

Fairhope Yacht Club
General Membership Meeting
August 2, 2017

Officers present: Commodore Randy Fitz-Wainwright, Fleet Surgeon Dr. Rick Childs, Treasurer Brian Snider and Secretary Bill Meck

Absent: Vice Commodore Chris Dabney, Rear Commodore Scott Hartwell, and Fleet Captain Philip Durant

WITH A QUORUM PRESENT, THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER in the Jubilee Room of the Clubhouse at 7:36 PM with **Commodore Randy Fitz-Wainwright** presiding.

Deceased Member: Commodore Randy Fitz-Wainwright asked for a moment of silence to honor the memory of FYC member **Yvonne Hoover** who died in the past month.

New Member: Commodore Randy Fitz-Wainwright recognized and welcomed new associate member **Greg Breland**.

Minutes: **Minutes** of the July 5, 2017, membership meeting, which had been posted on the Club's bulletin board, were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer **Brian Snider** reported on the Club's financial condition as of June 30, 2017. On the minus side, he reported that revenue from **lounge and restaurant** operations was less than budgeted; on the plus side, **utility** costs and **payroll** costs were below the amounts budgeted. Overall, year-to-date **operating results were within budget**. On a motion made and seconded, the membership voted to approve Brian's report.

Board of Governors

Martha Payne reporting:

On behalf of the Board of Governors, Martha **expressed thanks** for the service provided to the Club by all the members who volunteer for the committees that operate FYC's services, events, and facilities. In addition, she reported that the Club officers who were absent from tonight's meeting were in Richmond, Virginia, with **FYC's Opti racers**.

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Commodore & Committees

Restaurant & Bar. Chef **Jacob Merritt** reported that, since his July start, he has fine-tuned kitchen equipment and dining menus and implemented a new system for inventorying and ordering food. He said dining room **patronage is increasing**, so it's a good idea to make reservations.

Fleet Surgeon: Dr. Rick Childs

Rick presented a Power Point presentation about **vibrio infections**, which cause about 100 death each year in the U.S. He explained that, while the bacteria is always present in coastal waters, it is only a **significant health risk** for toddlers, seniors, and people with liver disease or compromised immune systems. **To avoid vibrio**, do not eat raw oysters and do not swim with open cuts or sores. Any cut experienced while swimming or boating should be treated with Betadine, and if any infection is observed in the next 24 - 48 hours, get to an **emergency room** immediately.

Vice Commodore & Committees

Insurance and Safety Committee, David Barr reporting:

David said FYC's property and liability insurers recently completed an **inspection** of the operations and conditions at FYC and issued a report that contained - **0 - recommendations** for altering the property or how it is operated, which remarkable, surely something to be proud of. David also reminded members that any eyewear bought for watching the August 21 **solar eclipse** need to be rated ISO 123.12-2.

Membership Committee, Mike Landers reporting:

Mike said the total combined number of equity and associate memberships is now **600**. In August, the Membership Committee will be interviewing 16 additional applicants for associate membership. Including *all* categories, total membership is now 878.

Juniors Sailing, Elizabeth McGriff reporting:

1. **Summer Sailing Camp** was a huge success. Older kids learned sailing and the very little kids, called "Bay Buddies," learned what's available on the waterfront, from kayaking to seine fishing.
2. **Junior racers are competing** at Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, Pass Christian, Mississippi and Newport, Rhode Island. Adult leaders believe FYC's Junior Sailing program is a growing ever stronger and building many **lifelong sailors**.

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3. Sailing Camp for **High Schoolers** begins next week.

Sunday Fun Races. **John Helmstadter** reminded the members that 3-4 races remain in the Summer Series. Races begin on Sundays at **2:00 PM**.

Entertainment Committee. **Christine Banjanin** reported that a **Jam Session** was scheduled for Saturday, August 12 and another **Porch Social** is scheduled for Sunday August 20. In September, **Roman Street** will make a repeat appearance at FYC.

Building & Grounds. Reporting for **Chad Allen**, who leads the Building & Grounds Committee, Commodore Randy Fitz-Wainwright reported that design work has started for a **fence** the Club plans to build to enclose the **playground**.

Unfinished Business

Commodore Randy Fitz-Wainwright reported that:

(1) Copies of FYC's "**Pictorial History**," a celebration of the Club's 75th Anniversary, may still be purchased in the bar or in local **bookstores** and gifts shops.

(2) The new **security gate** at the entrance to FYC's main parking lot is fully operational and helping with the problems its purchase was meant to address.

New Business

Weather Station. **Ken Cooper** reported that **Jim Chapman** had installed a new **weather station** near the gazebo and its real-time readings on weather conditions may now be seen on FYC's website under the "**Weather Conditions**" tab. Also under this tab, you will see instructions for obtaining and installing the **WeatherLink** application that will allow you to display this same information on your mobile device when sailing.

UPON MOTION MADE, seconded, and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P. M.

Submitted by:
Bill Meck
Secretary