



North Flathead Yacht Club

Board Meeting Minutes

September 14th, 2017

Officers Present: Commodore Brad Lane, Rear Commodore Kirk Kalbfleisch, Treasurer Eric Hurst, Port Captain Jeff Medler, Past Commodore Phil Healey

Board Members Present: Chris Parsons, Shelby Switzer

Absent: Vice Commodore George Michels, Secretary Lori Switzer, Ginjer Yachechak, April Russell, Pati Pennington, Carly Baumgarten

Guests: Wes Hulla, Jim Thompson

Call to order at 7:00 pm

Minutes from last Board meeting on August 10, 2017. Motion by Chris to accept the Minutes. Second by Jeff. Motion carried.

Old Business

1. **B Dock Overhead Lights** - Wes advised that Heaton Electric has submitted several revised quotes for installing LED lights vs. repairing the current system. The latest quote was \$1724 (vs. ~\$2500 originally) to switch over to 6 x LED lights on the last three poles of B dock. After discussion, it was agreed to stay with the current system (as agreed at August Board meeting), replacing the defective ballasts at a quote of \$1001.
2. **Deck Painting Update** – Hagstadt Painting is working on the project. Wes advised that they had to order another 30 gallons of paint, along with doing other unplanned work on this project. Subject to the weather they hope to finish next week (by Sept 22nd). Hagstadt is still honoring their quote despite the additional work and materials being required.
3. **Member and Partnership Definitions** – Tabled until it is brought to the Board again.
4. **Club Project and Improvements** – Brad noted that a “New Projects Committee” was initiated in 2004 (Policies and Procedures Article VIII – Section 1) so we will re-activate this committee vs. creating a new one.
5. **North Boat Ramp** – Phil has submitted the permit application. He expects to have it approved and back in hand by the end of the year so that the work can be done when the water level is down in April.

New Business

1. **Boat Storage** – Wes advised that Ken Yachachak has sold the property where the Committee boats have been stored over the winter. He advised that we can store the boats just up the road at Classic Boats ... \$140/mo for the big boat, \$50/mo for the small boat ... with a discount if we prepay for the full storage period. After later discussion, Shelby motioned that we prepay for 6 months (Nov-Apr) storage for both boats. Chris seconded. Motion carried. Eric will chase this up with Steve Nichols. Phil said he would move the boats to storage in November.
2. **Power cable along/under seawall** – Wes suggested we place the current Romax power cable under the seawall inside a PVC conduit to protect it from voles and the environment. He has offered to do this work for ~\$100. This was authorized by the Board.

3. **Sea Pro Committee Boat** – Wes suggested the Board consider replacing this boat with something more suitable for our purposes, especially from a safety standpoint. The club spends money maintaining systems on the boat (designed for fishing) which are not required for club purposes. The high sides make it difficult to steer in high winds and make water rescue difficult without bringing people over the swim platform near the engine. He suggests selling it and acquiring another Boston Whaler (perhaps a Montauk 210 which has space for a porta potti as the current Sea Pro does). After later discussion, the Board decided to table this idea for the moment.
4. **Boston Whaler (Montauk 170) Committee Boat** – Wes suggested the Board consider upgrading the engine on this boat to the allowed 90 hp. He feels the current engine (70 hp?) is undersized should the boat be required to a) get somewhere in a hurry (especially with a large payload onboard) or b) tow in a disabled vessel. The boat originally had a 90 hp motor which was replaced at some point. After later discussion, which in part supported this idea, the Board decided to table this idea for the moment.
5. **Nominations for Jellison Cup & Sportsman Award** – Brad has received nominations from several Board members (but not everyone). There was some discussion on other names to add. Brad will email a final list of nominations to the Board Friday (Sept 15th) with a request to have all votes in by Monday (Sept 18th) so that he can get the engraving done in a timely manner.
6. **Annual Meeting Date** – The Board has set the Annual Meeting date at Thursday, November 16th at 7:00pm. For those that want to participate, a Pot Luck dish can be shared starting at 6:30pm. Eric will get with Maren to confirm we can use the Somers VFD building for this meeting on that date.

Officer/Committee Reports

Commodore - Brad recognized Kurt Hafferman for his work on preparing the permit for the North Boat Ramp along with Phil Healey for finishing the permit and getting it submitted.

Brad noted that there is a position of Club Historian (established in 1976) in Policies and Procedures – Article VIII – Section 1. He will look for a volunteer in the club to fill this role.

Vice Commodore – George (via email) said he will not be able to attend the banquet on Oct 13th. Brad to confirm with him that the race results/awards are ready. Brad will present the race results/awards at the banquet should George not arrange for someone else to do it.

Race Committee – No report

Handicap Committee – No report

Rear Commodore – Kirk will not be at the Work Party. He will prepare a list of items that need to be done and pass it to Jeff for coordination at the Work Party.

After discussion, it was agreed to have the Work Party on Saturday, October 7th starting at 9:00am.

Phil said Dockmasters has been down to look at the required C Dock / Wave Attenuation Wall work. They will provide three bids for this work ... a) all steel stringers, b) all wood stringers (like it is now), c) a steel/wood combination. Phil expects to have the bids for review at the October Board meeting.

Treasurer – Eric said we now have three applications for membership. Bruce Young has withdrawn his application for now. Phil noted that two of the applicants are children of current members and have priority per the Bylaws ... Article I – Section 6.

Eric presented a Special Event request for Orin and Barbi Webber for Friday August 3, 2018 from 1:00-4:30pm. This is the Friday of Montana Cup. Motion by Phil to approve the request. Second by Kirk. Motion carried.

Eric has sent Marc and Shawnee Bratz a bill for \$100 for the dock line violation (no snubber on their line).

Eric has yet to find someone to claim an inflatable dingy in the rack. He will try one more time before taking action on its removal from the rack.

Eric is maintaining a list of boats not launched this year. A reminder will be sent to the owners with their January dues bill that the boats must be launched in 2018 or removed from the club grounds. Article XIII – Section 4 of Bylaws.

Eric has purchased the new battery and child paddles for the AED pack. The battery needs to be installed in the pack.

Eric advised that Bob Lincoln finally submitted Proof of Insurance on his sailboat ... with the insurance being in the other (non-member) owners name. The Bylaws only allow members to keep boats at the club so Eric will send Bob a letter requiring him to provide proof of ownership in the sailboat (copy of boat title, notarized letter, etc) to meet this requirement plus to have Bob listed as an additional insured on the boat insurance policy.

Motioned by Chris to accept the Treasurers report. Second by Jeff. Motion carries.

Secretary – No report

Port Captain – The Bratzs are still not tying up their boat properly. Jeff will ask the Grafts (their sponsor) to explain to them how they need to tie up their boat.

Junior Sailing – No report

Topics for Next Board Meeting October 12th, 7 pm. Clubhouse

Old Business

- Update on B dock light repairing
- Update on deck painting
- Update on North boat ramp repair/ permit
- Update on winterizing and boat storage for committee boats
- Update on repair of seawall power cable

New Business

- Review Dockmaster's bid on C Dock / Wave Attenuating Wall repair
- Nominating Committee proposal for Board elections

Motion by Phil to adjourn with Jeff second. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Shelby Switzer – Acting Secretary