

Flounder Bay Yacht Club

Bridge Meeting

October 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 by Commodore Annette Hawk.

Bridge members in attendance: Past Commodore Nancy Hunting, Treasurer Kelly Gronholt, Secretary Jeanie Browne, Membership Director Jack Hutteball, and Roster Chairman/Director Vern Pittman

Corrections/additions to the Annual Meeting minutes will be made and sent to the Bridge by e-mail for approval.

Annette thanked everyone in advance for their support this coming year.

Nancy and/or Torben will give Annette a tutorial on how to send e-mails to the membership.

Annette asked for an explanation of the relationship between the Condo 18 Board and FBYC. FBYC is an independent arm of Condo 18, with its own treasury. Condo 18 owns the building, and any proposed improvements to the clubhouse need to be approved by the Condo 18 Board. Decisions such as closing the clubhouse (such as during Covid) need to be approved by the Condo 18 Board. Our liaison is the person who presents such questions to the Condo 18 Board and reports back to the FBYC Bridge.

Dave Montague's phone number is incorrect in the roster. The correct number is 360-333-2798.

Old Business:

Jeanie brought up the issue of the lack of volunteers. The Club is not meant to run without a full Bridge, and committees cannot replace a Bridge officer. She suggested that we once again send an e-mail plea to members to find a volunteer to fill the Vice Commodore position, perhaps as Acting Vice Commodore who would not have to commit to moving up to Commodore. Annette will send another plea to all members.

Nancy brought up the signboard issue. Ken Hunting refurbished our old signboard, which sufficed for the summer, but the writing cannot be erased, as it is baked in by the sun. Nancy suggested we take another look at the sandwich board previously suggested by Jeanie. Jeanie will find the information and e-mail Bridge members with the size, cost, and particulars of options.

New Business:

Jeanie suggested we clean up the permanent sign board located at the head of the stairs that leads to the apartment. The sign board is currently filled with old, undated business cards. The board, which is directly in front of the cart storage, is an excellent location for a vivid, simple sign to remind members to sign out for reciprocal. This would be helpful, as members would see the sign each time they return a cart. The business card area would be re-located to the board near the entryway of the clubhouse. One quarter of the board (the top of the right side) would be used for business cards that must be dated when posted. The lower right quarter would be reserved for notices of items for sale, slips for rent, etc.,

also dated when posted. Condo 18 owns the boards, so Jack will check with Dick, as this would have to go through the Condo 18 Board.

Roster:

Jack keeps track of changes of owners and renters, then provides the spreadsheet to Vern for the roster. Jack sends membership renewal notices to renters and absentee owners by email the 1st week of November. Qualifications for absentee members were reviewed (see FBYC Policy Statement). Slip owners are emailed a form to have any changes made in the roster. The roster is published by the end of January in electronic format. Members can also request a printed roster, at a cost of \$5.00. Membership cards are automatically mailed to all members.

Reciprocals:

Jeanie volunteered to work on the project of simplifying the reciprocal sign-in process with Rear Commodore Barrie Austin. This will be addressed later, when Barrie is back from a lengthy European vacation.

Cruises Calendar:

Annette asked which cruises have had the most attendance in the past. Much of the cruise schedule for 2022 was based on that information, with a focus on destinations our non-boat owner members can attend by land. The cruise destinations and months proposed are:

Roche Harbor, mid-late April before prices go up. Skip will check on availability of slips and report back;

Bellingham, mid-May, a week after Opening day, the weekend of the 13th;

Reid Harbor, first weekend of June;

Fisherman Bay, 4th of July, at Islands Marine Center moorage (or at anchor, if preferred);

Sidney, B.C., August 10th, 11th, and 12th- this is mid-week to attend the Thursday for the Night Market;

Sucia, Fossil Bay, Mid Sept. possibly mid-week; Jeanie will check shelter availability.

The dates will be set at the next Bridge meeting so they can be published in the roster.

Land Cruises:

Annette suggested that we consider planning two land cruises outside of cruising season. The Bridge agreed that Harrison Hot Springs in mid-March or early April, and Lake Chelan in October would be easy and enjoyable destinations. This will be revisited at the next Bridge meeting, in time to include the dates and destinations in the roster.

Shoreside Activities:

Resumption of shoreside events will be based on Covid guidelines and safety. We had a short discussion of having a Social Committee /Activity Committee instead of a Vice Commodore. The Vice Commodore is a requirement in the Policy Statement, and in charge of shoreside events. Naming committees to replace a Vice Commodore is not how the Club is formed to run. The Vice Commodore can, and does, ask for volunteers.

New Event Ideas:

Past Commodore Frank McCoy offered to organize a wine tasting event at a certain price point or less, possibly on one of the second Sunday Happy Hours. A charcuterie contest was also suggested to make it a special event.

Holiday Clubhouse Decorating and Potluck:

Due to Covid we will not hold any indoor events this holiday season, including the New Year's Eve party. Consequently, outside lights will be the only decorating needed this season. Jack will get a small crew together to put up the lights. Annette will send a reminder to Jack.

Monthly Potluck Start Date:

We will stick with our normal potluck schedule for 2022. Our schedule will be revisited in January to assess the Covid situation and if/when we will be able to hold our first event. Annette suggested we make it something more special than a regular potluck- perhaps a movie night. Additional events can be announced by e-mail.

A Bridge meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 5th, to finalize the roster information, including the dates for cruises and events.

Local Outreach:

The Christmas Charity outreach is not Club sponsored, so do we want to leave it to individuals, as last year? Donations do not flow through the Club, but Annette had information that the donations from our members to The Family Center last Christmas season were amazing. After discussion, it was decided to suggest The Family Center and The Orca Network as the two charity fundraisers this year. Annette will send members an email the first part of December.

Action Items:

Terry Browne previously delivered two Leroy Nieman prints he would like to donate to the yacht club if we can use them. The Bridge agreed that they would be a fine addition to the TV wall. A plan was made for where each print would be hung. Vern and Jack offered to do the honors.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vern and seconded by Kelly. Meeting adjourned at 5:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanie Browne, Secretary