



SEMIAHMOO YACHT CLUB

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Paul Dumbleton, <i>Rear Commodore</i>	Don Budnarchuk, <i>Judge Advocate</i>
Brian Carpenter, <i>Past Commodore</i>	Olivier Boyle, <i>Port Captain</i>
Alan Owen, <i>Treasurer</i>	Tim Myers, <i>Communications Officer</i>
Brenda Prebushewski, <i>Secretary</i>	

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

March 17, 2018

Blaine Marina Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Steven Mohr at 1:35 pm, in the Marina Meeting Room in Blaine, WA.

Board Members Present: Steven Mohr, Brian Carpenter, Laura Moore-Dempsey, Paul Dumbleton, Alan Owen, Don Budnarchuk and Olivier Kerridge Boyle. Absent but excused: Brenda Prebushewski, Martin Lockyer, Tim Myers, Victor Childs.

Flag Salute and the Pledge of Allegiance:

Steven Mohr, Commodore, invited all present to stand and recognize the flags of the USA and Canada.

Welcome by Commodore:

Steven Mohr opened the meeting by welcoming all members, and by introducing 2 of the 3 new memberships to the club this year that were present. It was also noted that 2 potential new members were also in attendance.

Steven indicated that several Board members were absent as they were out of town. Other Board members would cover their relevant materials and take minutes.

Past Commodores Present at Meeting Recognized:

Past Commodores were asked to stand and be recognized for their contribution to the club when they served. It was noted that they were one of the key reasons, thru their efforts, that SYC has developed into the club we all enjoy today.

Secretary (Brian Carpenter on behalf of Brenda Prebushewski):

Brian indicated that first order of business was to establish a quorum for the meeting. Memberships present – 31, Proxy Ballots – 6, Total 37. This was confirmation of a quorum for the 2018 AGM Meeting held on Mar 17, 2018. All the Proxy Ballots voted to accept the minutes of the 2017 AGM, the 2017 officer nomination and election minutes, the 2018 proposed budget, and the 2018 By Laws motion.

Next was approval of 2017 AGM minutes. The minutes were issued for members to review with the invitation to the 2018 AGM. There were no requests for changes. Dick Hardman motioned to accept the 2017 AGM minutes, and Joe Rieg seconded the motion. A vote of approval was unanimous for accepting the 2017 AGM minutes.

The 2017 Officer Nomination meeting, for 2018 SYC Officers, was held during the 2017 SYC Crab Feed event on Sept 9, 2017. Minutes from the meeting were provided for members review as part of the invitation to the 2018 AGM. There were no changes requested. Bob Ruth motioned to accept the 2017 Officer Nomination meeting minutes and Jamey Paterson seconded the motion. A vote of approval was unanimous for accepting the 2017 Officer Nomination meeting minutes.

Treasurer (Alan Owen):

Alan presented the following relating to the current financial standing of the club and the proposed 2018 budget:

- The club currently has \$167,344 in Certificates of Deposit and \$15,800 in cash in the bank.
- Fixed Assets total \$2, 784.
- 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 or other amenities in the future.
- It was noted that streamlining the Annual content and bidding the printing resulted in substantial savings for printing the 2018 Annual.
- However, it was also noted that Annual ad revenue was reduced over previous years. Fewer club members participated in ad soliciting, and fewer advertisers perceived value in Annual advertising. Members were encouraged to show their SYC membership cards when obtaining services/products from SYC advertisers to help change this perception, and to consider volunteering on the Annual committee for 2019.
- It was noted that as of 2017, SYC was no longer a member of Yacht Clubs of America. Some discussion was held on the merits of this decision and whether members knew about the main privilege of YCofA. Alan mentioned that this decision does not impact any of the SYC reciprocal privileges in the Pacific Northwest. The Board felt the membership cost of \$600/yr was not justified as few members took advantage of YCofA reciprocal privileges (basically being able to dine in other Yacht Clubs located in the United States), that a lot of Yacht Clubs would allow access based on SYC membership alone, and that the membership was not relevant to the Pacific Northwest, where SYC member boating actually took place. For these reasons the decision to forego membership was made. The Board felt the \$600/yr could more effectively be used on other club activities. It was noted that the membership was not informed of this decision in 2017, which was purely an oversight by the Board, however this oversight was corrected in early 2018 through notification in Borderlines.

