

CYC of Bellingham

Board Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2011

Present, Future Board Members and Guests Present: Sherry Jenkins, Mel Davidson, Bob Jenkins, Laurent Martel, Dan Lehfeltdt, Dave Cahill, Chris Wilson, Donna-Marie Cahill, Deborah O'Connor, Mike Kirkland

Meeting called to order at 7pm

November minutes approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer Report:

Proceeds from one new member received.

Expenses paid and recorded for the period were Squalicum rental, Christmas Party hams, winter dance deposit, website fees, trophies, PIYA, US Sailing Fees and nametags.

Club insurance payment is due.

YTD \$426 to the good.

Motion to approve finances seconded and approved.

Membership: New members approved:

- Dan and Julie Stewart, Ericson 28 – SV/Jewel.

Administrative: Tim Seifert the Executive Director for the San Jaun Preservation Society will do a presentation in January about Vendovi Island. Bill Apt will be working to understand the long term plans for the island before any recommendations for donations are made to the club.

February meeting will be a Border Patrol presentation.

March meeting is set for BSAPS boating education.

April meeting will be a Turning Point Lighthouse presentation.

Race: Some new distance races are being reviewed as additions to the schedule:

- Solstice Race
- Twilight Race
- Romeo and Juliet Race

A dockside Fiesta Party is being planned for after the last race of the series for 2012.

Race Advisory Committee is being set up to provide more feedback from racers.

Still working on a method to fund a scholarship from the race program for Don Mierzeski's son.

B.A.R.F. will be convening to discuss joint racing opportunities.

Also looking to start a take your own time race similar to the Sloop Tavern Races, complete with website time tracking.

Cruise: Matia Cruise may be in jeopardy due to piling damage, looking at alternatives like Fossil Bay and a shuttle. If Matia does not work then a Sucia Cruise may be substituted.

Website/Newsletter: No new business.

Reciprocal: Reciprocal sign was removed by the port during dock renovations and is in need of serious repair. Chris agreed to help with repairs.

Lower cost alternatives were reviewed but it was decided due to the importance of the program to go with better boxes and find a way to protect them. \$380 is in the budget to cover new boxes.

10% across the board on all items club member discount was verified at Redden Marine.

Old Business: Mike will present the final cost of the Directional Map at the port and get Port approval before seeking club funding.

Winter Dance was the main topic and sparked a lively conversation. A proposal was brought forward to turn the Winter Dance over to the Boating Center as a fund raiser to support the Center and reduce the clubs liability for an event where alcohol is made available for sale.

Donna-Marie had contacted our current insurance carrier and they confirmed that we were are not in any way covered for an event selling alcohol.

The bar at the winter dance was originally started to defray costs and has netted a break even scenario since. May club members worry about the liability and a solution to this is being sought.

Some concern was expressed about losing the clubs identity and comradery at a public fund raiser.

Mike Kirkland provided valuable resource having much experience made suggestions on how to work with the Boating Center to meet both the needs of the club and the center.

It was agreed that we should work with the Boating Center for one year to see how it would go and reassess after this year's event.

I was suggested that the proposed agreement from the Boating Center could be edited to cover one year and presented to Blaine at the boating center for his approval.

An auction was suggested to help the Boating Center with the fund raising part.

Higher priced tickets at the door and or closer to the event was suggested.

Finally, a motion to approve the amended for one year Boating Center/CYC Winter Dance proposal was raised with a rider on the Boating Centers insurance policy to cover CYC and the Boating Center would be approved to run a fund raiser auction at the event with proceeds going to the center. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business: MMSI numbers are to be added to the roster to improve boater communications.

The entire group gave Mel a round of applause for his service as Commodore.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and approved.

Adjourned at 8:17 PM