



North Flathead Yacht Club

Board Meeting Minutes

October 8th, 2018

Officers Present: Commodore Ginjer Yachechak, Secretary Gayle Graf, Treasurer Eric Hurst, Port Captain Jeff Medler

Board Members Present: Past Commodore Brad Lane, Austin Baumgarten, Doug Rommereim, Ken Yachechak

Absent: Vice Commodore Justin Young, Rear Commodore Ben Knotts, Shelby Switzer, Chris Parson, Ellen Ballerstein

Members Present: Matt and April Russell, Richard Cohen

Guests Present:

Call to order at 7: 08pm

Minutes from last Board meeting - Motion to accept the Minutes was made by Eric and seconded by Austin. Motion carried.

Old Business

1. Abandoned boats and proposal for bylaw change

Fees for storing boats are expensive and lot space at the club is limited. After much discussion and many emails, a motion to accept the reworded change to Bylaw Article XII Section 4 was made by Brad and seconded by Doug. Motion passed. The change will be sent to the membership and put to a vote at the Annual Meeting November 15th. The new proposed wording is as follows:

Section 4: Mast-up storage is available for members who "Actively use" their boats. "Actively used" is defined as a mast-up boat that is sailed during the season. Members in good standing may store a sailboat on the grounds for one sailing season without use. Boats for sale are also allowed one season of storage. All boats not being launched for the season must be parked along the back (East) fence or East of the pump house. Boats not "Actively Used" for one season have until July 1 of the following season to remove their boat from the club grounds or the member will be assessed a Non-Use fee. If the Non-Use fee is not paid the member becomes not in good standing with the club and the Board may exercise Article I I section 3 of the Bylaws. Members may also choose to put their boat in a slip, and pay the required slip fee by May 1 and the Non-Use fee will not be assessed.

No sailboat-hardware or accessories (e.g. jack stands, anchors, sails, or masts) may be stored on the grounds unless attached to the sailboat or trailer thereof, unless approved by the Board of Directors. Any sailboat hardware or member's personal items left on the grounds more than 30 days may be disposed of at the discretion of the Board. Empty trailers are to be relocated to the trailer storage lot (282 School Addition Road) when the boat is launched for the season. All empty trailers must be moved off the club grounds by July 1 of each year. Empty trailers must not be placed back on the club grounds until September 1 of each year. The Board of Directors has the authority to define the amount of the Non-Use fee and any other fees for non-compliance to this By-Law.

2. Nominating Committee update

Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, and three board positions are open. Ginjer reported that Ellen is still working on getting volunteers to secure nominations. Various Board members will use gentle coercion to kindle interest in these positions. Nominations can also be taken from the floor at the meeting.

3. Trailer Lot Approach update

Jeff will get a copy of the original permit and take on this project. Eric contacted the county and has been given a verbal extension on the expired permit. Jeff will send the bids to the Board by email to keep the project moving forward before winter.

New Business

1. Converting facilities to LED lights

Mike Frey worked with Flathead Electric on their ongoing LED program to update Marina Cay and prepared a proposal for the Board to consider converting the lighting at NFYC to LED. It was estimated that actual energy costs would be cut by half annually. There would also be less maintenance and less light casting out onto the lake. NFYC would continue it's Dark Skies standing with the new lighting. The new fixtures would be more attractive and uniform as well as being brought up to current code. They should also be compatible with new poles if the future dock project warrants that update. A few more lights in the parking lot and the clubhouse would be updated as well. Bulbs would be under warranty and projected to last 50,000 hours or 15-20 years considering our part-time usage. The proposal would cost the club \$10,115.17 in materials and \$3000 in labor. Upon completion and inspection, the club would get a rebate of \$6038 from Flathead Electric. The total cost to the club would be \$7077.17. A 3-man crew under the leadership of Matt Russell, a certified electrician would provide the labor for the proposed project. Austin made a proposal to move forward with the Flathead Electric LED proposal; Gayle seconded. Discussion of funds for the project being used from the Contingency Fund and the timeline of the rebate offer were discussed. Motion carried.

2. Agenda topics for Annual Meeting

- Minutes from November 2017 Annual meeting
- Bylaw change
- Officer/Committee reports
- New officers

Officer/Committee Reports

Commodore - Ginjer will do an agenda for the Annual meeting and send out to the membership. The next Board Meeting is November 8th.

Vice Commodore – No report

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. We have one membership opening, but so far no applicants. Brad made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Jeff seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary – No report

Port Captain – No report

Membership Committee -No report

Adult Sailing Committee - No report

Junior Sailing – Carly Baumgarten will transition into the Junior Sailing Director position while April is gone. They will try to set up the online registration system. There may be a non-member who wishes to donate to a scholarship program for Junior Sailing. April will follow through and report back.

Social Committee – Everything is in place for the Annual Banquet which will be held at the Fairbridge Inn on October 12th. Both Austin and Gayle have coordinated with staff at the Fairbridge who are offering rooms for \$59 for NFYC members that night. The event will be BYOB and catered by Coffee Traders. A final head count will be sent to Austin by Thursday.

Website Committee - No report

New Projects Committee - We are still waiting for more bids on the dock project. The committee has been unable to find an electrician who will take on the job.

Topics for next meeting - possible Policies and Procedures change fee assessment; possible rule change on boat insurance; boat/trailer parking

Next Board Meeting November 8th

Motion by Jeff to adjourn; Austin seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Gayle Graf – Secretary