- Liability insurance for SYC directors and officers was purchased in 2017 at a cost of approximately \$1, 000.
- Donations to Plover, SeaDoc and BC Marine Parks Forever would continue via budgeted funds and fundraising.
- The 2018 SYC budget draft was put together by a subcommittee of Board members, chaired by Alan Owen. The budget is essentially balanced with a small net income, and would continue the pattern of recent years with good support for cruises and land events.
- It was noted that the financial health of SYC was sound.
- The proposed SYC 2018 Budget was issued for members to review with the invitation to the 2018 AGM. There were no requests for changes. Alan Owen moved that the 2018 SYC draft budget be adopted as presented. Paul Barlock seconded the motion. A vote of approval was unanimous except for one abstention. Therefore, the SYC 2018 Budget draft is now the 2018 SYC Operating Budget for the year.

Past Commodore (Brian Carpenter):

Brian indicated that the Officer Nomination Committee for 2018 will be comprised of himself as chair, Lynette Morris-Reade and Debby Howcroft. The mandate of the committee is to present a slate of officers at the 2018 General Meeting for Nomination of Officers. The meeting is planned to be held as part of the 2018 SYC Crab Feed in September.

Vacant Board Positions for next year are Communications Officer, and a trainee position for Treasurer (to work with Alan Owen in 2019 in anticipation of becoming Treasurer in 2020).

Brian noted that there have been some issues finding recruits over the past few years, and SCY depends on volunteers to keep operating. Brian encouraged all members to consider serving. If you are interested in serving please contact Brian.

Commodore (Steven Mohr):

Steven mentioned that plans were for continued donations to Plover from budgeted funds, and to SeaDoc Society and BC Marine Parks Forever (50/50 split) from budgeted funds and fund raising in 2018. The donation amount would be \$1000 for the Plover and the goal was to raise \$1000 each for the SeaDoc and BC

Marine Parks organizations. Event planning is underway, but key fundraising activities are likely to be raffles and key land and cruise events.

There was some discussion on why these charities vs other (or additional), more local community charities were chosen. Some differing views were expressed, but it was noted that these charities were chosen mainly based on their direct impact on boating activities and the health of the marine environment. Additional charities were not chosen in order not to dilute the nominal amount of donations available from SYC fundraising activities. No changes to plans resulted from this discussion.

Vice Commodore (Laura Moore-Dempsey):

Laura indicated that there are currently 142 paying members, 5 lifetime and SYC award members (those members who have dues waived for the following year, and 16 resignations (or assumed resignations) in 2018. Therefore, the recruitment goal for 2018 is at least 16 new members to maintain SYC total membership around 162. However, there is no limit to the number of SYC members should we get a greater number of new members. To date in 2018, we have 3 new members and one very recent new member application.

Last year the Membership BBQ drive met with limited success. This year, we have some combined functions with the Semiahmoo Marina Condo Association (SMCA), and plans are to leverage these events for new membership opportunities. It is also incumbent on all members to sell the club and solicit for new membership. Also, when sponsoring new members....be a mentor....help them assimilate into our club.

A new club recruiting poster is available and has been posted at Semiahmoo Marina, Blaine Marina and some businesses in the local community. Additional copies were handed out to those interested during the meeting.

A question was raised on the potential of SMCA requesting access to SYC reciprocal privileges at reduced cost or perhaps forming their own club. Paul Barlock indicated that although this was raised as a potential idea in the past at SMCA, there is no current interest in pursuing this further. Similarly the SYC Board is not interested in allowing reduced privileges at reduced cost, due to the already low dues and outstanding value that SYC membership represents.

Laura spoke about Nauti Gear. On the SYC website, there is a storefront with Embroidery Creations located in Ferndale. There is a selection of SYC merchandise

and more merchandise is available with the SYC logo from a catalogue. Shop on line or in person. They ship to US addresses (Canadian customers can pick up at the store or US postal box.). Dick and Colleen Hardman modeled some jackets with the SYC logo and their boat name, which were obtained from Embroidery Creations.

Laura mentioned that any members wishing name tags should fill out the form contained within the Annual.

Rear Commodore (Paul Dumbleton)

Paul acknowledged all the great help he has been, and will be, receiving from Debby Howcroft in the planning and execution of the 2018 SYC land events.

Paul reviewed the remaining 2018 land events as follows: GLM Winery (Wine & Oysters) - April 15th, Opening Day - May 5th, Car Rally - June 15th, Independence Day Celebration - July 4th, Shemly Shoreside Shindig - August 18th, Crab Feed - September 8th, Bowling October - 19th, Commodore's Ball - November 10th, and Christmas Party - December 8th. See the SYC website calendar for further details and/or RSVP instructions. More details will be also be included in upcoming Borderlines.

Plans are being worked to invite SMCA to our Opening Day (ceremonies and sail past only), Car Rally and Crab Feed events.

When you RSVP in advance for land events, your name will go into a draw for a door prize at the event.

Fleet Captain (Steven Mohr on behalf of Martin Lockyer):

Cruising is a main focus of the club, and the 2018 cruise schedule has been finalized. Steven reviewed all of the cruise schedule events, hosts and arrangements.

Steven reviewed the 2018 cruises: Ice Breaker Cruise at Prevost Harbor – April 20-22, Memorial Day Cruise at Roche Harbor – May 25-28, Sucia Shrimp Boil at Fossil Bay – June 8-10, Canada Day Cruise at Ganges Marina – June 30-July 2, Vancouver Island Cruise at Port Sidney/Sidney Spit/Maple Bay/Telegraph Harbor – July 20-24, Victoria Symphony Splash at Victoria Harbor August 3-6, Puget Sound Cruise at Port Townsend/Port Ludlow/Everett/Oak Harbor – August 24-30, Pig Roast at Cap

Sante Marina August 31-September 3, Bob Webber Memorial Fishing Derby at Roche Harbor, September 13-16.

See the SYC website calendar for further details and/or RSVP instructions. More details will be also be included in upcoming Borderlines. Contact Martin Lockyer with any questions.

Guest fees will be dependent on cruise event and costs.... determined by the hosts.

Communications (Steven Mohr on behalf of Tim Myers):

Steven noted that in 2017, the Annual was reworked and streamlined to reduce content and thereby reduce cost. Printing was competitively bid this year, which moved our process from being 'turnkey' by others, to more involvement by SYC members in design and preparation. As a result of these efforts, Annual costs were substantially reduced, enabling us to again provide 2 copies per membership free of charge. The 2018 Annual is planned to be available at Opening Day.

We rely on membership volunteers to sell advertising space in our Annual to pay for it's publication. Advertisement was down again this year as was the number of SYC volunteers to solicit advertising, which places a large workload on a few members. We need your help to keep our Annual as a great benefit to our membership. Please consider volunteering to help for 2019.

Borderlines will continue to be the key communication vehicle on events and activities for SYC in 2018. If you are not receiving Borderlines, please contact Tim Myers.

Many thanks go to the other volunteers and committee leads involved in communications: MailChimp Database – Budd Churchward, Webmaster – Jeff Morris-Read, Facebook – Olivier Kerridge Boyle, Public Relations – Colleen Hardman, Photography Coordinator – Leslie Carpenter, Education Committee – Andy Backus (and all those that work on Andy's committee)

A new profile database has been developed and is located on the member's section of the SYC website. The intent is for this to provide the basis for members information contained in the Annual. It will be the responsibility of members to keep their own profile up to date in the website database. Login to the SYC website and look for your profile under the member's page. If information is

incorrect in the website database, incorrect information will appear in the Annual. Stay tuned for further communication on this as the year progresses.

Port Captain (Olivier Kerridge Boyle)

Olivier thanked the Dock Captains that work with her to support our members at various marinas. They are Ed Lee (Blaine Marina), and Bob Simpson (Birch Bay Village Marina) and Olivier for Semiahmoo Marina. They help with local SYC issues and welcome new members to the club. Olivier indicated that Ed Lee would be vacating the position in Blaine shortly, and that a replacement would need to be recruited. Please contact Olivier if willing to take up this role.

Olivier is also the caretaker of SYC facilities at Semiahmoo. In 2018 we'll be looking for volunteers to help clean and paint the outside of the SYC shed.

Propane tanks for the BBQ's are stored in the shed, but the BBQ's and tanks will be put out for SYC events on the Semiahmoo Marina patio.

Judge Advocate (Don Budnarchuk):

Don noted that currently our By Law Article IX Section 5 states all cheques must be signed by the Treasurer or Commodore. However, US banks require one cheque signature on the account to be a US resident. This is problematic if both the Treasurer and Commodore are Canadian residents in any given year. Therefore, a Bylaw change is recommended by the Board for cheque signing that will bring the Bylaws in line with the residency requirements of the U.S. banks.

Members were advised of the proposed bylaw change wording as part of the invitation to the 2018 AGM.

By Laws Amendments:

ARTICLE IX Section 5:

Currently reads:

The Treasurer shall be custodian of all funds of the Club, shall give, upon request, a receipt for monies paid to the Club and shall deposit Club money in the Bank or Banks approved by the Executive Committee in the name of the Semiahmoo Yacht Club. Disbursements shall be made by the Treasurer upon authority of the Executive Board, by checks signed by the Treasurer or the Commodore. The Treasurer shall keep suitable books of accounts and shall make reports to the

Executive Board and to the meetings of the membership of the financial condition of the Club and shall perform such other duties that are usually incumbent upon the officer as it may be authorized by the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall furnish a suitable bond in any amount to be determined by the Executive Board, if so required by the Executive Board at the Executive Board's option, for the faithful performance of his/her duties, the premium thereof to be paid by the Club. The Treasurer shall chair the Budget Committee.

Proposed Change:

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Motion was made by Dick Hardman to accept the By-law change as proposed and recommended by the SYC Board. Motion seconded by Ron Fleming. There was no further discussion. A vote of approval was unanimous. Therefore, the By-Law will be changed as noted above.

Measurer's Report (Paul Dumbleton on behalf of Victor Childs):

Paul reviewed the Bocce ball rules for the upcoming Pig Roast to be held at Anacortes this year.

Paul then spoke to the Reciprocal Program being one of the biggest values received as an SYC member. Members were encouraged to visit the Yacht Destinations website. This website has all the yacht clubs listed for the Pacific Northwest, along with reciprocal rules, contact information, location, club

information, local amenities/attractions, etc. It is a valuable tool for cruise planning.

During the first part of the year, when membership cards are expired, a letter from the Commodore is available upon request to confirm membership in good standing (for use with other Yacht clubs). The Board will review the possibility of changing dates given on the membership cards to align with printing dates so there are no gaps in time. This will not affect the date for annual dues to be paid (by year end).

Education Committee Report (Andy Backus):

Andy thanked Karen Szol for all the work done as the previous chair of the Education Committee. Andy gathered a broad group of SYC members for online discussion and input. Andy thanked all participants...many ideas were generated. It was also noted that the Education Committee was not mentioned in the ByLaws and perhaps this should be discussed by the Board. Also to review the general ByLaws objectives for how education is addressed.

The Education Pamphlet for the new member packages has been updated and printed. Many thanks to Ed Lee and Bob Ruth for making this happen.

A detailed waterproof pamphlet showing charts and navigation details for Puget Sound was available at the AGM for a discounted price of \$10. Plans are for this to also be available for purchase at Opening Day.

The Education Committee is planning to continue with roundtable discussions at various cruises based on member boating experiences and topics of interest. Joe Rieg has agreed to lead a couple sessions, and we are looking for other volunteers.

Old Business:

There was no old business raised.

New Business:

There was no new business raised.

Q&A:

There was a question as to status change, if any, with regard to the Clubhouse. Response was that the issue was on hold at the moment, principally due to insufficient funds, and lack of consensus on any substitute amenities.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Mohr/Brian Carpenter on behalf of Brenda Prebushewski, Secretary, SYC