

**NORTH FLATHEAD YACHT CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2014
CLUB HOUSE 7:00 PM**

Officer Present: Commodore: Trevon Baker, **Vice Commodore:** Kurt Hafferman
Secretary: Anne Muir **Port Captain:** Bill Read

Board Members Present: Jeff Medler, Jack Muir, Toby Schule

Members Present: Tom Able, Sherry Able, Ken Yachechak, Brad Lane

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Minutes from previous board meeting read. Toby S made a motion to accept minutes as written. Jeff M 2nd.

Old Business:

1. Use of club by non members: Application for non member use has been written up and will be posted on the club web site.

2. Smoke Alarms: Trevon will meet with the smoke alarm folks in the next day or so to check alarms on the premises.

New Business:

1. Search and Rescue would like to use a slip again this year. They can use the slip this year with the understanding they will need to check on their boat at least twice a month to ensure it is securely tied etc. Would also like for them to have a nice tarp on their boat as opposed to a blue plastic tarp. Trevon will chat with them about the above expectations.

2. Epic Shore to Shore: First Descents would like to use the club again this year for their annual Epic Shore to Shore fundraiser. First Descents is a non profit organization that conducts free camps for young people (18-39) diagnosed with cancer. The camps teach participants whitewater kayaking, rock climbing surfing and mountaineering. The purpose is to empower each person through outdoor challenges and help them to regain the confidence and self efficacy lost to cancer. First Descents is interested in having the event either August 16th or Sept 6th. The board would like a representative from First Descents to attend one of our board meetings and present an overview of their agency and what the event would entail. Trevon will speak with them about the route they need to take. Trevon will also let them know they still owe for the porta potties from last years event.

3. Club Insurance: Our insurance policy has been canceled for "any activity on the water" ie Junior Sailing. We are still researching different insurance policies at this time.

Officers/ Committee Reports:

Commodore Report:

Brad Lane attended the annual Somers chamber meeting. Not much to report.

Vice Commodore Report: Kurt Hafferman

1. Race Steward: Kurt has not heard back from the potential race steward, as of yet.

2. Mooses Overnight Race: Kurt would like to see the Mooses overnight race resurrected. Would like to include the Dayton Yacht Club in this race. A discussion on how best to pursue this. Kurt will continue to look at different options.

3. Committee Boat Work: The committee boat has a large live well filled with hoses and pumps for the live well. The live well is also the access point for removing batteries and changing the oil. With all of the extraneous stuff in the well it makes it difficult to change oil etc. Kurt would like to coil the hoses and store the pumps to make to the oil change and batteries more accessible.

Captains Marine has adjusted the carburetor.
Kurt has ordered new hatches and a new bilge pump.
Kurt has volunteered to maintain the committee boats.

4. Kurt will meet with the handicap committee and have all of the PHRF out by April. This will give folks time to give input .

5. Jeff Fisher would like to be on the race committee. Kurt made a motion. Jeff Medler 2nd. Motion passed.

6. Kurt would also like to look into new nozzles for our pump out station to prevent overspill. This would be good for water quality.

Treasurers Report: Report was read. A motion was made by Kurt to accept. Jack M 2nd. Minutes accepted as submitted.

Port Captain: Bill Read

1. Bill would like to buy more lines and snubbers of different colors. He would also like to make an announcement at the spring work party about the docking requirements for each member just to remind each member of the importance of proper tie up.

Web Site Committee: The Application for non member use still needs to be put on the web site.

Long Range Planning Committee: Ken Yachechak and Tom Able

Discussion on paying down the debt. Trevon feels we need to talk to other members of the club to see what their feeling are about paying down debt. Trevon feels we should be paying it down. Ken Yak feels the club should not pay the debt down because:

1. We will have significant tax liabilities

2. If we paid down the debt it would change our non profit status (401C3), which is very difficult to get for a club like ours.

3. We can use the money we generate to upgrade the club.

Kurt H suggested we get an accountant to tell us how much debt we can carry and still maintain our non profit status.

Ken suggested we could use some of the initiation fees to go towards the principle. If folks feel we need to pay down the debt a bit. Discussion on this subject will continue next meeting.

Ken and Tom presented a list of some long range planning suggestions. Trevon would like the board to review this list before the next board meeting and prioritize what we feel would be the most beneficial to the club at this point. This will be discussed at the March board meeting.

Ken also suggested the club sponsor a chili cook off and charge \$10 a ticket. The money we raised could possibly go to something like Junior Sailing.

Kurt made a motion to adjourn. Anne 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Submitted by:
Anne Muir
Secretary NFYC