



SEMIAHMOO YACHT CLUB

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Laura Moore-Dempsey, <i>Rear Commodore</i>	Don Budnarchuk, <i>Judge Advocate</i>
Lynette Morris-Reade, <i>Past Commodore</i>	Olivier Boyle, <i>Port Captain</i>
Alan Owen, <i>Treasurer</i>	Randy Parten, <i>Communications Officer</i>
Jean Marshall, <i>Secretary</i>	

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

March 18, 2017

Blaine Marina Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Brian Carpenter at 1:39 pm, in the Marina Meeting Room in Blaine, WA.

Flag Salute and the Pledge of Allegiance – Brian Carpenter, Commodore, invited all present to stand and salute the flags, USA and Canada.

Welcome by Commodore - Brian Carpenter opened the meeting by welcoming all returning members, and applauding the 6 new members to the club this year already. Brian reminded those present that the most important thing about the SYC is the fun we all have, and to have fun you have to participate. So get ready to join in the fun.

Recognize Past Commodores Present at Meeting- Past Commodores were asked to stand and be recognized for their contribution to the club when they served. Applauded by the audience with enthusiasm.

Secretary (Jean Marshall) - First order of business is to establish a quorum for the meeting. Members present – 35, Proxy Ballots – 2, Total 37. This is confirmation of a quorum for 2017 AGM Meeting 03-18-2017. All the Proxy Ballots voted to accept the minutes of the 2016 AGM, the 2016 officer nomination and election minutes, the 2017 proposed budget and the By Laws motion.

Next is approval of 2016 AGM Meeting minutes. The minutes were posted on the webpage for members to review. Andy Backus motioned to accept the 2017 AGM Meeting minutes as posted on the SYC web page. Paul Barlock seconded the motion. No further discussion and vote of approval was unanimous for accepting the 2017 AGM Meeting Minutes as posted.

The 2017 Officer Nomination meeting was at the Commodores Ball, November 12 and the 2017 Officer Election Meeting was December 3. Minutes from the meetings were posted on the web page for members to review. There were no requests for changes to the documents. Joe Rieg motioned that the minutes be accepted as posted and Bob Simpson seconded motion. No one opposed, and motion passed for the election of our officers for 2017.

Treasurer (Alan Owen)

Alan presented the current financial standing for the club:

- The club currently has \$167,084 in Certificates of Deposit and \$20,000 in cash in the bank.
- Fixed Assets total \$4,903 Fixed Assets total \$4,903 with our most recent acquisitions being six new patio tables, a BBQ, and some crab cookers.
- The club has no liabilities, all accounts are paid as they arise.
- The club is a non-profit entity with the savings growing in anticipation of a permanent club facility in the future

2017 BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS

- Continuing the pattern of recent years with good support for cruises and land events.
- Donations to Plover from budgeted funds, and to **SeaDoc Society** and BC Marine Parks from budgeted funds and fund raising.
- Continuing the Education Committee support.
- Guest Fees will be charged as in 2016.
- Budgeted for a net income of \$238 for the year, basically a break even operating budget.

2017 BUDGET SUMMARY

- Revenue budgeted at \$49,650 (51% from members, 22% from advertising)
- Expenses budgeted at \$49,412 (47% to events and cruises, 21% to Yearbook printing)
- Major events: Opening Day, Roche Harbor, the Pig Roast and the Commodore's Ball.
- Options are being reviewed to reduce our Yearbook expense.
- Largest administrative expense is our lease with the Semiahmoo Marina at \$2,000 per year

Motions for Approval:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2017 operating budget is approved as recommended by the Board. Motion was given by Bob Ruth, second by Dawn Douthwaite. Vote was 34 for and 1 against, Paul B. SYC 2017 Budget Draft is now 2017 SYC Operating Budget for the year.

Note - there are no capital expenditures planned by the Board in 2017, **therefore**, there is no capital budget approval required. Discussion about changes to current dues structure and club budgeting forwarded to SYC Board for ongoing discussion.

Vice Commodore (Steve Mohr):

As Vice Commodore, Steve is in charge of new membership. Members (as of March 5th): Paid – 143, Lifetime and MOYR – 5, Resigned (or assumed) in 2017 – 17. Desired total members – 160. Recruitment: 2016 – 13 last year, for this year, 2017 – 16 new members. .

One major membership drive event, June 23rd at Semiahmoo Marina, BBQ. Invite all non-members moored at Semiahmoo and Blaine Marinas. Supply food, and non-alcoholic drinks.

