

FLOUNDER BAY YACHT CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 12, 2019

Commodore Bob Higgins called the meeting to order at 10:38.

Bridge officers present: Vice Commodore Nancy Hunting, Fleet Captain Michael Laboon, Treasurer Kelly Gronholt, Secretary Jeanie Browne, and Condo 18 Liaison Terry Browne. Also present: Roster Committee Chairman Vern Pittman and Dockmaster Dick Farrell.

Bridge members absent: Immediate Past Commodore Bill Stinson, Rear Commodore Barrie Austin, and Membership Director Jack Hutteball.

Old Business: None

Dockmaster report: Dick reminded everyone to disconnect their water hose from the dock faucet for winter. He also announced that we have a variety of boating items available that belonged to Past Commodore Joe Kurka, who passed away this year. Please feel free to take any items you would like.

Cruise Report: We had six required cruises scheduled this year. The first cruise, to Rosario in May, was the most popular, with nine boats attending. The last cruise, to Deer Harbor, had four boats in attendance. The other cruises had from zero to two boats. Members said more email communication about the cruises is needed. Michael added there should be a minimum of three emails.

Members also suggested that once a cruise is scheduled, the Fleet Captain should contact the marinas to let them know FBYC has a cruise scheduled to their marina on a particular date. If policy allows, request they hold a certain number of slips for a designated time. This should be followed immediately by an email to members encouraging them to make reservations within that time frame.

Feedback from several former boat owners suggested one way to increase attendance is to plan cruises to places they can join in, whether by driving, hopping a ride on someone's boat, or by taking a ferry. It was pointed out that we had good attendance in previous years at Cap Sante Marina over the 4th of July, by renting the party barge for our gatherings. Another suggestion was to provide pamphlets at the clubhouse with the cruise schedule, and to explore how to communicate informal cruises which would provide more flexibility than an established cruise schedule. The Bridge will take these issues into consideration when planning cruises for 2020.

Social Events: Nancy, who filled in as Vice Commodore beginning in June, reported that our summer Sunday Socials held the second and fourth Sundays of the month were becoming a popular event. Bob added that we conducted our full schedule of potlucks, except for February, which was cancelled due to weather.

Membership Report: Bob reported for Jack. Condo 18 has 151 slips, owned by 134 people. There are 61 renters, 5 Lifetime members, and 8 Absentee members. Although Bob sent e-mails to new and newer renters throughout the year to encourage membership in FBYC, renter membership is down to 28.

Finance Report: We began the year (October 1, 2018) with a bank balance of \$2,547.51. Our total receipts for the year (until September 30, 2019) were \$3,757.58. For the same time period our expenses totaled \$2,883.28. There were no large expenses this year.

Reciprocal Report: Bob reported for Barrie. There were fifteen days of reciprocal moorage, providing an income of \$125. Throughout the year Barrie sent many letters to update our reciprocal moorage agreements.

Facility Report: The major king tide in January posed a risk to the gangway. Bob and Dick put blocks at the bottom of the ramp as a temporary fix during the high tide. (See Liaison report that follows).

Liaison Report: Terry reported that the ramp will either be repaired or replaced next summer. The work is expected to take two days, during which time there will be no electricity on the docks. Prior notice will be given.

The Condo 18 Bridge meeting will be held Saturday, October 19, at 10:00 AM. Non-members are welcome to attend, but cannot vote.

Additional Comments:

Betty Ann McCoy asked if there are new renters in the apartment and what the renter's responsibilities are. There are new renters, whose job is to clean the bathrooms and laundry rooms. She also asked if we are sitting on too much money, and asked if we donate any of it.

Daleen Reed asked if emails go to all the members. Answer: Yes

Skip Hawk asked if we have a feel for how many cruising boats we have in the club. No answer.

Outgoing Commodore remarks:

Bob gave recognition to members Gary and Cheryl Ross, who donated the beautiful and comfortable leather sofa and two chairs for the clubhouse, and to member Randy Monge, who volunteered to build the corner shelf under the television.

He thanked Suzanne Lockridge for her suggestion at last year's annual meeting that our Summer Socials be changed from Friday to Sunday. The change avoided scheduling conflicts with Friday Night Art Walk and the Friday Summer Music Concerts at Seafarer's Park, allowing more members to attend. He also thanked Suzanne for shopping for, hosting, and setting up chairs and tables for today's Annual Meeting.

Bob also thanked non-member volunteers Steve Gordon and Bob's neighbor, Bob Davis for cooking the burgers and brats for us today. Both are members of the men's walking group. Our long-time volunteer cook, John Leone, was unable to attend because of back issues.

Bill and Bob represented FBYC on Bill's boat at the Christmas Boat Parade in LaConner, put on by the LaConner Yacht Club, and at the Opening Day Parade May 6th, hosted by the San Juan Island Yacht Club in Friday Harbor. They joined LYC at their after-parade party. At the Opening Day Parade they won Best Classic Boat Presentation.

Bob added that this year's events have been fun and well-attended, most particularly our New Year's Eve celebration and Opening Day, which both bring many guests. Shoreside event participation ranged

from a high of 67 on Opening Day to a low of 12 at the September potluck. Bob said we need to be cheerleaders (as he was in college!) to get people wound up to participate.

New Bridge Slate: Bob asked for nominations from the floor for Vice Commodore and Fleet Captain. As there were none, he presented the proposed slate of officers.

Commodore- Nancy Hunting

Vice Commodore- vacant

Rear Commodore- Barrie Austin

Fleet Captain- vacant

Secretary- Jeanie Browne

Treasurer- Kelly Gronholt

Membership Chairman- Jack Hutteball

Condo 18 Liaison/Director- Terry Browne

A motion was made and seconded to approve the slate. Motion passed.

Bob presented our new Commodore Nancy Hunting with her Commodore's flag, hat, and gavel, thanking her for volunteering in June to fill the Vice Commodore position. In turn, Nancy presented outgoing Commodore Bob with his framed Commodore's flag and thanked him for his non-stop cheerleading.

New Commodore's Comments: Nancy announced that she will have to fly her burgee on her paddleboard! She will plan a Bridge meeting within the next two weeks, and encourages members to attend the meetings. She will send e-mail notifications ahead of time. The first meeting will involve planning our schedule of events for the coming year.

Member comments:

Jean Thompson said she and Dave will be cruising in Alaska every summer as long as they are capable. She offered to share information and answer questions of those interested in cruising to Alaska before they leave next May. It was suggested that neighboring yacht clubs be invited to the presentation based on an expected low number of FBYC boats interested in cruising to Alaska. Jean's talk would likely be at a potluck and would not be a Power Point presentation.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanie Browne, Secretary