

North Flathead Yacht Club

Board Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2018

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

Board Members Present: Chris Parson, Austin Baumgarten, Ken Yachechak, Ellen Ballerstein, Doug Rommereim

Absent: Shelby Switzer

Members Present: Hailey Graf, Steve Nasso, Maren Amnott

Guests Present: couple seeking application for membership

Call to order at 7: 07pm

Minutes from last Board meeting on May 10, 2018. Motion to accept the Minutes was made by Chris and Ellen seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

1. Traylor Lot update – We closed on the new trailer lot at 282 School Addition road on 6/7/18 for a total cost of \$57,634- Whoopee! See Treasurer's report for more details. Eventually, a new entrance will be slightly further north, but we will continue to use the old entrance until a permanent access and a new gate is built during the summer. Ben has mowed once and will keep the grass cut until such time as the club purchases a Brush Hog.

2. Engineering study discussion - Phil summarized the study which submitted by Waati Engineering and forwarded to the Board. Steel v. wood will both strengthen and lengthen the life of the docks. The final product should be inspected every five years and is meant to be serviceable by the Club. There was discussion of how much to do now as this project can be done in increments and best begun in November for Waati and safety for club members. Waati needs 1/2 down before beginning any work. Phil will get bids for the separate increments of the project before the July board meeting.

3. BBQ area plans - It was agreed that the trip hazards need taken care of before the July regatta. A permanent fix will require moving the heavy pieces of equipment and tearing up the concrete, so should be delayed until after the season. Most of the work could happen in the fall and a finished product done in the spring. Kurt Hafferman offered to do a design for a permanent fix. Ben will get additional bids and use a grinder to temporarily alleviate the trip hazards post haste. Eric will look at the financials to see how this project fits into the overall budget.

New Business

1. South dock - Ben met with Dock Masters and got some verbal numbers for this project. Erosion of the property and the condition and access to the dock has become a concern. The steel pilings under water are still in good condition, but four wood pilings will need replaced or refurbished at around \$450 each in order to hold back the erosion. The Long Range Planning committee will help develop a plan which may

include the O'Shaughnessy's.

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2. Fire pit discussion - A fire in a four foot diameter fire pit is our limit without a permit. Chris will donate his old 4' fire ring so we are legal. Fires should not be larger than this and signage will be posted to that effect. Burnables collected from the property should be stored in the firewood area, not in the pit unless it is burned immediately. Fires must not be left unattended and 100% out.

3. Secchi Disk water sampling - Hailey presented the nationwide Secchi Disk program to monitor water clarity and quality. The Biological Station cost for the disk is \$40. For \$100 NFYC can buy a disk and take part in the water clarity and additional sampling which happens nationwide July 15-20th. The Flathead Lakers are administering the study and the Biological Station will collect scientific data such as monitoring nutrients, algal biomass, and calcium. This will provide the Club with information pertaining to pollution from fertilizer or solid waste entering the water near the Club as well as locations which may be susceptible to mussel infestation. Hailey and at least three board members are interested in taking part. Maren will address this in the next Telltale, and if there is enough interest, a representative could come to the Club to do the training which is very minimal. Ellen made a motion for the Club to participate in the study and do the water quality monitoring. Austin seconded and motion carried.

4. Weddings - Hailey answered questions concerning her application to use the Club for her wedding on June 30th, 2019. She will work with the club to follow all protocol set forth by the ByLaws. Gayle made a motion to accept Hailey's application. Brad seconded and motion carried.

Gayle informed the Board that the July 21st date for the Davis wedding will be removed from the calendar. Because of family logistics getting to the US, the wedding will take place at their home the following weekend. Kelly passes on her thanks to the Board and will have her application costs refunded. The calendar will not change otherwise.

5. Committee Boat training - There was an emergency at the Club on Sunday evening, June 3rd which required a water rescue by club members. The large committee boat was not yet in the water, keys not readily identified, and the small boat would not easily start. Search and Rescue, SVFD, Alert helicopter, Sheriff's department and ambulances were all dispatched. There was discussion about who has access to keys and boats during an emergency. According to our ByLaws, only the Race Steward and Officers have access to the Committee Boat. There was some question as to whether the smaller boat is accessible to everyone in an emergency. The Board would like to find a time when Wes can give instruction to the Officers.

Officer/Committee Reports

Commodore - Ginjer introduced our new Race Steward, Storm Brown to the Board. She also reminded the Board to be sensitive to members' needs. We are stewards of the Club and speak for the Club as elected volunteers. She also thanked the Board for its good work so far. Shelby has been in correspondence with Brian Shea about taking a group of Billings high school youth and chaperones out sailing during the week of July 8-12. He has been working on confirming enough members for a group of 30, but will be out of the country during that time period. Ginjer will do a formal application for use of the Club in his absence.

Vice Commodore - Justin has secured Montana Coffee Traders to do a pulled pork menu for the Montana Cup for around \$20/head. There are 15 J24s registered for the Regionals in July so far. Pete has gotten good sponsors, and it should be a great event for the Club. The new tablet for the Race Steward is up and

running. Maren will work with Storm to get the results on the website.

Race Committee –No report

Handicap Committee – For rating changes, be sure to contact Dick or Phil.

Rear Commodore – Ben asked who has keys and access to keys for various locks at the Club. Tools which are locked up are not for member use. Otherwise, members with keys have access. The custodial

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and grounds-keeping staff are doing well so far. There has not been a need for using the sprinkling system yet. The custodian is currently doing Wednesdays and Saturdays, but may wish to do this July 5th rather than July 4th. Ben is asking for some assistance from members to help clean up branches periodically after high winds. This refuse must be burned immediately (within the new fire ring) or piled in the firewood area. Weeds growing in the lawn have recently been sprayed.

There was discussion of the removal of non-compliant or derelict boats from the premises. Use of off-site parking in the new lot was mentioned as an option in the future. After July 1st, disposal of abandoned property will happen through legal means. Eric will send a certified letter to those members stating the action the Board intends to take.

Treasurer – Eric presented the Treasurer’s report which he will be posting each month online. There have been numerous projects and purchases of late. The club has a line of credit that may be used if necessary. Brad motioned to accept the Treasurer’s report. Justin seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary –No report

Port Captain – Brad reported that he secured several boats which were banging the docks during high winds.

Membership Committee -No report

Adult Sailing Committee - 18 - 20 people took the adult sailing class 6/13/18 at FVCC.

Junior Sailing – April reported that 21 students ages 8 - 13 are registered for Junior Sailing. 19 are non-members. There will be two week-long Introduction to Sailing classes in August. Storm has been accepted to an academy in August, so April will need a volunteer to help run the 8/13-8/17 class. April and Storm will make sure the boats are ready. New covers have been ordered. April submitted an updated job description for the teaching portion of the Race Steward position to Ginjer.

Social Committee – No changes to the calendar other than the aforementioned wedding addition/deletion.

Website Committee - No report

New Projects Committee - They will continue to work with Ben on the South dock project.

Topics for next meeting - Trees which hang over the fence on the east side of the parking lot need addressed to fully utilize the space and reduce boat damage. Kayak rack will need more upgrading or extended as more members utilize this storage area.

Next Board Meeting July 12

Motion by Ken to adjourn with Justin seconding. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:39 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Gayle Graf – Secretary

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