



NORTH FLATHEAD YACHT CLUB

BOARD MEETING Minutes

May 12th, 2016 7:00 PM

Present: Officers: Commodore Phil Healey, Vice Commodore George Michels, Rear Commodore Kirk Kalbfleisch Port Captain Dean Sirucek, Treasurer Maren Amnotte, Secretary Christa Handford, Past Commodore Brad Lane. Board members: Dick Graf, Lori Switzer, Eric Hurst, April Russell, Carley Baumgarten, Patti Pennington.

Absent: No one

Members: Ken Yacechek, Thomas Westall, Mark Hunthrop, David Amnott, Chris Holden

Guests: Serena Pierce, Jim Bob Pierce, Vince Gordon, Meg Gordo

Call to order: 7:02 PM

Minutes from last board meeting:

Motion to accept April Minutes by George

Second – Dean

Motion Carries

New Business: Membership; Review and vote on new member applicants.

1. Jim Bungener and Katerine Egressey – He is an engineer and she is a pulmonologist. They have lots of sailing experience. Mark Hunthrop and Pete Sauer are Sponsors. Mark spoke in favor of this couple. They do want to race and they have a trimaran. Vote: All were in favor

2. Meg Gordon and Vince Gordon - She is a veterinarian. He does cabinetry work – They don't have a boat. She sailed in college. Mark Hunthrop and Dave Amnott were sponsors. Dave spoke in favor of them. They will eventually get a sailboat or would like to eventually build one or purchase a smaller boat. They want to sail and they like to race. Mark spoke about their experience sailing here on his boat. Vote: All were in favor.

3. Jim Bob Pierce and Serena – They are from Bigfork. Jim does Two Bear Air rescue and in real estate, Remax. They have a Catalina 25 boat. They want to sail a lot more, learn more, and eventually participate in racing. Their sponsors are Russ Larson and Chris Holden. Chris spoke for him and says they are looking for a community of sailors. Vote: All were in favor.

Ry Keller and Serena Keller – They are property managers. They own a micro–multi hull trimaran 26. Their sponsors are Dave and Maren, Chris Parsons, and Thomas Westhall. Thomas spoke in favor of them. They want to learn more about racing. The boat folds in so it will fit in a slip. Vote: All were in favor.

All four memberships were accepted.

There is a party request for Sunday, June 5th from 4-6 for about 20 people. It is a graduation party. Melanie Dardis made the request.

Brad made a motion to approve the party request.

Second by Dean

Motion Carries

Officer/Committee Reports

Commodore – Phil – No new report.

Vice Commodore –George - Instructor Certification - Vice Commodore Report, May 12, 2016 – “Thanks to Wes Hulla for overseeing the preparation of the Committee Boats for the coming season. I imagine they will require some cleaning during the work party. The new Steward, Rory Mess, has purchased a plane ticket and will arrive June 2. He has one more term to finish at school so he will be leaving the last week in August. As such, we may not have him for the final Del's race. He is open to April's discussion of expanded Junior Program offerings. There are still places available in the Instructor Training course to be held June 6-10. I'm seeking people interested in filling the Protest Committee. Tim Rogge reports that C-fleet has no strong feelings regarding sail choice restrictions for Del's and POETS. I will recommend that those boats declare their intentions and corresponding handicap at their first appearance in each series. I have yet to hear A-fleet's decision.” Mckenzie is willing to take the sailing course if the club will sponsor her. She would, in return, give some time in Junior sailing and committee boat. George plans to do that. Patty suggested maybe setting up a number of hours for her to pay back.

Rear Commodore – Kirk - A-Dock has a plastic tubing problem where it is pulling away from the couplings. Wes wants to do it the “right” way. Kirk will get bids. Kurt Hafferman says we are waiting on a couple windows. This should be done in the next few weeks. Expenses are at around 1800 and 6800 for the current projects. We need to rent a lift again. Kirk wants to get a tall enough lift to put up new blocks. Ken suggested using his boat mast and sending someone up on it for the blocks. Kirk thinks we would want the lift for a week. It was rented from Midway before. WORK PARTY: May 21 - We have leftover siding. We need to know where to store it. Ken says they can put it in their shop. Dean says an AIS presentation will be done around noon by Heidi at the work party.

Treasurer – Maren – (see attached report) Insurance and Taxes have been paid. We've spent 31,000 so far on the clubhouse since 2015. Four small slips dropped and 4 medium and 1 large. Some are moves to different slips. Three of the new people want slips. We are about 3000 low on the slip budget at this point.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Eric

Second by Dean

Motion Carries

Secretary – No Report

Port Captain – Dean – The Meeting for Flathead County Planning Board was last night. The caveat that had affected the Yacht club got approved with no problems. The wording was corrected. Dean had a question about mast-up parking and determining who gets what spot. Do thistle spots need to be numbered?

Membership Committee – No Report

Handicap Committee – Dick – They came up with a final list that will be sent out.

Junior Sailing – April – Phil thinks that members should pay a fee for Junior Sailing. He said it could be a lower price than nonmembers. It is becoming a problem with people taking a spot but not showing up. April would like to add in more sessions. Patty and Dean suggested maybe 60 dollars per summer for members, 10 dollars per week.

Social Committee – Patty will call the women who were interested in being on the committee.

Website Committee – Maren – It is up to date. She'll change the Jr. Regatta date.

Long Term Planning – Eric looked at some property. It is 5 acres for 129,000 on Hard Rock Road. Eric says he'll keep looking. Ken says if we do find something, the loan could be readjusted and it would extend the loan 2 years. Phil thinks we should think about increasing dues. Maren says one member had a problem with the rates being raised without warning. That member thinks notification could be sent out ahead of time. Dean suggested that we really should move on some property for parking before more regulations are put in place for future properties in Somers. Dean will talk with one of the county planners. Dick thinks the Sliter property is ideal for this club. Ken says the property will cost quite a bit to clean up. It would be around 200,000 dollars in the end. Eric will look into the Hard Rock Road property. Patty would like to put up a board to recognize volunteers who are doing a lot for the club.

New Topics for Next Meeting

Raising Dues

Motion to adjourn by Eric

Second by Patty

Motion Carries

Adjournment: 9:03 PM

Respectfully submitted by,
Christa Handford
NFYC Secretary