

**Corinthian Yacht Club of Bellingham, WA**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**April 25, 2017 - 7:00PM**

**Location of Meeting:**

Home of Commodore Laurent Martel  
3380 Northwest Avenue #101, Bellingham, WA 98225

**Present at the Meeting:** Commodore Laurent Martel, Vice Commodore Bruce Henniger, Secretary Priscilla Sulham, Membership Chair Tracy Olney, Administrative Officer Lesli Beasley, Reciprocity Chair Neal Bittner, Newsletter Editor Linda Benafel, Cruise Chair Ken Russell, and Acting Co-Race Chair Matt Luxon.

**Absent from the Meeting:** Treasurer Troy Olney, Co-Race Chair Sean Jones, Web Master Chuck Dingee and Past Commodore Steve Clevenger (2016).

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corinthian Yacht Club ("CYC") of Bellingham, WA was called to order at 7:13PM on April 25, 2017, by Commodore Laurent Martel.

I. **Review of Previous Minutes**

No Board Meeting was held in March, 2017, therefore, no Minutes were submitted to the Board Meeting for approval.

II. **Consideration of Open Items**

1. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Troy Olney, absent, no report submitted.
2. Membership Report: Membership Chair Tracy Olney, reported that she had received inquiries from lots of new people las month. Tracy raised the issue as to what do we want to do regarding follow-up when a current member cancels or withdraws their membership. On an informal basis, Tracy does follow-up, but wondered if we should have a formal proposal. Vice-Commodore Bruce Henniger, suggested that the Club should establish steps to becoming a member; outline duties of membership. It was agreed that Tracy and Bruce will work together on creating procedure/protocol to recruiting and nurturing new members. The issue of Club cards for the membership was raised and discussed. It was moved and seconded that Tracy order Club cards for the membership with the motto "We sail friendly since 1986."
3. Reciprocity Report: Reciprocity Chair Neal Bittner, reported that nothing is going on, other than he had managed to fill our vacant slip.

4. Administrative Report: Administrative Officer Lesli Beasley, reported that she has several speakers lined up for this year's Monthly Potluck Meetings. She is always open to suggestions from the members as to what they would like to see, hear or learn. The scheduled speaker for May is Meryl Herriott from the Power Squadron, who will speak about Vessel Safety Inspection.
5. Racing Report: Acting Co-Race Chair Matt Luxon, reported that the Racing Committee are contemplating having 2 parties in the summer. Matt will find a good link to the Racing Rules and put the link on our website and in our newsletter. Motion was made, seconded and passed to bring to a vote at the membership at the next potluck, adding Matt Luxon as Co-Racing Chair.
6. Newsletter Report: Newsletter Editor Linda Benefal, reported that she would like the Board Members to have their articles for the newsletter to her, at the latest, by the Tuesday following the monthly Board Meeting. There was discussion as to whether we wanted to have Opinion Pieces in our newsletter. Nothing resolved and the matter tabled.
7. Vice Commodore Report: Vice Commodore Bruce Henninger, nothing to report.
8. Cruise Report: Cruise Chair Ken Russell reported that a list of cruises and their dates are posted on the website. We have two back to back cruises, Matia Island Clean-up Cruise and the joint BYC/CYC Cruise to Lopez scheduled in May. Not ideal, but that is how it worked out.

### **III. Consideration of New Business**

1. Vice-Commodore, Bruce Henniger, is managing our table at the Swap Meet on Opening Day of boating season, May 6<sup>th</sup>, and he is looking for volunteers to help man the booth. Money from our table donations goes to supporting the Community Boating Center.
2. Commodore, Laurent Martel, informed the Board that he would be absent from August 15, 2017 until November 3, 2017, as he will be in France with his wife. There will be no Board meetings in July or August.
3. Administrative Chair, Lesli Beasley raised the issue regarding whether to have a Dock Party on Opening Day. Everyone thought it was a wonderful idea and Lesli graciously volunteered to organize it.

#### **IV. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting**

No Agenda Items were listed for discussion for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held May 23, 2017 at the Home of Commodore Laurent Martel, 3380 Northwest Avenue #101, Bellingham, WA 98225, at 7:00PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45PM by Commodore Laurent Martel.