



## SEMIAHMOO YACHT CLUB

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Brian Carpenter, *Vice Commodore*  
Steven Mohr, *Rear Commodore*  
Al Oakley, *Past Commodore*  
Alan Owen, *Treasurer*  
Jean Marshall, *Secretary*

Paul Dumbleton, *Fleet Captain*  
Dick Karney, *Measurer*  
Joan Standridge, *Judge Advocate*  
Larry Barnes, *Port Captain*  
Chris Backus, *Communications Officer*

*The objectives of this organization are to promote the safe and orderly participation of members of the public in boating activities; acquire and operate on a non-profit basis real and personal property of all kinds to support boating activities for the benefit of the members; provide a clubhouse and other amenities for the members and to equip, furnish and maintain the same; further the education and recreation of youth in boating activities; and promote on-water activities and social activities for members.*

### Executive Board

Minutes of the Meeting  
September 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm in the Semiahmoo Marina Meeting Room  
Present: Lynette, Brian, Steven, Al, Alan, Jean, Paul, Dick, Larry, and Chris. . Absent but excused: Joan. Other SYC members attending: SYC members Cheryl Karney and Debby Howcroft.

#### **Secretary** (Jean Marshall):

August 6, 2016 SYC Board Meeting minutes were distributed previously via email for review. No changes were requested via email. Motion made, second and unanimous vote for acceptance of the minutes as written, 10 for and 0 against.

At the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, a proposed change for the SYC bylaws was reviewed and approved by the board. The proposed change is to provide prorated dues for members joining the SYC after October 1<sup>st</sup> each year. The section affected and the exact wording of the the change are as follows:

#### Article IV, Section 3

Now: "There shall be no prorating of dues on a monthly basis.

Proposed: "There shall be no prorating of dues on a monthly basis during the first nine (9) months of the calendar year. Members joining on or after October 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year shall have their dues prorated to a flat 25% of the annual membership fee in effect at the date of joining."

The \$50 initiation fee discount when joining during a club event will still be available. Voting for the proposed change by the members will occur at the SYC Crab Feed, Sept 1, 6:30 pm, Semiahmoo Marina, Blaine, WA 98230. If members are unable to attend the above meeting, ballots or proxies are available to register one's vote. Members were notified via email 2 weeks ahead of the meeting with all the above information and instructions for the ballots and proxies to be used if needed. Thanks to Brian and Jeff for putting this together on such short notice.

No sympathy cards or notes were sent last month.

**Treasurer (Alan Owen):**

The financial reports had been emailed for review before the meeting. The club is doing well financially, meeting the budget numbers with small over and under budget items, nothing to be concerned about. The low Canadian dollar has benefitted our August cruise events north of the border. Guest fees have been collected on our cruises and are assisting the club in covering expenses. There have been some problems with cashing these Canadian checks and exchanging the Canadian money at our bank in Blaine. After some discussion it was agreed that we open an account in a Canadian bank to handle these transactions to minimize financial charges for the services. Alan will report next month with further information. The club currently has a PayPal account for members to pay larger expenses like dues, and the Commodore's Ball tickets.

After the above discussion of the financial reports, it was moved and seconded that the SYC August 2016 Income Statement and Balance Sheet be accepted. The vote was unanimous, 10 for and 0 against.

Thank you to Olivier for keeping our meeting room tidy and well stocked with chocolate and soft drinks, to make the work easier and doing it within budget, which is remarkable as she does not have any budget.

**Rear-Commodore (Steve Mohr):**

The Crab Feed, Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, is the last big event and will hopefully make a bit of money for the club. There are 108 RSVP's so far. There was a brief discussion about the "double payment" for the Crab Feed, paying \$15 for the meal and then also bringing a side dish. There was no strong feeling to change the arrangement at this time so the matter was tabled. There are two additional Nauti Fridays, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> at Bellwood acres and October 14<sup>th</sup> at Jimmy Flynn's in Surrey. Patty Rutter is hosting the Bellwood event and Jean Marshall the Jimmy Flynn's Celtic Snug in Southport, Surry. The Halloween Party, Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, will be at Al and Beoma's.

We have decided to store our two BBQs beside our shed when not in use. The Marina office is getting lots of requests to use the BBQs because they are in public space and look like they are waiting to be used. They should be returned to this location after use.

**Fleet Captain** (Paul Dumbleton):

Paul Dumbleton discussed with the board what he wants to propose to Victoria harbour authority for registration of SYC members for 2017 Victoria splash .SYC will pay for a set number of feet at causeway Marina. SYC will pay the registration fee (\$35.00 times agreed number of boats) up front. SYC members will registrar with fleet captain or designated host and pay the \$35.00 registration fee to SYC.

