

**FAIRHOPE YACHT CLUB**  
Minutes of  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
Meeting on October 30, 2017

Board Members Present: Ellis Ollinger, Michael Amos, Martha Payne, John Adams, Ray French, and Raymond Long

Board Members Absent: Joe McIntosh

Ex-officio Members: Commodore Randy Fitz-Wainwright, Vice-Commodore Chris Dabney

Others: Treasurer Brian Snider, Secretary Bill Meck

Guests: Madie Ewing, Jacob Merritt, Pat Colvin, and Kay Robberson

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A REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of the Board of Governors of the Fairhope Yacht Club was called to order at 6:34 PM on October 30, 2017, in the Jubilee Room of the Clubhouse. Chairman **Ellis Ollinger** confirmed that a **quorum** was present. **Minutes** from the October 2, 2017, meeting, which had been distributed previously to Board members by email, were approved as written by a unanimous vote.

**AGENDA**

**Hurricane Damage.** Chairman **Ellis Ollinger** and Commodore **Randy Fitz-Wainwright** reported that the surge from Hurricane **Nate** dumped sand on FYC's parking lot and damaged some piers and the gazebo. Some repairs are required, but the damage has not stopped boating operations. Procuring cost estimates and discussions with our property **insurance carrier** are ongoing.

**Club Operations.** Club Manager **Jacob Merritt** said he continues to update standards and practices in the restaurant and kitchen. He distributed copies of a newly implemented **Code of Conduct** for employees. As to menu, we he said to expect new *Small Plate* offerings. As to service, he is developing procedures to

**speed up** how servers simultaneously attend to food orders from both the bar and the dining room. Possibly he will hire 1-2 additional servers. As always, he is sensitive to crowding and encourages **reservations** for members coming to the Club for supper on Fridays and brunch on Sundays.

**Non-Member Use of Club.** Member **Madie Ewing** addressed the Board to report that she sees repeated use of the Club by **non-members**, for instance, at Taco Tuesday and ladies' bridge on Fridays. After discussion, Chairman **Ellis Ollinger** said he would cause the scale of this problem to be investigated and consider ways to stop any confirmed abuse of Club privileges.

**Boat Lifts.** After receiving **PC Eric Schmitz's** request to install a boat lift at the end of Pier D, the Board inspected the site and discussed the increasing popularity of boat lifts. Tending to favor the application, Chairman **Ellis Ollinger** reported that, before acting on it, he would ask the **Harbor Committee** to submit proposed boat-lift **regulations** to govern where boat lifts may be installed, who would pay for their installation, and who would own the boat lift when the slip's rental agreement terminated.

**Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer **Brian Snider** reported on the Club's financial condition as of September 30, 2017, providing Board members copies of the Balance Sheet, Income & Expense Statement and subsidiary schedules (5 pages). He reported that **entrance fees** from new members and revenue from the **lounge and restaurant** were both over budget and that expenses for the **swimming pool** were under budget; overall, year-to-date operating results were within budget. Total combined equity and associate membership stands at **606**. On a motion made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve Brian's report.

**Club Leadership.** Chairman **Ellis Ollinger** reported that nominees had been found for all **2018** Board, Bridge, and Committee chair positions, except the position of Secretary. As a related item, he said the Club might consider revising its bylaws to allow **senior equity members** to serve in Board, Bridge, and Committee chair positions.

## **COMMODORE'S REPORT**

**Randy Fitz-Wainwright** reported that:

(1) The system of **surveillance/security** cameras that covers FYC's property needs to be modernized (as to technology) and expanded (as to areas observed). After studying vendors and options, she obtained and presented to the Board an offer from **Hunter Security** to provide and install **12 cameras** and other needed system enhancements for **\$4,200**. After discussion and after a motion made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to accept Hunter's offer.

(2) **Taco Tuesday** is a well-attended, highly-social event that costs too much to offer for free. With Jacob Merritt, Randy is considering what the Club should **charge** for Taco Tuesday, or what changes should be made to the event, to plug this fiscal leak.

UPON MOTION MADE, seconded, and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Submitted by:  
Bill Meck  
Secretary