



## North Flathead Yacht Club

### Board Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2018

**Officers Present:** Commodore Ginjer Yachechak , Vice Commodore Justin Young, Secretary Gayle Graf, Treasurer Eric Hurst, Past Commodore Brad Lane

**Board Members Present:** Chris Parson, Austin Baumgarten, Jim Kelley, Doug Rommereim

**Absent:** Rear Commodore Kirk Kalbfleisch, Port Captain Jeff Medler, Shelby Switzer, Ken Yachechak,

**Members Present:** Dick Graf, Phil Healey, Tom Shock

**Guests Present:** Riley

Call to order at 7: 10pm

Minutes from last Board meeting on January 4, 2018. Motion to accept the Minutes was made and seconded . Motion carried.

#### **Old Business**

1. **Discussion of Wave wall/engineering study** – The club’s liability is an issue of concern. The Long Range Planning Committee (New Projects Committee) still feels we need to move forward with the analysis. After an analysis is done, our liability remains the same as it is currently. If all recommendations are followed, the designers Errors and Omissions insurance will cover any liability. There was discussion about possibly submitting questions to Waatti before scheduling a meeting with the Board. After a meeting earlier this evening, the Long Range Planning Committee recommended we move forward with the analysis. The Board would be able to ask specific questions once Waatti presents his findings. Brad made a motion to do the analysis as proposed by Waatti Engineering using funds from the Dock Reserves . Jim Kelley seconded. Motion passed.
2. **Two Pilings on B dock** – The repairs on the pilings at B2 need to be done in the winter using a land based crane. At this time, the lawn is too soft so conditions are not correct. The budget for this project is \$5000, but will likely come in much less.
3. **‘A’ dock boat length issue** - Eric asked members who have boats less than 30 feet on the north side of A dock if they would be interested in moving this season. Through a member resignation and possible moves, a few slips on A dock may become available. One member with a boat greater than 30 feet may not be interested in moving to a larger slip when one becomes available. There was discussion about whether a boat greater than 30 feet may stay on B dock if they choose. Larger boats in shorter slips put more stress on the docks, especially if they are not secured properly. According to club policy, boats which are not properly secured will have modifications to their lines done by the Port Captain and a fee will be assessed to those members. This was necessary with at least one boat last season. Policy wording about placement of boats greater than 30 feet was tabled until the March meeting.

4. **Trailer Lot update** – An amendment to push back the closing date to May 15th was signed by Ginjer. DEQ and boundary assessments take about 30 days, so the closing could happen sooner than May 15th. Brad clarified with the realtor that we're still okay to use the lot until the closing.

### **New Business**

1. **Race Steward Position** - Riley and Tom were present. Riley suggested ways to make scoring races more efficient. Sail Wave is an option which runs best on Windows, so a tablet on the Committee Boat may not work well with that program. Justin and Ginjer continue to work on making this position more efficient, and agree that the Sail Wave program is still the best option for the club at this time. GPS programs could also be installed on the tablet and it would be passed to the next Race Steward. Ginjer gave a brief history of the evolution of the Race Steward position reminding the group that racing currently takes priority over other responsibilities. There was discussion about getting non-racers more involved as support staff during races. Winter activities/workshops were suggested by Tom Shock. It was agreed that having a group of volunteers is not practical at this time because of reliability and liability to the club. Justin will get the Vice Commodore 'box' from George and work on updating the job description. Justin asked Riley about current certifications. Applicant resumes were made available to the Board. Interviews for the position are ongoing, and no decision has been made.
2. **Stumps and old wave wall under B dock slips** – There are huge stumps from old pilings and parts of a wave wall under slips B 4,6,8 which render them unusable during early and late seasons. Dick will keep an eye on the water level and try to eliminate the obstacles with a chainsaw. He will solicit some help if necessary and the club will reimburse for any expenses.

### **Officer/Committee Reports**

**Commodore** - Ginjer asked that the March meeting be moved to March 1st because of high absenteeism on the 8th.

**Vice Commodore** – Justin is still putting together a Race Committee. We have great applicants, so the Race Steward position decision will not be an easy one.

**Race Committee** – No report

**Handicap Committee** – No report

**Rear Commodore** – No report

**Treasurer** – Eric presented the Treasurer's report which he will be posting each month online. The new rate on our loan changed from 4.25% to 5.50% for the next three years. Justin motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Gayle seconded. Motion passed.

**Secretary** – Gayle will make sure the new club divorce policy is posted correctly online. Any revisions to the Minutes will be emailed to the Board prior to the monthly meeting.

**Port Captain** – No report

**Junior Sailing** – April is creating a job description for an assistant instructor. The head instructor will have the title of Program Coordinator. Members have until April 15th to register for classes. There

is a waiting list for non-members in the Beginner class, and if an assistant is hired, she may be able to add another class.

**Social Committee** – Check the Calendar of Events because there have been some additions and changes. Those reminders were sent out with the Telltale recently. Gayle will email more information about the Boat Naming event on May 5th so members can plan.

**Website Committee** - no report

**New Projects Committee** -

North ramp: The committee recommends we get a bid for concrete work from a professional contractor. We could still use volunteers for parts of the project. The permit requires three pours which includes testing and texturing. The project will require approximately 30 yards of concrete and must be done between April 15th and May 15th. It was suggested that we shoot for having it complete by May 1st as that ramp is used in the early season. Steve Nichols will start removing concrete immediately. He is planning to pay \$1000 toward the project costs because of his use of the ramp. The bid for the project is \$10,300 which will be at budget with Steve's contribution.

Committee Boat: Steve Nichols is currently storing the Committee boat. He can fix the gas tank problem for \$300-\$400, but because of other problems and safety issues with the boat, the committee recommends we consider purchasing something that better meets the club's needs in the near future. We may be able to get the purchase price back out of the current boat. A Boston Whaler Mantauk 210 with engine and trailer is priced at \$80,000. Pete Sauer can broker any boat deal if the club decides to move forward. A motion to pay Steve to do a temporary fix to just the gas tank was made by Eric and seconded by Justin. Motion passed. Ginjer suggested we see what costs we incur with the wave wall project before considering a new boat. Brad reminded us that the loan is getting paid down at a rapid rate and that it is in the club's interest to have costly projects paid with future member contributions so costs are shared by everyone.

**Topics for next meeting** - boat and slip length,

**Next Board Meeting March 1st**

Motion by Jim to adjourn with Chris seconding. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Gayle Graf – Secretary