

## **CYC of Bellingham**

### **Board Meeting Minutes – Preliminary**

**January 11, 2011**

Board Members Present: Mel Davidson, Dave Cahill, Bill Apt, Steve Clevenger, Ray Gobush, Laurent Martel, Chuck Dingee, Bob Jenkins

Members Present: Debra and Dave Jones

Meeting called to order at 7:05

**Minutes of last meeting:** The October 2010 board meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer Report:** Currently short \$1,100 on dues and \$6,000 short in total. Winter Dance, race and late dues are expected to make up the short fall. Meeting space up from \$40 to \$45 and locker rental is at \$175 and still a good deal. Signature cards for new officers need to be signed at the bank after old officers sign off on their removal.

“On The Beach Insurance” was approved at \$350 plus any increase. The coverage is for everything outside of racing and it was agreed to be necessary. Motion was proposed, seconded and approved.

**Membership:** 53 members are on the current roster, 49 renewals and 4 new members. 15 members lost so far.

Bill Apt suggested calling those that have not renewed.

Renewals need to be audited against income to verify that they tie out.

**Administrative:** Names need to be solicited for the Cruising Family of The Year trophy.

Club rosters will be printed in March and handed out at the first meeting in April.

January Meeting: Nooksack Salmon Enhancement

February Meeting: Mike Reed, Down the Coast Trip

Future meeting suggestions:

- Swank, Rig Tuning
- Mike Cochran, Sail trim and sail repair
- Life sling demonstration, (could be all day event or sail)

**Race:** A presentation on safety was given by PIYA pertaining to their categories and race requirements. PIYA safety requirements are over and above US Coast Guard regulations and are mandatory for all PIYA sanctioned races.

PIYA covers WA State and Northern Oregon

PIYA changes this year for sanctioned races are the following:

- Split bow pulpits are allowed.
- Dyneema is allowed for lifelines.
- Vinyl coated lifelines have been banned and racers will be disqualified for these moving forward.

A Web Link will be posted on the website for the PIYA rules.

Bill Apt reported a tentative first day race schedule of April 5, 2011.

ABC race looks like a go this year with the location currently under discussion.

Approval was given to order plaques ahead of time to avoid mistakes made in the past. Deb suggested that you could go ahead and put her name on one.

**Cruise:** We need to get the word out on soliciting cruise suggestions. Some new ideas and repeat cruises are as follows:

- A one week cruise in the Gulf Islands
- Matia Island clean-up, this needs to be coordinated with the park
- Some cruises tailored to the smaller boats throughout the summer
- BYS/Sucia overnight cruise race
- Turkey fry cruise

**Website/Newsletter:** Look at knowledge sharing on the website. How to get to new places? Where is that rock on the entrance to the anchorage anyway? Publicize that the club has reciprocal codes for washrooms and other important information accessible on file.

**Reciprocal:** A discussion was held about the protocol to acquire new reciprocal rights. No more new news at this time.

**Old Business:** Winter party/dance coming up. Need to recruit attendees and get some publicity for event. Email the Walrus friends list and other yacht clubs. The venue is Melody Hall. Dance tickets are on sale in advance for \$20 and \$25 at the door. Ways to tie in membership discounts with the winter party were discussed. A \$5 membership coupon seemed to have the least issues but no consensus was reached.

**New Business:** We need to provide sponsor information for visitors as well as general information. It was felt that information was not readily available about necessary services at the docks. For example:

- Maps of the area and features
- Shopping
- Restaurants
- Grocery stores
- Liquor stores
- Taxi numbers
- Etc.

Book a first aid course for the club. This could be incorporated into a cruise. Laurent Martel will call on services to get a price for a first aid course.

Add port information to the newsletter like the recently decide fee increase which reduces the annual payment discount from 10% down to 5%.

Need to recruit more roster advertising. New last year was Skookum Sales and Oyster Creek Canvas.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

