

**SOUTH WHIDBEY YACHT CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
08 DECEMBER 2011**

Commodore Russ Ernest called the meeting to order at 5:40.

Directors present: Russ Ernest, Tom Stinson, Kate DeForrest, Susan Eichenberger, Bob Rogers, Dennis Pittis. Not present: Bill Brown, Merv Floyd, Penny Harger, Tom Peterson

Members present: Don MacArthur, Pat Sasson, Ed Halloran, Bob Boehm.

November minutes were approved as written.

Commodore's Report:

A suggestion to hold future BOD meetings at the Freeland Library conference room was discussed. The facility is convenient, centrally located and at no cost. The available timeslot is 6 pm. A 5:30 timeslot is preferred and may become open. Russ will submit the application.

Russ is researching the Episcopal Church facility as a venue for our general membership meetings. The January meeting will remain at M-Bar-C.

A Camano Island regatta of potential interest to SWYC members is proposed for next season. Bill Brown will liaise with the CI group regarding risk management, Coast Guard requirements and potential insurance issues without official SWYC involvement at this time. Bill is also researching a safety boat training workshop for operators, ideally to be held before the youth sailing classes begin.

The 2012 Event Calendar was distributed.

Vice Commodore's Report:

Tom reported the Beachfire @ Harbor Point is in transition and may have potential as a SWYC home.

There is an invitation from the Fidalgo Yacht Club to join their monthly cruises.

Treasurer's Report:

The November 30 P & L Statement / 2012 Proposed Budget was distributed and discussed.

Sailing Classes:

No updates, Bob reports Lone Lake conditions are improving.

Monthly Programs:

Tom needs volunteers to co-chair the monthly programs. Request will be made at the next general meeting. An equipment list and program checklist is in the works to make the job easier for the next chair.

Pelicans:

Don distributed the Preliminary 2012 race schedule. Hosts are needed for after race parties. The club trailer needs SWYC title before registration. Don and Emily will be away for four months.

501 (c) (3) status:

No update

Community Liaison:

Don reported on the marina project in Langley, moving forward with modifications to accommodate larger boats.

The Langley Harbormaster is interested in hosting a Pelican event. If logistics (parking) can be resolved it would be good exposure for both SWYC and Langley.

Cruise program:

Dennis presented Sucia as the destination for the August cruise and provided information on its new facilities and shelters. The cruise dates will span a weekend, which may allow working club members greater opportunity to participate. He will reserve a picnic shelter for the 1st weekend in August.

Old Business

Discussion re: club purchase of a pelican pending insurance /storage issues. Sale price \$500, with estimated \$200-300 repair work + canvas cover and possibly sails. Motion to purchase was seconded and passed.

The Insurance policy renewal application was forwarded to the Treasurer for completion and payment, per the budget and after substantial research and approval by the committee.

There was agreement that the Founders Award Committee serves at the pleasure of the Commodore, and each year's winner should join the committee for the following year if possible. No further action needed.

New Business

The search for a SWYC homeport will be revived. Available properties, desirable features and purchase vs lease were discussed briefly. A motion to form a Facilities Search Committee was seconded and passed. Committee members will be: Don MacArthur, Tom Stinson, Bob Rogers, Dennis Pittis,, Carol Randolph, Bob Boehm, Ed Halloran,

As former Membership Chair, Merv submitted (in absentia) an outline to streamline and update the member application/approval process, tabled for discussion at the January BOD meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45

Distributions:

2012 Event Calendar

P & L/ 2012 Proposed Budget

Preliminary 2012 Pelican Race Schedule

Past Membership Chair's outline for Application Process

**Respectfully submitted,
Kate DeForrest**