

Flounder Bay Yacht Club Annual Meeting

October 13, 2018

Commodore Bill Stinson called the meeting to order at 10:35.

Additional Bridge members present: Vice Commodore Bob Higgins, Fleet captain Michael Laboon, Secretary Jeanie Browne, Membership Director Jack Hutteball, Treasurer Kelly Gronholt, and Condo 18 Liaison Terry Browne.

The minutes from the October 2017 annual meeting had been previously approved and sent to all members.

CRUISE REPORT: Six cruises were held this year. The Garrison Bay Cruise (June 1-3), the July 4th Cruise to Fisherman Bay, and the Deer Harbor Cruise (Sept. 28-30) had good attendance. Michael said he will continue as our Fleet captain for the 2019 cruising season.

SOCIAL EVENT REPORT: Potlucks were successful, although only one had a host. Programs were organized programs for three of the potlucks. Approximately fifty people attended the New Year's Eve social. Scattering the tables around worked well to reduce congestion. Friday night socials had low attendance. Thirty-eight attended Spring Fling at the Majestic Inn.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Condo 18 has 151 slips with 135 owners and 62 renters. Twenty-nine renters have joined FBYC. We have six absentee members. Dick and Marilyn Reynolds are new lifetime members, bringing the total to five lifetime members.

REAR COMMODORE REPORT: We had 20 reciprocal guests who stayed a total of 48 nights. Income from reciprocal visits was \$367, plus \$87 for electrical. The Bridge is considering switching from a power fee to a service fee for all reciprocal visits, regardless of usage of power.

FACILITY REPORT: The club was updated with new interior paint and carpet. Jean Pittman volunteered to paint the interior. Bob donated a 10' ladder. Member Randy Monge has offered to build a corner shelving unit to replace the plastic shelving unit under the television. Mark Bunzel of Fine Edge Productions has offered new charts for the walls. Bob would like to store life jackets on a rack, rather than stacking them on a table.

COMMUNITY ACTION REPORT: The change from buying gifts to monetary-only donations to the Salvation Army, our Christmas charity, resulted in higher donations than in previous years, and lightened the burden of the project.

CONDO 18 LIAISON REPORT: Terry introduced Skyline Marina Condo 18 Board President Dave Montague, who thanked FBYC, on behalf of Condo 18, for the clubhouse interior painting and improvements. He gave special thanks to Jean Pittman for painting the interior. The Condo 18 parking lot was resurfaced this summer and they are pleased with the results. Torben Mann has joined the Condo 18 Board as Treasurer. The Board will meet on October 27, and a vote will be taken to continue Wi-Fi service and take over all costs, which will relieve FBYC of \$779.04 in annual expenses.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The year began with a balance of \$2,992.82 and ended with a balance of \$2,547.51. Thanks to member donations of time and talent we were able to paint and re-carpet the clubhouse for \$1475.52. All but \$133.04 paid for by donations. The full report of income and expenses is available in the Secretary's file.

OUTGOING COMMODORE'S REPORT: Bill thanked Past Commodores and the Bridge for their support, noting that we fulfilled our full calendar for the year. We abided by our policy statement, which he suggested we update to get more active participation. Further clubhouse updating included new carpet and paint. Jean Pittman volunteered her time and expertise to paint the clubhouse interior, saving the club a large expense, for which she has been honored with the Edward Knowles Award for her outstanding contribution to the club. Her name has been added to the Edward Knowles plaque.

Bill announced the creation of a new award, named the Douglass Award, in honor of Don and Reanne Douglass, for outstanding contribution to the cruising community. This will be a perpetual trophy given out occasionally for outstanding contribution.

We do not have a Vice Commodore on the slate for 2019. The 2019 Bridge will try to fill the position.

NEW BRIDGE SLATE: Commodore Bill Stinson presented the proposed slate of officers for 2018-2019 as follows:

Commodore- Bob Higgins

Vice Commodore- TBD

Rear Commodore- Barrie Austin

Fleet captain- Michael Laboon

Secretary- Jeanie Browne

Treasurer- Kelly Gronholt

Membership Chairman- Jack Hutteball

Roster Publishing Chair- Vern Pittman

Condo 18 Liaison/Director- Terry Browne

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

Bill presented our new Commodore Bob Higgins with his Commodore's flag. In turn, Bob presented outgoing Commodore Bill Stinson with his framed Commodore's flag.

NEW COMMODORE COMMENTS: Bob commended outgoing Commodore Bill for playing a dual role in 2016-2017, when he was Vice Commodore and had also filled in as 2017 Commodore, due to resignation of our Commodore. Bill held six Bridge meetings this past year and improved communications with members. Bob credited Bill's communication and inspiration to the high attendance of 8 boats and 18 people to the last cruise of the season to Deer Harbor. Bob also thanked Julie for her behind-the-scenes support.

Rear Commodore Barrie contacted several northwest yacht clubs by our Rear Commodore resulted in several invitations. Although not able to participate in the Swinomish Yacht Club Christmas Boat Parade in LaConner, Bob attended the Skipper's meeting beforehand. Bill and Bob both took their decorated boats and participated in the 2018 dockside Christmas Parade at Cap Sante. Bob would like to see more participation in decorating boats at Christmas, as well as participation in the LaConner Christmas Boat parade.

The San Juan Island Yacht Club invited our club to participate in their opening day parade. Bill, Bob, Julie, and Lorna attended on Bill's boat.

Bob is considering themed cruises and a wagon wheel cruise at Garrison Bay.

A lack of commitment for Spring Fling until the last week before it is held has been an ongoing issue, putting pressure on the Vice Commodore to contact members to sign up so it will not be cancelled. Bob asked for a show of hands for support of Spring Fling in its current format. There was little, if any, support. The new Bridge will discuss options for a 2019 Spring Fling.

Bob announced the names of new members. New slip owners David and Jeanie Markley were in attendance and were introduced.

MEMBER COMMENTS: Suzanne Lockridge commented on a possible reason for low attendance at bi-weekly happy hours on Friday nights during the summer. She noted Friday nights conflict with the weekly Friday night outdoor concerts in Seafarer's Park, which she and John attend. She suggested the Bridge consider changing the day, possibly to Sunday night, the same night potlucks are held outside of cruising season. The Bridge will take that into consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanie Browne, Secretary