



North Flathead Yacht Club

Board Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2018

Officers Present: Commodore Ginjer Yachechak , Vice Commodore Justin Young, Rear Commodore Ben Knotts, Secretary Gayle Graf, Treasurer Eric Hurst, Past Commodore Brad Lane, Port Captain Jeff Medler

Board Members Present: Chris Parson, Austin Baumgarten, Doug Rommereim, Shelby Switzer, Ken Yachechak, Ellen Ballerstein

Absent: NO ONE!

Members Present: Dick Graf, Maren Amnot

Guests Present: none

Call to order at 7: 05pm

Ginjer acknowledged the void and loss of our dear friend and member Jim Kelley. His absence created a 2-year term vacancy on the Board which Austin agreed to fill. This left a vacancy for the remainder of the current year. Kirk Kalbfleisch has informed the Board that he will not be able to complete his term as Rear Commodore this year. Ben Knotts has stepped up to fill this position. The Board has appointed Ellen for the short-term position and voted for Austin to serve the remainder of the 2-year term as well as Ben for the Rear commodore position.

Minutes from last Board meeting on March 1, 2018. Motion to accept the Minutes was made by Eric and Shelby seconded. Motion carried. Maren will update the new Policies and Procedures changes on the website and notify the membership in the next Telltale.

Old Business

1. **Update on North Ramp project** – Excavation has started. Kurt Hafferman is heading up the project. The concrete nearest the water will remain, but concrete to the east will be replaced. The rub rails on the north and parts of the west deck sections have been removed to repair the beam which supports the decking. Kurt will need 1-2 volunteers to help with the concrete possibly Thursday, Friday, Saturday of next week. The crew is still shooting for a completion date of 5/1 - weather permitting. The permit is good until 10/2/2018.
2. **Update on dock maintenance** - The old wood pilings under 'B' slips 4,6,8 have been cut off at ice level by Dick Graf, so they are now serviceable. Beams are cracking on some fingers on the north side of 'A' dock from frost heaves. Dock Masters will be hired to do repairs. The south side of 'A' dock will get spring line cleats installed on the last 4 or 5 slips by Wes to avoid damage to the docks by bigger boats. The 'swim' dock beyond the south launch is failing and will be part of the long-term planning committee's future projects.
3. **Update on trailer lot** - The survey is not considered complete until the application has been filed with the state. Brad will inquire about any hold-ups, but the closing is still scheduled for 5/15. In the meantime, the lot is still available for trailer use as always.

New Business

1. **Approval of memorial for Jim Kelley and memoriams** - The Board is planning a memorial for Jim Kelley in conjunction with his son Brian for Saturday 6/16 (the day before Father's Day). Ken spoke of his friendship and close relationship with Jim and his family. Because of Jim's

long-standing membership and service to the club, he asked the Board to consider the following motion:

“Whereas, the passing of Jim Kelley, a member in good standing of NFYC since 1978 and having paid dues and slip fees for year 2018:

His son Brian Kelley

- 1) be granted Honorary Membership at NFYC for the year 2018
- 2) to use the slip assigned to his father, Jim Kelley for the remainder of the year, with Jim Kelley’s Shock 35
- 3) to participate in all activities of NFYC for 2018
- 4) if Brian Kelley wishes to join NFYC in 2019, normal fees and application process will apply
- 5) by direction and approval of the NFYC Board of Directors April 12, 2018.”

This motion is a special Board approval and will not set future precedence. After checking the ByLaws section pertaining to Honorary Members, Brad made a motion to accept the motion as written, Ellen seconded. Motion passes. There was discussion of creating some type of memoriam on the website for active NFYC members who have passed. Ellen will assist Maren with this. There was also discussion of starting some type of plaque at the club to remember these members which will continue at the next meeting.

2. **Discussion of Rear Commodore and hiring custodian/ grounds keeper** – Ben is not interested in taking on the custodial portion of Kirk’s position, but will help oversee whomever the Board hires. Our new Race Steward, Storm Brown will be offered the position at the same rate as Kirk. Jeff will talk to Kirk to create a job description. Jeff and Ben will work together to prepare for Spring Work Party scheduled for 5/19.
3. **Discussion of 1-year probation for new members** - There was a lively discussion of promoting ACTIVE members and reasons for keeping our membership at 140. The facilities have always been a limiting factor for increasing the membership. The club has the capacity to add to our membership, but sponsors have a responsibility to encourage new members to be ACTIVE club members. Currently, Ginjer is the sole person on the New Member Committee and looking for volunteers.

Officer/Committee Reports

Commodore - The meetings will be moved back to the club for the summer season starting 5/10. Brad will follow through on the trailer lot. Phil will continue to work with Waati on the engineering study and will use the Whaler to finish Phase I with an update in May.

Vice Commodore – Justin has the graphics and most everything ready for the Montana Cup. He is working on the catering. A waterproof and shockproof tablet will be purchased for the Race Steward from the Vice Commodore’s budget to streamline race results.

Race Committee – There will still be Thursday morning races on July 5th and possibly early in June, so Maren will add those dates to the calendar. There was discussion about possibly adding a beginner race fleet for Tuesday and Fridays. Justin will see if there is any interest.

Handicap Committee – No report

Rear Commodore – Ben inquired about the budget for the position and contact information to confer with Kirk.

Treasurer – Eric presented the Treasurer’s report which he will be posting each month online. Dues have been collected, and there are 2 openings and 2 on the waiting list at this time. Eric has sent letters to members whose boats must be launched by July 1st and will notify the Port Captain. Ben

Knotts will be added as a bank signer in the position of Rear Commodore and Kirk Kalbfleisch will be removed. Ben motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Justin seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary – No report

Port Captain – Jeff will get in touch with and work with Ben and Eric to get the grounds ready for the season. The water is expected to be on in the next few weeks.

Membership Committee - Ken volunteered to help with this committee.

Adult Sailing Committee - the sailing class through FVCC will be offered again this season.

Junior Sailing – Deadline for members has passed. Slots for non-members are filling up. April, our Program Coordinator is creating a job description for an assistant instructor.

Social Committee – Check the Calendar of Events because there have been some additions and changes. Those reminders will be sent out with the next Telltale again. So far, there are 6 boats which will be undergoing the Naming Ceremony on May 5th. There will be a \$10 fee to cover champagne and other expenses. Gayle will email more information about the event so members can prepare. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun and Mexican potluck after the ceremony.

Website Committee - Maren will make the aforementioned updates to the website.

New Projects Committee - Gayle suggested that the lower sink area could use an upgrade as it is used regularly to wash dishes.

Topics for next meeting - Club plaque/ memoriam for deceased members

Next Board Meeting May 10th

Motion by Shelby to adjourn with Ken seconding. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Gayle Graf – Secretary