



## North Flathead Yacht Club

### Board Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2017 at 7:00pm

**Officers Present:** Commodore Brad Lane, Vice Commodore George Michaels, Secretary Lori Switzer, Past Commodore Phil Healey

**Board Members Present:** April Russell, Carly Baumgarten, Chris Parsons, Shelby Switzer,.

**Absent:** Rear Commodore Kirk Kalbfleisch, Port Captain Jeff Medler, Treasurer Eric Hurst, Ginjer Yachechak and Patti Pennington

**Members Present:** Dean Sirucek.

#### Call to order 7:10 pm

Guest – Karen Minske, Executive Director of the Flathead Basin Commission (FBC) gave the Board a presentation and update on the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) issue. The first AIS legislation began in 2009 and is making good headway but still has lots of work to do. The FBC is working with Federal, State, Tribal and 501 3C groups to protect our waters. The FBC is planning to man the AIS inspection stations in the spring/fall when Fish Wildlife and Parks is not doing it. The goal is to prevent AIS, which have (likely) been confirmed east of divide in Tiber Reservoir in Montana, from entering other Montana waterways. FBC's focus is on having all boats inspected prior to launching in Flathead Lake, or other waters in the Flathead drainage. FBC would also like to start year round monitoring of the water with something as simple as a pvc pipe substation which is hung off the end of a dock and checked monthly (something members could do from their boat slips). Educating the public about AIS is also in their scope.

Dean gave ideas for how NFYC could support FBC.. Perhaps a couple club members could attend a three day training session and be certified to do inspections. He would like to see the AIS information given to club members at the spring work party. He also suggested we inspect all boats at NFYC prior to launch. He feels any out-of-club boats need inspection prior to launch at NFYC. These inspections would be done by the club members who received the training.

Brad recommended adopting this effort to help prevent AIS from entering Flathead Lake. He will send a note with information to the club members to promote interest and to see if any volunteers are interesting in attending a training session. Discussion was had regarding supplementing travel expenses for two volunteers from our club to attend this training.

#### Minutes from last Board meeting on January 12, 2017:

Motion by April to accept the January minutes as submitted. Second by Chris

Motion carries

#### Old Business:

1. **Dock inspections, repair** – Wes working on electrical repair work. The estimate is \$500 for replacing a junction box and install 2 expansion joints on both sides of it. This is the only electrical work required at this time.
2. **Clubhouse repair** - Phil said he will contact Kurt regarding when he will start replacing the beam on the west side.

### 3. **Membership of Non-married partners** - Discussion tabled

#### New Business:

None

#### Officer/Committee Reports

**Commodore** – Brad thanked Phil for writing the letter to the members explaining the increased dues and fees. The Audit committee is set: Jeff Fisher, Jeannie Luckey and Trevon Baker.

He read a letter from a J. Handland from Medford, Oregon with Rogue Yacht Club. He was here in the summer of 2015 and thanked the club for its hospitality and donated \$50 to the Junior Sailing Program. Brad will write a thank you letter to him.

**Vice Commodore** – George has submitted a proposed sailing course description to FVC College for approval. He heard from Tim Sauer that the Laser districts are not planned for this summer on Flathead Lake. The racing calendar is drafted. He is awaiting confirmation from SFYC for the Trestle-to-Trestle race/weekend.

George needs a final job description and salary for hiring the race steward so the position can be posted. Discussion was had regarding the increased junior sailing hours in the afternoons and how that would be compensated. The 2016 salary was \$450/week. It was decided that \$525/week would be advertised. The Junior Sailing account will provide \$700 toward this salary increase.

George made a motion to approve the Race Committee. It will be Jeff Fisher, Shelby Switzer and Phil Healey. Second by Carly. Motion carries

**Handicap Committee** – Phil said the committee has not yet met.

**Treasurer** – No report.

Shelby asked if the treasurer's report should be attached to the monthly minutes and posted on the secured portion of the website as both are approved by the Board each month. He also suggested that the annual treasurer's report be posted on the secure portion of the website so that board members can access this report vs. having to ask the treasurer for it.

**Port Captain** – No report

**Junior Sailing** – April stated the Junior Sailing fee is per member, not per child. She emailed information on the 2017 Junior Sailing program, to the Board, for comments.

**No Reports** from Rear Commodore, Secretary, Long-Term Planning, and Social Committee.

**Topics for next Board meeting** on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1017

- Continuation of discussion on Regular Membership for unmarried partners.
- Updates on club house and dock work and electrical bids.
- Aquatic Invasive Species update.

Motion to adjourn by April. Second by Phil. Motion carries

Adjournment 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Lori Switzer , NFYC Secretary