

CYC Board Meeting Minutes June 02, 2020

Present via Zoom: Andreas, Chuck, Kathy, Laurent, Mike, Sean, Ken, Jon, Greg

This special CYC board meeting convened to discuss the need to revamp the CYC website and other topics.

New Business:

CYC website: Ken brought up the need to evaluate the website because members and the public may be experiencing difficulty or confusion about how to get information they need, and whether general queries to committee chairs or the appropriate board member are reaching the right person. Questions he (membership chair) received about the 2020 racing season prompted the discussion. Discussion and possible solutions followed.

The board stated three goals that would be addressed if the website is to be updated or redesigned:

1. Communication via the website between the board, CYC members, and the public will be made more accessible by directing inquiries to the appropriate content chairperson and other
2. A new communication process will be streamlined and not present a big burden to any one board member (e.g. one person screen all inquiries and forward to appropriate chairperson, or to reply to every inquiry personally)
3. A new process will be sustainable and not need to be revised by every new board.

In the short term, web-based communication with members and the public can be streamlined and inquiries directed to the appropriate content person fairly easily and quickly through a user-friendly access portal. In the longer term, the entire website may need to be addressed and will require some research, cost comparison etc.

Motion: Kathy, Chuck and Ken will assess the CYC's needs for a revised website, will research what it would cost the club to re-do the website and report to the board at a future board meeting. Motion passed.

Action: In the meantime individual committee chairs will review sections of the website and make recommendations to Kathy and Ken.

Old Business:

Committee reports:

Cruise update: Greg proposed a non-work CYC gathering at Prevost Harbor May 26th following social distancing guidelines. Discussion included a desire to be respectful to islander communities' concerns about an increase in visitors to Stuart Island, adhering to Phase II guidelines currently in effect in San Juan County, and CYC member readiness to gather in a larger group. Because of the potential size of a CYC gathering, a suggestion was made to wait until Phase III is in effect and more participants can gather. **Action:** Mary will call the San Juan County Public Health Officer to clarify whether non-residents will be permitted to gather in San Juan County in Phase III, and clarify the relationship between Washington State Parks policy (parks are open and fully functional) and San Juan County policy (restricts non-resident activity on the islands).

Racing: Sean reports the Covid Race Series is underway. When Whatcom County moves into Phase II, CYC will get back to normal with 5 person crews. BYC has canceled its local race schedule for 2020 but has retained its long-distance race schedule. Sean will work to ensure that all participants in the CYC Thursday night series will be registered, up to date on fees, and have provided proof of insurance. He will communicate with CYC and BYC members. Meanwhile questions may be sent to info@cyc.org.

Education: Andreas reports that Mike Houston is scheduled to talk about anchoring at the June potluck (virtual or in person). He will send out an invitation to CYC members and solicit their response to the last virtual meeting and educational offering.

Newsletters: Mike is sending out newsletter this week. Please get updates to him ASAP.

Rosters: Ken has distributed rosters and Kathy has copies for advertisers. Ken appreciates the help from Kathy, Mike, and Laurent in getting rosters proofread, printed and distributed. Content for future rosters will be discussed in the fall.

The next meeting date will be in the fall unless there is need for the board to meet sooner. Topics include website upgrade, archiving educational offerings, creating a “member-only” section on the website, and roster content.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Durbrow, CYC Board Secretary
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