



## North Flathead Yacht Club

### Board Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2017

**Officers Present:** Commodore Brad Lane, Vice Commodore George Michaels, Treasurer Eric Hurst, Port Captain Jeff Medler, Secretary Lori Switzer, Rear Commodore Kirk Kalbfleisch

**Board Members Present:** April Russell, Chris Parsons, Shelby Switzer, Ginjer Yachechak, and Pati Pennington

**Absent:** Past Commodore Phil Healey and Carly Baumgarten

**Members Present:** Wes Hulla and Steve McAllister

Call to order 7:00 pm

Minutes from last Board meeting on June 11, 2017. These minutes are approved . Motion by Eric to accept the minutes. Second Ginjer. Motion carries.

Wes Hulla gave a report on his findings and concerns.

1. **Drift Wood** – It is being picked up out of the lake but left on the docks. **ACTION TAKEN:** Kirk will try to remove from the dock, also send out a reminder to the membership to bring the wood into the fire pit area and not leave it as a hazard for others on the docks.

2. **B-Dock Slips** - He is concerned that the last 4 slips on B-Dock are reserved for longer boats. Specifically he noted that the Bratz's Catalina 32 does not have a spring line. Wes has offered to put in the necessary cleat and communicate to the boat owner the reason for the spring line. Wes stated that correct mooring of club yachts are required to protect our assets, the docks. **ACTION TAKEN :** Jeff will communicate with Bratz to determine if another slip would work better. Jeff will also check mooring lines. Remind sponsors of the job they have helping new members tie their boats up correctly. Chris will research the use of spring lines to determine at what point the weight/length of boat requires them. A reminder is needed to all boat owners that all lines must be removed from the dock area at the end of season when the boat is removed for the winter.

3. **Mid Deck of the Clubhouse-** This area has not been painted with epoxy yet. Wes is concerned about protecting the structure underneath from moisture. **ACTION TAKEN:** Brad has scheduled a meeting August 19<sup>th</sup> with Hagstadt painting. He will try to schedule the work for the week after Labor Day, it will take approximately 5 days to complete.

4. **Light Poles on B-Dock-** The three outer most poles are not GFI protected. He is also concerned with members that use night lights to turn them off. Wes asks, "Are the overhead lights for safety or personal use?" He believes these lights are a club asset and good for safety. He has an electrician bid to change the ballast or change to LED bulbs on the 3 affected poles. The LED bulbs will be brighter than our current bulbs. **ACTION TAKEN:** Motion by Chris to change to LED bulbs for the 3 poles. Shelby second. Motion carries. Eric will contact Wes as to this decision. April will research the electrical code requirement needed on our docks for lighting. Eric will check our insurance coverage of the club/docks to review the requirement for lighting.

5. **Snubbers-** He sees improper use of snubbers on at least one dock. Wes would like to see enforcement for correct use to again, protect our dock system. **ACTION TAKEN:** Jeff to check the slips and send out notice about using snubbers correctly, try to find a video clip to refer to for instruction.

#### Old Business

1. **Partner Membership-** Ginjer, Shelby and George to work on presentation for next board meeting.

2. **Long Term Project List** – Chris presented a list of long term projects that have been discussed or recommended in the past. Individual Board members are to review the list, add as needed and prioritize the items for the next Board meeting.

3. **North Boat Ramp**-Kurt Hafferman is working on a design/drawing for repair/replacement of the north boat ramp and the retaining wall at south edge of property. After these are finished and approved by the Board, Phil will work on the permitting required.

4. **Parking Lot Gravel** - Motion by Shelby to get more gravel, Jeff second. Motion carries. Kirk will order 12 yards of gravel for the parking area.

#### Officer/Committee Reports

**Commodore** - Brad sent thank yous to the Audit committee. He emphasizes the need for vigilance about water/swimming safety around the club and boats. Brad is concerned about stray electrical current in the water.

**Vice Commodore** – Thank you to Kirk for helping to remove boats from the yard. We should consider leaving the committee boat keys available and not locked up in case of an emergency or to lend aid on the water if needed. Discussion about having an adult on hand during Junior Sailing to assist if problems arise. Ginjer recommends a written policy. April and George to research and bring ideas and recommendations regarding increased safety for the junior sailors. Ginjer recommends a time limit on the evening buoy racing. Discussion was had.

**Rear Commodore** – Kirk reminded us of the hard work and efforts by Wes Hulla and that is invaluable. There was a smell with the pump out for porta potties. He recaulked the valves and the problem should be gone. The toilets are ordered for the Montana Cup.

**Treasurer** – Eric gave the treasure's report. He also said the tax return is finished and was submitted to the board for review. Eric is looking into the dingy rack situation to make sure all boats stored have been paid for since the racks are overflowing.

Motion by Ginjer to accept the treasures report and tax return as prepared, seconded by Chris.

Motion carries

**Port Captain** – Jeff reported he will check snubber use in the slips. The electrical question of Fisher's boat lift has been resolved.

**Adult Sailing Committee** – George and Trevon have successfully completed the FVCC beginner sailing class. All participants have been out on the water sailing at least once, some twice after the classroom section of the course. Great Job!

**Junior Sailing** - April reported that more parts needed for the Optimists have been ordered. Discussion on the assistant Jack and his role in the sailing program. He is asked not to drive the committee boats. April will handle that situation.

**Social** - Gayle Graf is heading up the Walk-a-Boat on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Maren is researching venues for the fall awards evening. George recommends someone heads up the ladies sail evening.

#### **Topics for Next Board Meeting August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Clubhouse**

-New membership Applications (there are no openings at this time, we will have a waiting list).

-Boat ramp

-Lighting on docks

-Partner membership

Motion by Ginjer to adjourn with Chris second. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Lori Switzer