

SBYC Board Meeting Minutes  
August 26, 2019

Attendance

Board members: Doug Schwarz, Jerry Fine, Andrea Williams, Diana Leibrich, Lisa O'Keefe, Frank DeSalvo, Jerry Oden, Ray Mitchell

Members & Guests: Durkee Richards, Mary Jeanne Richards, Jim Jones, Jan Jones, Margaret Schwarz, Ted Shanks, Jean Heessels-Petit, Rudy Heessels, Marian Fine, Fritz Gruetzmacher, Marcia Limoges, Ann Elliot, Dale Dunning

Call to Order

Commodore Doug Schwarz called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Business Taken Out of Order to Accommodate Visitors

***Mickey McGuffin Sportsmanship Award***

Fritz Gruetzmacher and Marcia Limoges made a presentation about the Mickey McGuffin Sportsmanship Award. The annual sportsmanship award is named for long time SBYC member Mickey McGuffin. It is presented to honor those members who participate in club activities with the gracious spirit Mickey exemplified during his last years of life. When Mickey was physically unable to sail due to the onset of ALS, he encouraged others to sail his boat in the Duck Dodge races. He always came to the post-race potlucks to share in the tale of the race and continued to love good sportsmanship even when he, himself, could not be on the water. The award is intended to recognize club members who support club activities and the participation of others with this spirit of selflessness. All members of the SBYC are eligible to receive this award. Past recipients are Torben Blichfeld, Mary Jeanne and Durkee Richards, Dale Dunning, Bob McClinton and Dennis Miller.

Fritz stated that although he and Marcia have handled this in the past, it is time to make this a more formal process and pass the running of this to others. As such, they stated that although this year's award has already been decided and the engraving of the plaque has been taken care of, they have put procedures in place for the future of the award (attached). Fritz further stated that there is a minimal cost of \$12.00 for engraving the plaque for the award that the award is kept in the trophy case.

Diana made a motion that the Board take over this award as a Sequim Bay Yacht Club activity. Lisa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Marcia stated that Dennis Miller will be making the presentation at the Reach and Row for Hospice in September.

***Regatta***

Dale Dunning made a presentation about the Regatta that was held the weekend of August 24-25. He stated that it was a great event. There were 15 boats registered, 14 boats showed up. There were 8 races over the 2 days. The dinner was fantastic and people had a good time. Dale stated he has money to submit to Lisa O'Keefe as well as expenses to submit. The money collected more than covered the food. Jerry stated that there were about 80 people who showed up for the dinner. Doug stated that Trisha Cobb and Breck Cassidy handled check in, Ray Mitchell & Hamp Sessions ran the chase boat (Sat.), Frank DeSalvo & Hamp Sessions ran the chase boat (Sun.), Jerry

Oden was in charge of race officiating & technology, and Jerry Fine ran the committee boat with several volunteers. Doug was the official photographer.

Doug stated that there was a collision on both days of the race. On Saturday a collision occurred between race 3 and 4, and there was a more serious crash on Sunday when 1 boat collided broadside with another at the start of the race.

### ***SBYC Flying Scot***

Dale stated that he did paint the bottom of the Flying Scot earlier in the year and it's pretty clean now.

Ann asked if there was any chance that we could get other sailors to help out with lessons and checkouts. Dale stated that Durkee and Alan could do them. Ann asked about Michael Cobb. Dale stated he would have to be checked him out first. Doug stated that we are also working on a boat checkout process on our website, but it hasn't been finalized.

### ***Hospice Race***

Dale stated that the Hospice race for sailboats is on September 28. There have been questions about how to register, which has been a problem. People don't know how to register. There is no link to register on the Club's Facebook page or on the website. Dale stated that registration for the sailing race will be the morning of the race in the clubroom at 10:00 a.m. There is no pre-registration. Dale and Alan talked, and Alan is not set up to get checks and pre-register, so the decision was made to register boats that day. Dale stated that it will be our local group of about 8 or 9 boats, but we will not know until the morning of the race. Margaret stated that we will need a headcount for the potluck that night and that we need to know the names of the boats so that their names could be placed on the tables. Margaret asked if the Notice of Race should be placed on the website, and Dale said that it should be on the website. Dale anticipates that the same people who helped out with the Regatta Committee Boat will work on the Committee Boat for the Hospice Race. There was a discussion about changing the date for the race in the future to get more participants from Port Townsend and Port Angeles.