Nauti Gear: Website Storefront with Embroidery Creations (Ferndale). Link on SYC Website to custom store front. Selection of SYC merchandise. More merchandise available with SYC logo from catalogue. Club logo embroidery included in price. Shop on line or in person. Order online, pay by credit card, ships to US address (**Canadian customers** pick up at store or US postal box.)

Past Commodore (Lynette Morris-Read):

Officer Nomination Committee is Michelle Fraser. Paul Barlock and Lynette Morris-Read, Chair. Mandate to present a slate of officers at the 2017 General Meeting for Nomination of Officers.

Vacant Board Positions for next year are: Rear Commodore, Fleet Captain, Secretary and Treasurer.

Your Club depends on Volunteers to keep operating. If you are interested in serving please contact me. GET INVOLVED...!!!!

Rear Commodore (Laura Moore-Dempsey)

Laura is in charge of land-based events: Opening Day - May 6th, Independence Day Celebration - July 4th, Crab Feed - September 9th, Halloween Party - October 28th, Commodore's Ball - November 11th, and Christmas Party - December 2rd

Also in charge of Nauti Fridays:

April 9th – GLM Winery - “Wine and Oysters”

May 12th – Charlie Don’t Surf.

June 16th, Car Rally – Blaine Harbor to Bellwood Acres.

July 7th. – July 21st. – August 4th. – August 18th – No Host BBQ at Marina.

August 23 Pool Party & BBQ

October 13 Bowling.

Watch for Borderline announcements for details of the above events. Always need volunteers so look for opportunity to help out and have more fun.

Fleet Captain (Paul Dumbleton)

Cruise Schedule 2017. Main focus of club, cruising. Planning all done. Hosts in place for all cruises. Information with cruise details available on the SYC web page. Victoria Splash already filled, make reservations now for Roche Harbor Memorial Day. Pig Roast may be last one with Dick and Colleen Hardeman and in Silva Bay, great location. Commodores Cruise Labor Day to Deer Harbor. Cruise season ends with Salmon Derby at Roche.

Remember, make reservation with host for cruise then reservation at Marina!

Communications (Randy Parten)

Randy Parten is new to the SYC Board. He will be responsible for Communications to ensure they are clear, concise, professionally produced and distributed in a timely manner. The Borderline is our newsletter that is sent out once a month and provides updates of all club activity and information for club members. Randy is the author of the Borderline and responsible for it’s content. Mail Chimp is our email app, supported by Budd Churchward, the SYC web page is supported by Jeff Morris-Reade, our Facebook is supported by Olivier Kerridge Boyle, our Public Relations by Colleen Hardman and our Photography Coordinator is Leslie Carpenter.

The other big part of Communications is to produce our Annual each year. There have been some changes there in the last year that need attention. They are:

- Add revenues no longer cover production cost.
- Board has decided to provide only one free copy per membership in 2017 and going forward to avoid raising dues.
- Additional copies available for \$30 per copy, to be ordered before March 31. Payment by cheque, cash, Pay Pal to accompany order.
- Committee formed to review SYC Annual content and cost of production for 2018 version. Randy is chair of this committee. Will be reporting to the board.

Randy happy to be part of the team! See how easy it is to be happy? Just volunteer.

Port Captain (Olivier Kerridge Boyle)

Olivier is our “live-aboard” Port Captain. She helps with issues in port, on the dock and in the marina for our members, such as keeping the BBQ secure when not in use, making sure it has propane and it is cleaned and locked when not being used. Members should share their slip number **with SYC**, so your boats can be located if needed. She had two other volunteers to help with the other close marinas, Ed Lee for Blaine Marina and Bob Simpson for Birch Bay Village.

Commodore(Brian Carpenter):

Charitable donations – Part of the goals for the SYC, to donate to our community. Has budget for these donations, \$1000 for Plover and \$500 to be split 50/50 for BC Marine Parks Forever and **SeaDoc Society**. Has not identified the best way to leverage the \$500 for the BC marine parks and **SeaDoc Society**. SYC Board will explore options for increasing the amount to be split.

Judge Advocate (Don Budnarchuk)

By-law change for approval: Currently our By Laws require that we complete the nomination of officers in the fourth quarter of the year. Requires a tight schedule. Board wishes to spread out the process to take place over the last four months, permitting the General Meeting for the Nomination of Officers to take place at the Crab feed in September.

As required, members were advised electronically, and the proposed changes were posted on the Club notice board 14 days prior to this meeting.

