

Corinthian Yacht Club of Bellingham

Board meeting minutes

For

June 2nd 2009

Board members Present: Wendy Barrett, Larry Folenius, David Cunningham, Bob Cooper, Laurent Martel, Ray Gobush, Dave Barrett, Steve Clevenger

Members present: Lynn Gobush

Meeting called to order at: 18:07

1. **Secretary Report:** David Cunningham moved and Bob Cooper seconded motion to approve the meeting minutes from the May 5th board meeting with no changes. Motion was unanimously approved.
2. **Treasurers Report:** Bob Cooper reported we are not broke as we have \$2,300 in checking without anything being taken out of the savings yet. We will have expenses of around \$700 between now and the end of the budget year. He presented a proposed budget for next year with some changes. Everything having to do with racing is under racing. The proposed budget projected a loss of \$2,240 if we don't improve our income or reduce expenses.
3. **Committee Reports:**
 - **Race:** Wendy reported Bob Apt wanted to come talk about racing and finding other ways to get more money to racing without raising dues. Larry said Rocky wants to make racing very causally and not get into so much detail. Racing expenses include dues for PYIA & US Sailing which allows racers to do round county and other racing in Puget Sound. Is this what racers want? What If it is important to keep this the racers should get together and decide. One proposal was that they could purchase the membership through the club but the money would come from the racers who want it. Wendy suggested this be put this to the Racers in October. Ray suggested we keep racing fees same and get rid of two race club memberships. It was pointed out that a large group of racers go out racing and going to party after the race but not showing up to general meetings and not volunteering. Wendy moved Larry seconded we remove trophies to save some racing expenses.. Approved unanimously. Ray moved & David C seconded a motion to remove PIYA and US Sailing dues with it going back in with a raise in dues to cover the cost if the racers want it. Bob said if we take those out racing will be a positive cash flow to the club. It was brought up that if racing has to be self supporting why not cruising, but the \$300 budgeted for cruising isn't usually used completely. It was unanimously agreed that we move that money into the racing budget.
 - **Reciprocal:** Steve Clevenger reported another 30 ft slip became available & taken was taken by a member.
 - **Membership:** No new members, but one application still missing, They were approved at last board meeting.
 - **Administrative Officer:**
 - **Cruise:** Dave Barrett will be contacting people who have something over summer to get stuff in the newsletter. Poker run was good fun.
 - **Homeport:** Mike doing one more newsletter for summer

- Vice Commodore: None

4. Old Business:

- a. Budget discussion continued from Treasurer's report and Race report:
- Bob suggested making, dance self supporting. We could go to a potluck for the dance to make the dance self supporting. David C suggested changing the motion to budget for a self supporting dance. Motion by Bob and seconded by Laurent for the dance budget to balance.
 - Ray wants to give discount of \$10 on dues for signing up early up for dance or volunteer.
 - It was suggested we take out \$2000 from newsletter cost as a fully electronic newsletter will cost nothing for printing except for printing cost for members who chose that, but that is covered in the charge to those members. We still need to put some line item in for newsletter expenses and make newsletter income the same amount for it to balance. Wendy moved & Larry seconded a motion to put in \$1,000 for newsletter expense and delivery \$1,000 and newsletter income. That motion passed unanimously. Ray would like to use email contact for membership renewal. He got much better response to email last year than he did by regular mail. Ray moved & David C seconded that membership renewal be done via email in the future. Ray also pointed out that roster printing costs is less because we agreed last month to only print one roster per membership.
 - Larry suggested roster be put on line for members.
 - The Line item previously called Ski to Sea will be changed to Stewardship to give us more flexibility in how we use those funds. Ray suggested changing the amount to \$500 and that go to BBCBC. We could do fundraiser for them this year as well.
 - Ray needs only \$50 to \$100 for roster mailing. Wendy pointed out that we have now reduced our expense budget by taking \$130 off roster printing, \$1000 off newsletter, \$600 off Race. Bob suggested setting the first Tuesday in Aug as deadline for the board agreeing on proposed budget. The budget will be discuss over email and vote via email. A motion was made by Ray to vote on email, seconded by Wendy.
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5. New Business:

- a. New Member discussion: Larry suggested new members be required come to two meetings or outings which would help encourage people to participate. New members should not get membership nametags, card, burgee etc. until they are inducted into club at a meeting. This proposal is about getting people to feel like they belonged as well as getting more participation. Larry suggested each member who joins should be given a job right away (or at least an opportunity to participate). We have a lot of members who do not participate. Ray wondered if this would push people away. The goal here is to help change the membership feeling. Right now there is a core group that does the work but large group is not participating. Wendy suggested hospitality is the key to changing that and that we should set up a group a ongoing committee. Bob suggested we call them ambassadors. Ray suggested making Vice Commodore the person in charge of that. Larry said Squalicum has Rear Commodore (administrative officer), Vice Commodore and Commodore. Members who become Commodore go through the first two positions so they are really engaged in the club before they take the ultimate leadership role. Wendy moved Ray seconded a motion that the requirements for membership include attending one function before they submit their application. Then after they apply and go through formal induction at general meeting with the Vice Commodore coordinating the process. The motion passed unanimously. Wendy suggested we have just changed bylaws for Vice Commodore so that needs to be voted on at fall general meeting. Lynn will write newsletter article about Vice

- Commodore change. Wendy suggested we talk about membership participation etc. via email as well as the budget. Ray and Larry will work on the new member application.
- b. Wendy says she has a contact, Marie Ranie (SP) at WWU, who is willing to help with the website design. She will contact her about that project and working with Jack
 - c. There is a rumor that Mike wants to quit the newsletter but he will still do one for June. Wendy will contact him about his plans and what to do about the future of the newsletter.

6. Open Discussion:

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- b.

Meeting Adjourned at: 20:10

David J. Cunningham, Secretary