Dale will pick up the glasses for the awards, and Ann will get them engraved.

### **Minutes - August 5, 2019**

Diana announced there were 2 typos in the August 5, 2019, Board meeting minutes that were pointed out by Jan, and she stated that they would be corrected. Andrea made a motion to approve the August 5, 2019, Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Jerry Fine and was passed unanimously for approval.

### **Old Business**

**Bylaws:** Doug stated that he still plans on presenting the bylaw changes at the September General Meeting and have membership vote on the changes at the October Sip Sup. A notification will also be placed in the Scuttlebutt.

Doug briefly went over what he will present at the next General Meeting as follows. He stated that he will tell the general members that the purpose of the SBYC membership classification change is being addressed because the current bylaws require the

membership committee to ask questions of prospective members about their marital status and co-habitation. It's awkward and unacceptable under current non-discriminatory standards. This change is needed to address privacy issues associated with inquiring about marital status and co-habitation.

The Board feels the \$375 membership fee is a bargain compared with other yacht clubs and social organizations. The graph of comparisons that was presented at the last meeting will be slightly modified and shared in the Scuttlebutt. If passed by a 2/3 vote in October, there will be a change in the bylaws to reflect everybody associated with the Club today and then everybody associated with the Club starting next year, 2020. He again shared the chart the SBYC to other organizations. He included the \$50 application fee for our Club in comparison to other clubs initiation fees, which can be up to thousands of dollars.

Doug stated that he would send out the redlined version to all Board members for their input prior to this being voted on in 2 months. He proceeded to go over the redlined version of the bylaws, which contain all recommended changes that are scheduled to go into effect January 1, 2020 (attached).

Doug stated that the Board has already voted on this issue. He further stated that as the language has changed, after the Board reviews the redlined version, we can vote on it again at the next Board meeting.

**Port of Port Angeles Negotiations:** Doug stated that he and Jerry met with Ron Amundson and he indicated that if no one is using the room next door, SBYC was free to open the doors and use the extra space for our happy hours. Doug stated that we need to negotiate with the Port and he would like to do it when we negotiate for the use of the room for free when we present our calendar, and add in the happy hours at that time. He would also bring up with the Port when we think we will need to use the room for rowing training, and let the Port know we would pay for the use. Doug stated he wants to handle all of these issues at the same time, as well as other housekeeping issues.

#### New Business

**Membership:** Ann Elliot reported that there are 2 new applications for membership for the Board to consider.

*Gail Clark.* Gail has relocated to Sequim from Eastern Washington. She is retired and likes kayaking and gardening. She is interested in rowing and social events. Gail is being sponsored by Margaret Schwarz and Ann Elliot.

Jerry Fine moved to approve Gail's membership application. The motion was seconded by Andrea. The motion passed unanimously.

*Rick and Maggie Morgan:* Rick and Maggie previously lived in England and California. Maggie is a travel industry nurse and Rick is in management. Maggie likes walking, hiking, swimming, dancing and music. Rick likes fishing and camping. Both are interested in social events. They are being sponsored by Margaret Schwarz and Ann Elliot.

Jerry Fine moved to approve Rick and Maggie's membership application. The motion was seconded by Lisa. The motion passed unanimously.

Ann stated that these new members will tentatively be inducted at the September General meeting. Dave McInnes is scheduled be inducted at the September happy hour. Nancy Reynolds and Chris Shell are scheduled to be inducted at the October General meeting.

