

**FAIRHOPE YACHT CLUB**  
Minutes of  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
Meeting on October 2, 2017

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

Board Members Absent: (none)

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

Others: Treasurer Brian Snider, Secretary Bill Meck

Guests: P.C. Eric Schmitz, Pat Colvin, 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 6:36 PM on October 2, 2017, in the Jubilee Room of the Clubhouse. Chairman **Ellis Ollinger** confirmed that a **quorum** was present. **Minutes** from the September 6, 2017, meeting, which had been distributed previously to Board members by email, were approved by a unanimous vote, subject to the deletion of one paragraph.

**AGENDA**

**Wadewitz Regatta.** Chairman **Ellis Ollinger** praised the Bridge, Board, staff and volunteers for planning and executing a flawless regatta that provided 6-8 different courses for racing over 150 boats, plus exceptional hospitality.

**Private Boat Lift.** **PC Eric Schmitz** addressed the Board to request approval to install a boat lift for his sailboat at the end of Pier D. He said he would pay all **costs** to purchase and install the lift and he would increase his slip fee to pay for whatever additional power was consumed by operating the lift. After verifying the details of the request, the Board voted to delay action on the request until the **Harbor Committee** submitted its recommendations.

**Harbor Dredging.** Concerning FYC’s application for dredging Fly Creek’s main channel, Chairman **Ellis Ollinger** reported that the U.S. Corps of Engineers, having published notice of FYC’s application, is now ready to receive any **public comments** on the application.

**Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer **Brian Snider** reported on the Club’s financial condition as of August 31, 2017, providing Board members copies of the Balance Sheet, Income & Expense Statement and subsidiary schedules (5 pages). On the “minus” side, he reported that revenue from **lounge and restaurant** operations was below budget (but trending upward); on the “plus” side, **utility and payroll** costs were below the amounts budgeted and entrance fees are above the amount budgeted. Overall, year-to-date **operating results were within budget**. Total combined equity and associate membership stands at **602**. On a motion made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve Brian’s report.

## **COMMODORE'S REPORT**

**Randy Fitz-Wainwright** reported that:

1. Planning for the **fence** that FYC’s liability insurer recommended for enclosing the **playground** has triggered questions not only about the fence’s length, width and cost, but also about the playground’s location and total size. Randy is getting input from design professionals, contractors and the playground’s advocates and users.
2. Service in the dining room slows down when it is crowded. Manager Jacob Merritt is testing new work-flow processes to **speed up turnover**. And members are being encouraged to make **reservations**.
3. An “SOS” feature is being added to the **security gate’s** software that will make the gate open when it hears a **siren** from a police or emergency medical vehicle.
4. Improvements to the **decking** at the rear of the **swimming pool** are finished.

UPON MOTION MADE, seconded, and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Submitted by:  
Bill Meck  
Secretary