By Laws Amendments:

ARTICLE VI Section 2:

Currently reads:

A General Meeting for the Nomination of Officers shall be held in the fourth quarter of every year.

A General Meeting for the Election of Officers shall be held in the fourth quarter of the year, following the General meeting for Nomination of Officers.

Change to:

A General Meeting for the Nomination of Officers shall be held during the last four calendar months of every year. (i.e. allowing the nominating committee to be at the crab feed in September)

If the Slate of Officers proposed by the nominating committee is unopposed and there are no nominations from the floor, the Commodore will call for a vote to accept the slate by show of hands.

If there are nominations from the floor a General Meeting for the Election of Officers shall be held in the fourth quarter of that year.

ARTICLE VIII: Section 2:

Currently reads:

Following the meeting the Secretary shall then cause to be prepared a ballot containing the names of all the nominees for the various offices. A copy of this ballot shall be posted on the Club bulletin board and be mailed to each voting member of the Club at least (21) days before the date of the election.

Change to:

If there are nominations from the floor at the General Meeting for Nomination of Officers, A General Meeting for Election of Officers will be held during the fourth quarter. The secretary will then cause to be prepared a ballot containing the names of the nominees for the various offices. The ballot will be mailed electronically and/or mailed to members in good standing at least (21) days prior to, and returned to the Judge Advocate at least (7) days prior to, the General Meeting for Election of Officers. The ballot will also be distributed to members attending the General Meeting for Election of Officers, to be completed and returned by secret ballot at the meeting in accordance with Roberts Rule of Order.

Be it resolved that the changes be accepted as presented. A grammar correction was noted and changed in the second By-Law change requested, changing an upper case A to a lower one in second paragraph. The corrected second By Law change reads:

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Motion was made by Alan Owen to accept the By-law change as corrected and recommended by the SYC Board. Motion seconded by Tim Myers. No further

discussion. Vote called and was unanimous. By-Laws will be changed as noted above.

Education Committee Report (Karen Szol)

The Education Committee is an active committee for the SYC. Below is the Power point presentation given by Karen Szol at the AGM meeting March 18th.

Program outline for 2017

2016 Founding Committee Recognized: Ed Lee, Bob Ruth Chris Backus, Joe Rieg and Dawn Douthwaite and Bob Webber. Committee currently consists of Karen Szol, Chair, Joe Rieg, Dawn Douthwaite, and Goeff Stevenson.

Main functions of Education Committee

- New Member packets.
- 50/50 Book Club – Source book of interest that Club subsidizes up to 50% of cost. Currently offering “The Burgee Book” at \$10.00 to members attending AGM. (All 30 copies were sold at AGM)
- Conducts round table discussions on topics of interest at SYC cruises. Joe Rieg, planning on Ice Breaker cruise and Sucia Shrimp Boil for 2017.
- Conduct guest speaker series. (First planned is a ecosystem lecture of the Salish Sea by scientist Joe Gaydos, VMD, PhD, from the SeaDock Society on Orcus Island; city of Eastsound. Dr. Gaydos will speak of how diseases that impact human and wild animal health in species like harbor seals, river otters, porpoises and killer whales in the Pacific North West. Tentative first date April 22nd if this date is not available lecture will be scheduled in the fall of 2017.
- Search for new marine equipment of interest to boaters and inform membership. Karen presented an electronic flare that never outdates. The Electronic Flare by Weems & Plath retails for \$99.99. Club members are able to purchase the flare from LFS in Bellingham, WA for \$85.67. In addition, LFS will offer the Skipper’s Knot Guide book, retails at \$19.99, for \$17.00. Members must show their SYC membership card to the LFS cashier to obtain these special prices.
- Outreach and partner with local community to promote good boating skills and safety. A Blaine Boy’s and Girl’s SYC Play Day is scheduled for April 28th,

5:00-7:00pm. Captain Richard Sturgill from the Plover will be on hand to provide a short narrative about the Historic Plover and assist children with the proper way to wear a life jacket. Some good water safety tips will be presented and children will be given craft items, provided by SYC, to build a boat and test if it floats. Children will be given a sticker, "My Boat Floats," after their craft passes the water test. We need SYC volunteers, please contact Karen Szol at: kszol@comcast.net

Asking for volunteers to help assist and support some of the programs planned above. Members of committee have some scheduling conflicts and will be unable to be at all the above events when they are scheduled. It means more time and fun for others! Volunteer!

Old Business

New Business

Adjourn 3:35 pm

Refreshments Available

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Marshall, Secretary, SYC