#### Treasurer Report

Total financial assets as of August 26, 2019, are \$88,046.13. 2019 membership: 69 couples, 14 singles for a total of 152 members. New members who have not been inducted but have paid their dues are included. No new members who have not paid their dues are included in this total, but should be reflected in next month's report. The full Treasurer's Report can be found on the Club's website.

As of August, the Club's event and bar income has exceeded the estimates for the year.

Lisa reported that Hospice sent us a letter thanking us for the \$105 collected so far from raffles and donations for this month.

We received a letter from the Santa Barbara Yacht Club asking us for a replacement burgee as the one they had for us was lost when a storm blew out their club's windows. Jerry Fine made a motion to provide a new burgee to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club to replace the one that was lost in the storm. The motion was seconded by Andrea, and was passed unanimously. Diana will draft a letter and send a new burgee to their club.

#### Vice Commodore Report

Jerry Fine reported there were 87 people at the annual picnic, which was amazing. Jerry grilled burgers for some Learn to Row members down on the dock and decided it would be a great idea to have a "Burger Bash" for the Duck Dodge on August 15. 65 people showed up. Another Burger Bash was held the following Thursday on August 22, where 52 people showed up. Jerry submitted \$171 to Lisa for these events, of which \$15 was for a no-show at the picnic. Jerry is unavailable to grill for the next 2 Thursdays, and he is looking for someone to step in and take his place.

Jerry gave Lisa a \$50 deposit for the room from Fritz. The check will be returned after the event if all goes well.

#### Bar Report

Jan Jones reported that August was a good month. We grossed \$1,111. After replenishing the bar and after holding back \$100 for future purchases, she turned \$661 into Lisa.

#### Rear Commodore Report

Andrea Williams stated that Betty Wood who is the Patient Care Manager for the Volunteer Hospice for Clallam County, will speak at the September 11 General Meeting. Doug reminded Andrea to contact Ms. Wood to find out what audio/visual requirements she has.

### Reach and Row for Hospice

Ann Elliot stated that as there are not as many boats this year and with the Admiral's passing, she thinks there will be a cash deficiency compared to other years. As such, she thinks we need to push the many big-ticket items we have up for raffle. She asked anyone willing to take an allocation of tickets do so and try to sell them to friends and neighbors. Marian reiterated this, as we have no venue, such as the Farmer's Market, to sell them this year. She also stated that winnings are transferable.

### Private Boats on the Sequim Bay Compound

Rudy Heessels stated that Charlie Roberts has promised to build a boat rack in October. He asked what the rules were for someone to store a private boat on the new rack, as people are asking about this. He is asking for the Board's guidance and whether there should be a donation required for people to store their boats.

Doug stated that there is currently no policy, and asked if this is currently a problem. Rudy stated that there is no current problem, as we don't yet have a rack that would have extra space. Doug stated that as this is not currently a problem, he will be tabling this issue until a future date.

### Web Based Fee Collection

Doug wants the Board to approve SBYC using a payment method on our website. Amy Holms has looked into this and the web fee would be between 2.2% - 2.9% on all transactions. Frank made a motion to set up the website for fee collection site for a year trial period. Jerry Fine seconded. The motion was passed unanimously. Frank then made a motion that we pass along any fees associated with web payments to the user so that the Sequim Bay Yacht Club does not incur any fees. Diana seconded. The motion was passed unanimously. Doug and Lisa will find out how this will work and report back to the Board next month.

### Sip Sup Reservation Policy

Mary Jeanne stated that she is trying to find out what the Board's policy is on late reservations. She stated that as there is a flyer that is going out for the October Sip Sup, we should decide what we say our policy is for reservations, no-shows, etc. There was much discussion on this issue after which Diana made a motion that in order to encourage reservations by the deadline date, a determined cost be established prior to the reservation deadline date, and that there be an additional fee after the deadline date occurs, with no refunds issued after the deadline date. Jerry Fine seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Lunch Bunch

Doug stated that the next Lunch Bunch will be on September 5, 2019, at the Paradise at 11:30 a.m.

The Commodore adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diana Leibrich, Secretary