We will do the slip assignment and forward on to Victoria. In past years registration had to be done by the first of the year. This way will it give all members time to decide on their cruising season plus give new members who are new in 2017 an opportunity to attend the Victoria Splash.

The 2016 cruise season has finished and it went well with good participation and enjoyment. Many of the hosts were new members. There will be a questionnair going out to members to get feed back of what went well and for planning for next year. It was noted there was a lack of senior members on the crusies and hosting a crusie this year. It is unclear what the reason was. The questionair may be a way of getting information to better meet the needs and encourage participation from every member. It was suggested that a focused questionair for the senior members may be most helpful

Paul voiced a concern he has about presence of dogs at yacht club functions, specifically the food functions. Dogs getting too close to the food, eating the food off plates or getting on the table when there is food there. There are others who feel the same. The board had a lively discussion about the topic and made a motion to take the issue to the AGM and consider a by-law change to address it. The board will follow up on this motion and consider if that is the best approach to this potentially polarizing issue.

**Vice Commodore** (Brian Carpender):

The board has approved the new member application for Bill Morin and Madline, "Mimi" Tompkins via email. They are returning members and very anxious to rejoin, so much so that they forefieted their \$50 reduction on initiation fees, and did not wait a few days till the next SYC event. Thanks to their sponsors Chris Backus and Hoyt Hatfield for bringing Bill and Mimi back to the SYC.

The board next discussed the issue of "no shows." It was an issue at this year's Opening Day Luncheon. Several solutions were offered but nothing firm decided. A reminder to members who have made a reservation, confirming the event timing and expectation that they attend or else cancel was sgested. The issue was left undecided, to be revisited at a future meeting.

**Communications Officer** (Chris Backus):

Chris has been busy this last month with mailings of two *BorderLines* and one *What's Next* to keep everyone up to day on the SYC cruising schedule and other activities. The mailing promoted the extended voyage participation, recruiting more members to join the fun. She worked with Webmaster to publish online Queen Charlotte's log by John Laing. Look for it on the SYC Web site.

The SYC has an over-abundance of photographs from times past. Chris has come up with a proposal to help get these photographs organized. First thing is to identify the best ones then put names to the faces with the help of Steve Thomas. Finally scan them to preserve them and make them accessible. She has found Max Engermann who would be available to do some of

the work scanning the photos. Olivier has indicated an interest in the project and would be the director with Chris overseeing the project. To get the project started Chris made a motion to get \$500 from the SYC budget to fund Max for his work. Motion was seconded. Alan supported the motion. There is funding available in this year's budget for this work. There was unanimous approval from the board.

It is time to start gearing up for the SYC Annual for 2017-18. The creative team, (book layout) will meet in late Sept and the ad reps meet mid Oct to start their planning and work. Dave Short is stepping down after working on the book layout for many years. Chris is asking for help with both teams. If interested, contact Chris.

The final issue that Chris would like to discuss is the use of the back of the SYC membership cards. It currently has some ads and Chris would like to have these eliminated from the back of the membership cards. There was discussion about why they are there and why they should not be. The board was unable to reach a consensus about any action at this time. Chris was given permission to change the ads or not replace them on the new membership cards that are due to be ordered.

**Publicity** (Colleen Hardman): Excused

**Judge Advocate** (Joan Standridge): Excused

**Measurer** (Dick Karney): Nothing to report

**Port Captain** (Larry Barnes): Nothing to report

**Past Comodore** (Al Oakley): Nothing to report

**Commodore** (Lynette Morris-Read):

The year is almost over and the Commodore's Ball is just around the corner. Price and location are the same as last year: \$65/member, \$70/guest at the Silver Reef Hotel Casino Spa. Menu and tickets being finalized. Beoma is leading the silent auction team; need 2 people to assist with check-in. PayPal will be set up for pre-payment for the event. Need stand-alone communication sent soon announcing the event.

The nominating committee for next year's officers: Al Oakley, Leslie Carpenter and Brooke Finley-Rieg. Positions to fill are: Rear Commodore, Port Captain, Judge Advocate and Measurer.

Awards at the Commodore's Ball are :

Commodore's Award	(Chosen by Commodore)
Member of the year	(Chosen by the Board)
Best Cruise Hosts	(Chosen by the Board)
Top Recruiter	(Based on # of new members signed up)
Outstanding Service Award	(Chosen by the Board – optional)
Outstanding New Members	(Chosen by the Board – optional)

**Old Business: None**

**New Business: None**

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm. Next Board meeting will be Oct 4 at 6 pm in Semiahmoo Marina Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jean Marshall, Secretary

Addendums: