeff Medler, Eric Hurst, Ginjer Yachechak, Kaci Yachechak, Dick Graf, Lori Switzer

**Absent:** Mauren Amnotte, Trevon Baker, Krista Handford

**Members Present:** April and Matt Russell, Reggie Good, Tim Rogge, Tony Devoe, Dennis Hatton

**Guests Present:** George Michels, Julie Laing, Chris Holden, Patricia Fogleman, Jim Neal, Bob McConnell

Call to order 7:05 PM

Corrections to April's minutes- on Phil's report, remove "Wes would like a day for everyone to have their boats checked out by Wes to: Before Members use the committee boats, they need to be 'checked out' to assure proper use of the club's boats actioned by Phil and Wes.

Motion to accept the amended minutes – Ginjer

Second – Kirk

Motion Carried

**New Business:**

Brad welcomed those in attendance. The Board members introduced themselves then each of the members and guests present also did. It helped us to get to know those there and put names to faces of the prospective new members.

At meeting start there is a total of 130 members in the club.

**There were 6 new member applications:**

**Applicants**

Chris and Tausha Holden

Jim Neal and Patricia Fogelman

Ben Knotts

Bob and Sarah McConnell

Galen Healey

George Michels

**Sponsors**

Carly Baumgarten, April and Matt Russell

Ray Verlage, Pat Sherlock, Tony Devoe

Dennis Hatten, Todd Wallace

Tim Rogge, Brad Mercord

Don and Sue Lewis, Matt Russell

Reggie Good, Tim Rogge

The sponsors present introduced their prospective members and pointed out why they will be good assets to our club. Questions were then presented to those new applicants by the board members. Asking about their sailing experience, future sailing goals with the club, and how long they expect to be members. Discussion was had regarding the rule on those joining with different last names. As per membership rules, only one can be given a membership if applying together as in the case of Jim and Pat. Jim Neal decided to be the applicant.

Brad spoke about the responsibilities of being a Sponsor to a new member, that it's much more than writing a letter. They are asked to guide that member through club rules, introducing them to others, and generally being there for all the questions that arise pertaining to use of the club and facilities.

After questions were finished, the board took a short break and those members and guests present departed.

### **New Member Application Review and Vote**

- 1) Chris and Tausha Holden – initiation fee submitted. Chris has been crewing for a few years, has a Victory 21 and a Hobie Cat. Has 2 children, and enjoys racing a Thistle. Plans to keep his boat here.

Motion to accept the Holden's as new members- Dick Second – Jeff  
Motion carried- unanimous

- 2) Jim Neal – initiation fee submitted. Jim has a McGregor 25 and interested in learning. He has limited sailing experience but would like to learn enough to begin racing and plans to keep his yacht here.

Motion to accept Jim as a new member – Kirk Second – Kaci  
Motion carried- unanimous

- 3) Ben Knotts – initiation fee submitted. He has crewed and participated in some past club Events, and has long term sailing goals.

Motion to accept Ben as a new member – Dick Second – Phil  
Motion carried –unanimous

- 4) Robert and Sarah McConnell – initiation fee submitted. They have a Catalina Capri 22 and expressed interest in racing, cruising, and improving skills.

Motion to accept the McConnell's as new members – Phil Second – Dick  
Motion carried , one opposed

- 5) Galen Healey – no initiation fee required as he is 25 years old and a legacy as son of Phil Healey. He has crewed and a good sailor but as he lives and works elsewhere and will be a couple years before he can fully participate again.

Motion to accept Galen as a new member – Kurt Second – Ginjer  
Motion carried – unanimous

- 6) George Michels – initiation fee submitted. He has much crewing experience and does own his own boat. He intends to put his yacht in a slip, a 25' swing keel.

Motion to accept George as a new member – Phil Second – Dick  
Motion carried – unanimous

Discussion was had regarding the submission of applications for new membership in regards to the Board Meeting date. Having new applications submitted at the board meeting did not give enough time to properly review them by all board members.

Motion is to have correct and complete applications submitted no later than 1 week prior to the scheduled Board meeting in which new applicants are reviewed and voted on

Motion by Ginjer Second Eric

Motion carried

## **Old Business**

**Club insurance** – Kurt has tried contacting the Gallery group for their quotes to no avail. As the insurance is paid for this year, he recommends we leave it at that and in the future we do have this information if further investigation into changing insurance companies is needed.

**Commodore** – A response has been received from The USA sailing judge, Joe James, in regards to the protest at Montana Cup (2014) involving sailor Dr. Cohen. Further discussion is ensuing.

**Vice Commodore** – Phil held a recent race committee meeting. They finalized sailing instructions for Dels and Poets and will be posted on the club website.

The committee is also setting up 3 evenings for “Race with a Pro” on your Boat.

The dates are Wednesdays July 1st, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. This is for those skippers who have been sailing A lot and have the knowledge to pass on to go aboard the sailors in the club who would like to learn more with some hands on help!

Jeff Fisher proposed a scoreboard be posted at the clubhouse.

Discussion was also had about having a range finder and GPS to help set up the race course.

Another race committee meeting is scheduled before the racing gets into full swing.

The rc would also like to see a sign up for those members interested in learning about setting up a race course to volunteer to help the Race Steward.

Race instructions for the Early Bird series to be emailed to the members.

**Protest Committee** – still to be set up, hard to get members involved, need 5-6 people.

**Montana Cup** - organizational meeting June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Handicap Committee** – no report

**Rear Commodore** – Kirk had emailed the membership this past week with reminders for the spring work day at the club grounds for this Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8:30 am.. He has a list with much to do including building new dingy racks. If the demand is high for the racks then a possible auction for those may be needed. The dingy storage is \$50/year, and Phil stated club boats should take precedence on location in the dingy racks. The slip auction will take place this Saturday also. The burn permit is in place for Saturday as there is brush and old wood to burn.

**Treasure** - Eric (for Maren) All members have paid their dues except 2 and those two members will drop their membership. Gilliland will give up his slip. Some members still have the copies of their boat insurance still outstanding. C. Lyman’s boat is still in the yard, Kurt will call and ask him to please remove it.

**Secretary** - no report

**Port Captain** –Kurt - Current slip assignments handed out, with member list and member numbers. Prior to the auction scheduled for Saturday, the member list will be posted. They are to communicate the changes to Eric.

**Membership Committee** – no report

**Adult Sailing committee** – 5 interested sailors signed up for lessons.

**Junior Sailing** – from Phil, There is an interest by April to purchase new boats. He recommends limiting the number of sailors in each boat, ie, 2 in the flying juniors. Ginjer's concern is what is the capacity of sailors/boats for one instructor? And recommends not to buy or have more boats than they can handle on the water.

**Social Committee** – The walk a boat theme will be Wild Wild West.

**Website committee** – no report

**Long term planning committee-** Eric – Jerry Begg has ideas for property purchase for trailer parking. Possible 2 acres off Boon Rd, by a gravel pit, maybe \$70,000. Will explore options further.

Phil moved to adjourn the meeting  
Everyone agreed!  
Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Lori Switzer  
(standing in for Christa)