

Fairhope Yacht Club
General Membership Meeting
February 6, 2019

Officers present: Commodore Chris Dabney, Vice Commodore Scott Hartwell, Rear Commodore Philip Durant, Fleet Surgeon Dr. Robbie Rux, Secretary Joe McIntosh.

Absent: Fleet Captain Mark McCullins

Others: Treasurer Carolyn Roberson.

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Chris Dabney at 7:30 pm. A quorum was present.

Memorials: A moment of silence was observed for the passing of George Dyson, Jr. and Steven Samry.

Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were available and posted on the club bulletin board outside of the lounge.

Guests/New Associates: The commodore welcomed new members: Bill James, April Singleton, and Dan Lestage.

Commodore's Report: Chris Dabney

The following reports were heard:

- Board of Governors: Kevin Northrop reported that the dredging project is moving through the bidding process and that the board is working with the city of Fairhope. Permits have been awarded and work will begin as soon as the project is awarded to a successful bidder.
- Fleet Surgeon - Robbie Rux - spoke about the risk of hypothermia, even when the weather is not very cold. Being wet in a strong breeze can bring on this condition.
- Treasure's report: Carolyn Roberson
Carolyn gave the financial report for the month ending December 2018. Carolyn noted that entrance fees receipts were above budget however a number of expenses were also above what was budgeted. The capital account is now fully funded as per the by-laws.
Sales in the restaurant were above budget but costs continue to be higher than budgeted. Sales in the lounge were flat, although meeting budget.
- Restaurant Manager: Jacob Merritt
The club restaurant and lounge has seen good attendance and a new menu is forthcoming. Jacob noted that he now has a local source of meat and will carrying an upgraded selection of wine.

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Vice Commodore Scott Hartwell

-Insurance and Safety - Dave Barr

Dave reported that the large crane is now in operation, but cautioned club members not to overload this crane. New equipment has been added to limit the load being lifted, and if exceeded, the crane will safely stop lifting.

-Harbor Committee - Scott Laughlin-

Scott echoed Dave Barr's caution on overloading the crane and asked that all members use our cranes in a safe and judicious manner.

Scott also mentioned the following:

- Work on A & B docks are out for estimate, and work will depend on the dredging cost.
- Work on C & B docks has started. All walk ways around the pool will be repaired or replaced.
- The Junior barge was move to the beach for evaluation and/or possible repair.

-Juniors Report - Holly Murray -

The raffle for the "Juniors Supporter" parking space was had, with good support from the membership.

Holly also reported that she had awarded the Stuart Adams "I Love to Sail" trophy to Pete McGriff and the Boat Cohen award for Outstanding first year Junior to Brig Bausch.

Past Commodore Randy Wainwright presented the Marty cup to graduating senior Liam Bishop who also won the GYA 420 circuit this year. The Junior program will miss our graduating seniors: Liam Bishop, Connor Cobb, Nathan Valentine, Warren Wegener, and Sloane Hopkins. Please the mainsheet for the junior's sailing schedule and more information.

-Associates - Barbara Brown -no report.

-Entertainment - Angel Overton -

A number of activities are up-coming; please see the calendar of events in the Mainsheet.

-Mainsheet- Nancy Fitzpatrick - mainsheets are completed and available. Additional pictures of events at the club are available in the electronic version of the mainsheet on the club website. Contributors were asked to get their submissions in early.

-Auxiliary - CY Fitzpatrick -

The Chile Bowl race and cook-off was a great success. There were 21 contestants in the cook-off and a 50/50 style raffle offered. Please see the mainsheet for winner's names.

The auxiliary is working to help provide some new shade awnings in the pool areas. Check is out this summer. Also there will be a Meet & Greet in February, and a Fashion Show in March.

- Building and Grounds - Chad Smith.

No report.

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- Membership Committee - Jill Godard.

Invited to Associate Membership: April Singleton William E. James Jackie Calhoun Jonathan McKenzie.

Accepted to Equity Membership: William H. Cleveland Daniel B. Lestage David Howell.

Rear Commodore Philip Durant

- Race and Regatta Report: Dogwood regatta scheduled for March 23rd and 24th; and the Wet / Cool doubled handed regatta will be the 30th and 31st of March.

The Race and Regatta committee will begin meeting in February, please come out and give us a hand.

- Sunday Fun races: John Helmstadter

In just a little over a week we start our Sunday Fun Race Spring Series. Mark your calendars and get ready for some great racing. Here is the schedule: RACE DATES 2/10, 2/17, 2/24 3/3, 3/10, 3/17 4/7, 4/14 5/5, 5/19 10 Races.

NO RACE on these dates: 2/3 - Super Bowl 3/23 - Dogwood 4/21 - Easter 4/27 - Dauphin Island 5/11 - Children's Hospital, 5/12 - Mother's Day 5/26 - Memorial Day Weekend.

The Score Sheet will be in the Book prior to the Race.

Fleet Captain Mark McCullins

Phillip Durant report for Mark and noted that some of the club's power boats need some TLC and help is needed.

The April 5th draw down fund raiser event will be used to upgrade some of our equipment.

Old Business: none.

New Business:

The commodore announced that a new metal fence would be constructed around the pool and that air conditioning / heating units would be installed in the rest rooms under the club house.

Good of Club: none.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe McIntosh, Secretary