



EHYC Annual General Meeting Minutes
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL
Saturday, January 20, 2024
6:00pm – Wing Point Golf and Country Club

ATTENDEES:

Board Attendees:

Ron Knoebel (Rear/Incoming Vice Commodore) and MC for evening
Debra Adams (Treasurer)
Sue Kerby (Secretary)
Dan Oliver (Quartermaster)
Jeff Miller (Director)

Incoming Board members:

Terry Kerby (Rear Commodore)
Jon Root (Director)

Plus 50 members

Ron Knoebel called the meeting to order at 7:15pm. Welcomed members and expressed appreciation for continued support, interest, enthusiasm and participation in 2023.

Quorum was established (4 board members plus 15% of voting membership).

Approval of Annual General Meeting Minutes:

- **MOTION:** To approve Minutes of the AGM held January 21st, 2023. Motion approved and carried.

Ballot Election Results (Ron Knoebel):

Officers:

- Don Rulien, Commodore
- Ron Knoebel, Vice Commodore
- Terry Kerby, Rear Commodore
- Debra Adams, Treasurer
- Sue Kerby, Secretary
- Dan Oliver, Quartermaster

Directors:

- Jack Joy - 1 year remaining
- Paul Castanon - 1 year remaining
- Jon Root - newly elected to 2 year term
- Denise Baker-Kircher - 2 year term

Treasurer Report: (Debra Adams)

2023 Financial Highlights:

Events:

- 6 planned cruises and 1 pop-up cruise
- 2 outdoor events
- Five 'Third Friday' events and the 2023 Annual General Meeting
- Club subsidy of \$3,420
- Barb McKenzie and Eileen Black provided sponsorships of \$1,000

Membership:

- 11 New members
- 15 memberships not renewed
- 98 Members at 12/31/23

Reciprocal Moorage:

- 26 reciprocal uses for \$2,057, compared to the average of 35 uses per year

Donations made by Club:

- \$770 Marine Technology Department at Skagit Valley College
- \$443 Bainbridge Island Sailing Club
- \$200 Puget Sound Restoration Fund
- \$100 Orca Network

2023 Year End Summary:

- Net loss of \$1,336 vs. budgeted loss of \$376
 - Dues under budget \$900
 - Several expenses over budget by small amounts
- Ending available cash \$6,016 and \$2,724 cash held in reserve

2024 Budget and Projections:

- Dues increase to \$150 from \$100
- Drivers of needed increase:
 - \$2,500 estimated reciprocal moorage costs vs \$2,057 in 2023
 - Directors and Officers Insurance \$750 (new in 2024)
 - RBAW membership \$1,800, or \$20 per membership. Previously funded by a member donation.
 - Continued subsidies for events
 - Recover portion of prior years' deficits with expected \$900 surplus
- Dues invoices to be emailed on Monday and include a link to pay via credit card
- Membership cards to be emailed in February

Dues Increase: (Ron Knoebel)

- **MOTION:** The EHYC Board of Directors have approved a dues increase of fifty dollars from one hundred dollars per year. Does the membership approve this dues increase? (Proposed: Rod McKenzie, Second: Jane Carhart). Member vote approved and carried with no members opposed.

Commodore Report - EHYC Highlights of 2023: (Ron Knoebel)

- Our off-season Third Friday events featured interesting speakers, with attendance back to normal pre-pandemic levels.
- The content of Weatherly - the club's monthly newsletter - continues to be even more interesting and engaging.
- Although we experienced some member turnover, the number of members remains at the 95-100 level. We have room for more!
- Newer members are increasingly stepping up to do the things that are necessary to keep the club running. We have room for more!

Special Acknowledgements:

- Thank you to all of those who have contributed to our success this past year, from wonderful Cruise Captains and committee volunteers, to all who helped with other events:
 - 2023 Cruise Captains
 - 2023 Event Captains
 - Monthly Newsletter - Weatherly
 - Retiring Board Members

2024 Goals:

Incoming Vice Commodore, Ron Knoebel, stated our Club goals for 2024:

- Increase cruise participation
- Train new captains and pair with experienced captains
- Increase Third Friday sponsorship income
- Identify members who are willing to sustain the Club through volunteering for leadership roles

2024 Cruise Committee:

Incoming Vice Commodore, Ron Knoebel, revealed the planned 2024 cruise program. Cruise Committee members in 2024 are Ron Knoebel, Terry and Sue Kerby, Jeff and Ann Miller, Tim and Tobi Strevell, Jeff and Deane Pfeil

Provisional 2024 Cruise schedule:

Shakedown	May 17-19	Tacoma Dock St
Crab/Salmon Feed	June 28-30	Port Ludlow
Everett	July 12-14	
Extended	Aug 7-17	Poets Cove (S.Pender), Sidney, Genoa Bay, Mill Bay, Ganges, Friday Harbor
Final	Sept 13-15	Kingston

Please consider volunteering as a Cruise Captain as it is a fun experience and an excellent way to get to know other club members. We will be pairing new members with members who have previous Cruise Captain experience.

Volunteer to Sustain EHYC:

Incoming Rear Commodore, Terry Kerby, talked about why EHYC needs volunteers to sustain our organization, and talked about the value of social networks and participation in club activities. We need:

- Cruise Captains (seasoned, and new)
- Back-up technology leaders
- Future board members
- Rear Commodore

Reciprocals:

Michael Zimmers (Reciprocal Chair for EHYC) reviewed our current reciprocal moorage arrangements and obtained input from Club Members on the addition of Poulsbo Yacht Club.

- **MOTION:** EHYC to add Poulsbo Yacht Club as a reciprocal for one year and then review. (Proposed: Allan Bogutz, Second: Quinn Hart). Motion approved and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Secretary, Sue Kerby

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