



North Flathead Yacht Club

Board Meeting Minutes

August 9th, 2018

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

Board Members Present: Ken Yachechak, Doug Rommereim, Ellen Ballerstein

Absent: Austin Baumgarten, Past Commodore Brad Lane, Shelby Switzer, Chris Parson

Members Present: Jerry Begg

Guests Present:

Call to order at 7: 09pm

Minutes from last Board meeting - Motion to accept the Minutes was made by Ken and Eric seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

1. Jerry Begg Board update- Jerry shared several positive ways he has contributed to the club and proposed the Board consider some suggestions: a. Putting up a sign at the entrance of the trailer lot to show appreciation to the Dotans for giving the Club first rights to purchase their lot. *The club will in some way show its appreciation to the Dotans at the Annual Meeting this fall. b. Invite the Shriners to the club for some type of fundraiser with music, sailing, and potluck. *Jerry can apply for an event permit to be considered by the Board. c. The Dragon Boat group should do a demo for the Club in exchange for their boat storage. *Diane Medler is the contact person for this, but the timing is not ideal as they are in preparations for the event. NFYC members are encouraged to cheer on the group at the event from their boats. d. Club members should be made aware that non-members working on a boat in the yard must be accompanied by the member they are working for. One salvage boat is now in the water at Dayton and another has been salvaged and removed. A third boat will hopefully be in the water next year. The Cal is not in the water because spreaders will need to be manufactured. *Bylaws are clear. We are a sailing club, so boats should be in the water and able to sail. Any member who is regularly out of compliance with the Bylaws is not in good standing with the Club.

New Business

1. Invasive Species Response exercise - An exercise meant to explore the roles of Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks (FWP) and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Montana Invasive Species Council and all other responsible parties in the State of Montana to respond to a simulated dreissenid discovery in Flathead Lake was proposed to the Board. The exercise would address response issues and assist in better understanding of how a possible eradication of mussels in Montana might be conducted. The exercise would take place September 11th - 13th. NFYC has partnered with these agencies in the past and would like to foster this relationship in order to be good stewards of the lake. NFYC would require a signed release of liability and approve a Special Event permit with no fee attached. Justin motioned to accept the proposal. Eric seconded. Motion passed. For a full purpose and scope of the exercise, contact Ginjer or Gayle.

2. Donation of Rocky Miller's boat - The Club is not accepting boat donations at this time because of liability and possible expenses incurred. Although the gesture is very much appreciated, it was suggested that the Millers sell the boat and donate the proceeds to Junior Sailing or another worthy cause.

3. Volunteers for remaining races/MT Cup recap - Steve Mcallister has volunteered to help with the remaining Friday night races since Storm has had to leave early for school. It was suggested that Justin put out a sign-up list so as not to overload Steve. Ellen volunteered to help with flags, times and lighter duty responsibilities. Justin reported that the Montana Cup was an amazing weekend with good winds and good fun for racers. It was mentioned that the A+ Fleet may become a handicapping problem in the future. A suggestion of trying a Cruising Fleet which would race to long marks might attract more boats to the event. Two protests were filed which went smoothly thanks to the volunteers on that committee. The pontoon boat donated for the weekend by the Thorntons was a big hit and worked well as a temporary Committee Boat. Lots of compliments and kudos from everyone were exchanged. Good job, Justin!

Officer/Committee Reports

Commodore - Joe Restivo will be visiting the club and using a slip August 14th-15th with the Board's approval. He will be launching elsewhere on the lake, but has permission to park his truck and trailer at the back of the lot. One member has not launched his boat for the season, but still hopes to and is still in compliance of the Bylaws. Some suggestions for dock maintenance was submitted by a new member. They will be forwarded to the new Projects Committee.

Vice Commodore – (see above)

Race Committee –No report

Handicap Committee – No report

Rear Commodore – The rub rail at the end of B dock needs repairs. The Work Party in the fall will be extensive as a mid-summer work party is not practical at this time and several large projects are underway.

Treasurer – Eric presented the Treasurer's report which he will be posting each month online. Proceeds from regattas this year totaled \$6142. There was a payout posted to the Docks Reserve Account from the shore erosion suit of Mattson vs. PPL for \$19,341.97 Waati Engineering estimate was around \$2000 less than anticipated, so funds are in good shape. Justin motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Jeff seconded. Motion passed. It was suggested that the Club split the cost of the new signs Steve Nichols commissioned and installed. Gayle motioned that the Club split the cost of the signs. Jeff seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary – No report

Port Captain – A civil way to park boats which are already being pulled was discussed. Saving spots with trailers is not always conducive to the parking plan. The parking plan must be adhered to in order to fit all the boats into the lot and be equitable for everyone. Gayle will get the parking plan sent to Maren to send out as a reminder in the next Telltale.

Membership Committee -No report

Adult Sailing Committee - No report

Junior Sailing – No report

Social Committee – We are ready for Walk a Boat and Poker Rally which are coming up in two days. Watch for final details in your email. Annual Banquet plans are underway and will likely be held at the Fairbridge Inn again.

Website Committee - No report

New Projects Committee - They will have a meeting before the September Board meeting.

Topics for next meeting - Derelict boats; Bid from Dock Masters; nominating committee for new officers

Next Board Meeting September 13th

Motion by Ken to adjourn Eric seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Gayle Graf – Secretary