

FBYC Bridge Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM.

Bridge members in attendance:

Commodore Nancy Hunting, Past Commodore Bob Higgins, Rear Commodore Barrie Austin, Treasurer Kelly Gronholt, Secretary Jeanie Browne, Membership Chairman Jack Hutteball.

Also in attendance: Roster Chairman Vern Pittman

Old Business

At our October, 2018 Annual Meeting, then-Commodore Bill Stinson announced the creation of The Douglass Cruising Award, a new award to recognize members for outstanding contribution to the cruising community. Michael Laboon and Bill collaborated on this perpetual trophy featuring Michael's custom tile which Bill matted with a Douglass local cruising chart in a custom wood frame. This beautiful trophy is hung, covered, and ready to unveil at our Sunday potluck. Bill will contact Reanne to see if she will be able to attend our potluck for the occasion.

Bill will provide his slide show of our veteran members to the meeting, to play on the tv screen during the evening. He will be able to add pictures of any other member veterans whose pictures were not in the previous slide show.

New Business

None

Policy Statement

Our Policy Statement calls for two Directors at Large, one as a Condo 18 Liaison. The Liaison position is filled, but the other is open. Jeanie nominated Vern for the open position; seconded by Kelly. Motion passed. Vern Pittman has already been serving as Roster Chairman (without voting privileges) He was assured there would be no other duties required of him.

Activities

Shore side schedule:

January 12 Potluck

February 9 Potluck

March 8 Potluck

April 5 Potluck

May 2 Opening Day

May 10 Twice monthly Happy Hours begin

September 13 Twice monthly Happy Hours begin

October 10 Closing Day/Annual Meeting

November 8 Potluck

December 6 Decorate the clubhouse and potluck lunch

December 31 New Years' Eve Party

Cruises

The Bridge's focus for the 2020 cruising season is to include cruises to destinations accessible by land or ferry, in order to allow our former boat owners and/or absentee owners to participate. The following schedule was penciled onto the calendar and will be finalized once contacts are made with San Juan Island Yacht Club and Washington State Parks.

May 3 (Sunday) Friday Harbor. This short cruise is planned in order to join the San Juan Island Yacht Club's Opening Day boat parade and festivities, held the day after our's. FBYC members with boats may want to cruise to Friday Harbor the afternoon of our Opening Day (Saturday, May 2nd) to be in Friday Harbor in time for Sunday's boat parade. Non-boat owners can join in by traveling by ferry or on a member's boat either Saturday afternoon, for an overnight stay, or on Sunday, for just the day. Depending on the location of accommodations for anyone staying overnight, Friday Harbor is walkable and a car may not be needed. Taxis are also available.

June 19-21- Fossil Bay on Sucia Island. Jeanie will check into reserving the covered outdoor shelter at the head of the dock for our gatherings on Friday and Saturday night. There are numerous campsites available for members without a boat, but who are interested in camping. Clean tents and equipment can be available from members. Transportation can be arranged on a member's boat, or from the north end of Sucia via a transport service.

July 3-5- Fisherman Bay, Islands Marine Center. Non-boat owners can travel by ferry or by arrangement on a member's boat. A taxi is available for those arriving by ferry. The not-to-be-missed parade usually starts around 10 AM, and the fireworks display is awesome. Accommodations for moorage and for rooms near the harbor (for those arriving without a car) should be made immediately, as Lopez is a popular destination for the 4th of July.

July 31- August 3- Victoria Splash. The symphony plays in the inner harbor on Sunday, August 2nd. Non-boat owners can travel by ferry to Sidney and rent a room anywhere in the area, then join boaters for the gatherings on the dock. Splash is an exciting experience! There is good bus service from Sidney to Victoria.

Tom Herr has once again offered to head-up our arrangements for Splash.

August 6-8- Sidney, B.C. This is another opportunity for non-boat owners to join the cruisers. There are plenty of accommodations, excellent restaurants, and there is a lot to do and see in Sidney. Taxis are available and bus service is good, making a car unnecessary.

September 18-20- Bellingham Squaticum Harbor, eastern basin. Hotel Bellwether and Anthony's are nearby. The options are endless.

Other business

A member suggested that we print a rack-sized card list of our cruise schedule for display where members pass by, so they can pick one up. A card/brochure holder could be placed on the inside of the gate, where they would be undercover and noticed. An awareness of our cruise schedule for everyone going out the gate may be a way to get more attendees at the cruises, and possibly more FBYC members. Jack will look for a couple pictures that can be printed on the cards and work up something that can be presented to the Bridge. He suggested that card stock the weight of the roster cover would be adequate, and the cost would be minimal.

Jack will be sending the roster digitally via e-mail this year. Slip owners and FBYC members can request one hard copy for no charge, with an option to buy a second roster for \$5.00. FBYC members will be able to send roster requests with their dues payment. Membership cars will be mailed.

Local Outreach

Barrie will continue with his outreach to nearby clubs to explore cooperating on cruises or activities.

Barrie informed us of some changes made regarding the required minimum liability insurance coverage in some Canadian destinations. The required minimum will be \$2 million. He was asked for proof of \$2 million coverage this past summer. Although he did not have it, he was not turned away. Please be aware of the changes and be sure to carry a copy of your Declaration Page. Vern will write a notice to place in the roster.

Our club has held a year-end charity fundraiser for numerous years. There have been many recipients, some of them marine related, and some not. This year's potential recipients were discussed, and it was decided to support a marine related charity. Nancy spoke of the Anacortes Waterfront Alliance and the work they do to provide water related activities for youth and adults, including sailing lessons as well small boat and paddleboard rentals. They also host youth regattas in the spring and fall. Barry made a motion, seconded by Bob, that we support the AWA with our charity fundraiser this year. Nancy will write a letter for the Bridge to approve. Once approved, it will be sent by email to members for their consideration for a donation. Checks will be sent to Kelly with a December 18 deadline, for delivery on December 20th.

Nancy asked if we have a host signed up for New Years' Eve. It wasn't determined. She said we have plenty of funds to give back to our members in some way, so maybe we could consider having our New Year's Eve party catered. She will check with Gere-A-Deli for options and prices.

Action Items from October 24, 2019 meeting

Bob has asked Bill Stinson to contact Mark Bunzel regarding the maps he was going to donate.

Terry Browne will be asked to clarify the ownership/maintenance of the deck canvas covers.

Torben will research the FBYC Facebook page.

Jeanie Browne ordered the AED battery/pack replacement, has it in her possession, and will ask Dick to help her replace the expired pack. One key will be taped to the side of the AED box. Jeanie will ask Dick if he has a safe place to keep the second spare in his office.

Barrie will send a list of reciprocals to Torben for posting on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40.

Jeanie Browne, Secretary