



North Flathead Yacht Club

Board Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2017 at 7:00pm

Officers Present: Commodore Brad Lane, Vice Commodore George Michaels, Port Captain Jeff Medler, Treasurer Eric Hurst, Secretary Lori Switzer, Past Commodore Phil Healey

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

Absent: Rear Commodore Kirk Kalbfleisch and Patti Pennington

Members Present: Wes Hulla and Dean Sirucek.

Call to order 7:05 pm

Minutes from last Board meeting on December 8, 2016:

Motion by George to accept the December minutes as submitted.

Second by Phil.

Motion carries

Old Business:

1. **Dock inspections, repair** – Eric was able to get under the docks with Wes to observe conditions and understand the needed repairs. Wes Hulla gave a report. Please see the attached letter submitted by Wes explaining in detail his considerable time invested in the dock maintenance. In summary Wes would like to head up the electrical repair project by securing a bid from an electrician and submit the bid to the Board for approval. The goal is completion of work this spring.

Work involves one new junction box and expansion joints in the conduit where needed. He also said several of the tall dock lights on B-dock need new bulbs/repair, that is not within this scope of work. Also need to keep a watch on A-dock expansion joints.

Motion by Phil to authorize Wes Hulla to secure bid for above work, and submit it to the Board for approval.

Second by April.

Motion carries

Carly suggests Wes secure two bids for comparison. Brad will discuss this with him. Eric said Wes has been doing a good job repairing joints. Phil stated his concerns about the wood on the docks failing and 15 years is the expected life of the wood components. The dock is now 12 years old.

New Business:

1. The club sent \$50 in memory of member Chuck Breslin to the Museum of Mountain Flying. He was a member and good friend for over 25 years. Dean has spoken with Mary Kay. The family would like to have a memorial here at the club on a weekend. It will consist of a boat parade and a BBQ afterward. July 1st is the proposed day.

2. Dean reported that Karen Miski from the Flathead Basin Commission will attend the February board meeting to update the club on the development of Aquatic Invasive Species.
3. Dean reported that Mark Noland with the state legislature is working on a bill to deal with houseboats on Flathead Lake.
4. Eric presented the budget for 2017. The committee met on January 5, 2017. Thanks to those involved, Eric, Brad, Phil, Maren, Ellen, Shelby and Ken. The income reflects the increase in dues \$50 per member and increase in B and C dock fees. The Rear Commodore and dock expenses budgets went over last year. The Board reviewed the budget.

Motion by Phil to accept the budget as presented.

Second by Ginjer

Motion carries

Phil will send out an explanation to all club members regarding the reason(s) for the increased fees. Eric will also do the same with the dues statements which go out soon.

5. George presented his idea that long-term non-married partners of Regular Members should be granted Regular Membership also, as if the two partners were married. He presented five draft documents as a way to facilitate this process. These included an Affidavit of Partnership, changes to membership information, Partnership Member Application, changes to existing membership application and the by-law changes he proposes. His proposal would treat a committed partner of a member as if they were a spouse for the purposes of NFYC membership. George feels this application process would have a higher vetting standard for admitting partners as members. Discussion was had.

Shelby proposed we grant Honorary Membership in the case of non-married partners that are involved and contribute to the well-being of the club. The by-laws allow for this at the discretion of the Board. The by-laws also allow the Board to revoke the Honorary Membership at any time.

Ginjer suggested a one-year provisional membership, not something which is allowed in the present by-laws, then evaluate for Regular Member status.

Phil discussed the need for a framework for nomination of Honorary Members, and a policy and rules in writing for this provision. He suggests it should be more difficult to become an Honorary Member than a Regular Member.

Brad said possibly an attorney needs to be consulted to aid with proper wording/legal framework.

Ginjer suggests that she, Shelby and George work on wording to present to the Board.

6. Shelby proposed the club bill for use of the summer trailer storage lot as a way to offset the cost of the lot rental. Discussion was that its hard enough now to chase down payment for dinghy storage, etc. without adding new fees.

Officer/Committee Reports

Commodore – Brad left messages with 3 non-board members to assist with audit of the bank accounts as required in the by-laws.

Vice Commodore – George is waiting to hear from Tim Sauer about the Laser District Regatta. He will work on the racing calendar and race instructions for the upcoming 2017 sailing season. He is in contact with the Flathead Community College and working with Trevon Baker to submit a course description for

a sailing Continuing Ed class. It needs to be in by February 1st. This will be an introductory course with approximately two hours classroom followed by two hours of sailing with instruction.

Handicap Committee - Phil and Dick will head up. They are looking at adjustments to the handicaps for our local sailing conditions, which will be fair and defensible.

Treasurer – Eric presented January 12, 2017 treasurer’s report and the account balances.

The yearly member bills will be mailed this month. Eric will be out of town for the next two months. Maren has agreed to pick up the mail, pay bills, etc.

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report by Carly

Second by April

Motion carries

Port Captain – Jeff will get the inventory of boats from Maren. George asks Jeff to aid in the Aquatic Invasive species inspection for boats launching at the club.

No Reports from Rear Commodore, Junior Sailing, Secretary, Long–Term Planning, and Social Committee.

Topics for next Board meeting on February 9th, 2017

- Presentation by Karen Minski on AIS.
- Continuation of discussion on Regular Membership for partners.
- Updates on dock work and electrical bids.

Motion to adjourn by Ginjer

Second by Carly

Motion carries

Adjournment 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Lori Switzer

NFYC Secretary