

Fairhope Yacht Club
General Membership Meeting
October 4, 2017

Officers present: Commodore Randy Fitz-Wainwright, Vice Commodore Chris Dabney, Rear Commodore Scott Hartwell, Fleet Captain Phillip Durant, Fleet Surgeon Dr. Rick Childs, Treasurer Brian Snider and Secretary Bill Meck

Absent: (None)

WITH A QUORUM PRESENT, THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER in the Ballroom of the Clubhouse at 7:33 PM with **Commodore Randy Fitz-Wainwright** presiding.

Minutes: **Minutes** of the September 6, 2017, membership meeting, which had been posted on the Club's bulletin board, were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer **Brian Snider** reported on the Club's financial condition as of August 31, 2017. On the "minus" side, he reported that revenue from **lounge and restaurant** operations was below budget through the end of August (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 net worth stands at \$5,200,000. On a motion made and seconded, the members voted to approve Brian's report.

Board of Governors

Chairman **Ellis Ollinger** reported that, as a matter of property and risk management, that they would be looking into establishing a policy for the use of the club Viper. Following Ellis's report, **PC Stuart Adams** rose to compliment Ellis and the other officers for facilitating his recent use of the viper. Also, Ellis reported that the **Nominations Committee** is seeking candidates for open positions on the Board, the Bridge and several committees; if anyone is wishing to become more involved in the Club, please consider offering to fill one of these open positions.

Commodore & Committees

Restaurant & Bar. Chef **Jacob Merritt** said his first **Wadewitz Regatta** went well, though feeding such a large crowd was a challenge and a learning experience. On the menu, he promised **gluten-free** and **vegetarian** offerings in the near future. Quantitatively, he said, food offerings for the **Taco Tuesday** buffet have become excessive and need to be scaled back a little.

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Fleet Surgeon: Dr. Rick Childs

Rick presented a Power Point presentation about **Mosquito Borne Diseases**. As to **Zika**, he said 70% of the people exposed show no symptoms; and, it appears that people who have been bit by a mosquito carrying the disease tend to develop an immunity, so overall, predictions today about Zika's ill effects are less worrisome than a year ago. Presently, a vaccine is being developed to eliminate Zika's risk for everybody. **West Nile Virus** was first detected in 1999 and now can be found in all 48 contiguous states. As with Zika, 70% of the people exposed show no symptoms; of the remaining 30% who show symptoms, 1% will get **meningitis** or **encephalitis**. There is no vaccine anticipated for West Nile Virus. To avoid mosquito borne diseases, use insect repellents containing DEET.

Vice Commodore & Committees

Insurance and Safety Committee, David Barr reporting:

David reported that a recent examination of FYC's **Automated External Defibrillation** ("AED") device found the **battery** was run down and the adhesive **pads** were deficient in type and quantity. He is arranging to have FYC's AED **inspected and tested monthly** by a company that specializes in that service.

Membership Committee, Chair Mike Landers reporting:

Mike reported that the Membership Committee is scheduled to interview **10 associate** applicants and **8 equity** applicants at its October meeting. Presently, combined equity and associate memberships total **607**.

Rear Commodore

Scott Hartwell said the **Wadewitz Regatta** on September 30 & October 1 was a big success, even bigger than usual due to this year's addition of a National Sunfish Class race and a regional GYA Lightning Class race. He thanked all the Club's officers, employees and outside contractors who provided the participants a great sailing experience and great hospitality.

Looking ahead to future regattas at FYC, Scott said FYC's leadership is considering how the Club might retain a medical professional at major events to be prepared for medical emergencies.

Fleet Captain Phillip Durant reported that FYC has purchased a new suit of sails for the viper.

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Waterfront Director. **Holly Murray** reported that many proud junior sailors achieved sailing “firsts” while participating in the **Wadewitz Regatta**. She is running clinics for juniors on Thursday evenings and on Saturday, honing their skills for upcoming races.

Sunday Fun Races. **John Helmstadter** reminded the members that the Fall Series for the Sunday **Fun Races** is in progress. “*We race 52 weeks of the year,*” he said, “*canceling a Fun Races only if there’s a regatta.*” Races are every Sunday at 2:00 PM.

Entertainment Committee. **Christine Banjanin** invited the members to a **Porch Social** on October 15th and a **Halloween Dance** on Saturday October 28th.

Building & Grounds. Chair **Chad Allen** thanked all the volunteers who helped with the September clean-up that got our **beach** clean and safe for Wadewitz.

“For the Good of the Club”

David Barr reported that FYC member **Carl Black**, who has reached Australia on his second solo circumnavigation of the globe, recently flew back to Louisiana for a quick visit that would include a sailboat race. Also, David reported that FYC members **Jerry and Sally Weeks**, while on an extended Caribbean cruise, lost their sailboat to Hurricane Maria. The boat was tied up in a marina in Puerto Rico as they sheltered safely elsewhere.

UPON MOTION MADE, seconded, and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P. M.

Submitted by:
Bill Meck
Secretary