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Board Notes

SUMMARY OF AYC BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 22, 2008

Meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Commodore Chuck Tidrington at 1900 hrs. There were 12 guests present for the meeting.

Chuck spoke about his goals for the up coming year which includes increasing the club and water activities.

Program for the February meeting will be the Vessel Asst.. Program.

Discussion on building maintenance and what needs to be completed and when. Ed Kennedy is preparing for a joint class for the Food Handlers Permit and Bar Tenders permit. Dates to be scheduled.

Race committee stated that the Girts Rekevics Annual Foul Weather Race will be held on March 1st with destination, Friday Harbor. They would like to be sure that the cruisers feel welcome to join.

Cruise committee has 11 cruises scheduled this season and members are welcome to all or one. Hopefully there is a date and cruise for you.

Under new business the All Members BBQ will be held and June 8th.

There is now a Tech committee with a goal of modernizing the improving Club communications.

With much discussion from the board and comments from the audience, the board prepared an addendum to the By Laws, Article 11 section (b) regarding the definition of Preferred Member.

Letters will be sent notifying the members as required, with the final vote in April.

Meeting adjourned at 2200 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Liz O'Neill

Secretary

ANACORTES YACHT CLUB

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND EQUITY - CASH BASIS

DECEMBER 2007 AND 2006

	2007	2006
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash	\$85,781	\$70,586
PROPERTY, BUILDING, AND EQUIPMENT:		
Land	33,945	33,945
Building and improvements	174,616	174,616
Appliances, equipment, chase boat, docks	24,169	23,692

Total property, buildings and equipment	232,730	2 32,253
Less accumulated depreciation	63,183	58,658
Net property, building and equipment	<u>169,546</u>	<u>173,595</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$255,327</u>	<u>\$244,180</u>
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERSHIP EQUITY		
LIABILITIES:		
Rental deposits, owing to members, RBAW payable	\$735	\$1,360
MEMBERSHIP EQUITY:		
Preferred memberships, 1,000 no par value shares authorized, 453 issued and outstanding	49,300	49,300
Cumulative excess of revenue over expenses:		
Balance, beginning of year	193,520	190,680
Excess of revenue over (under) expenses for the year to date	11,772	2,840
Balance, end of period	205,292	193,520
Total membership equity	<u>254,592</u>	<u>242,820</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERSHIP EQUITY	<u>\$255,327</u>	<u>\$244,180</u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES - CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 2007 AND 2006

ACTIVITIES:

Activities revenues	\$41,696	\$31,185
Cost of activities	<u>26,641</u>	<u>28,622</u>
Gross margin from activities	15,055	2,564

OTHER REVENUE:

Membership dues	26,775	24,575
Other revenue	<u>11,047</u>	<u>11,625</u>

GROSS ACTIVITIES MARGIN AND OTHER REVENUE	52,877	38,764
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GENERAL EXPENSES:

Operating expenses	35,513	30,405
Depreciation	5,592	5,519
Total general expenses	<u>41,105</u>	<u>35,923</u>

EXCESS OF REVENUE (UNDER) OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$11,772</u>	<u>\$2,840</u>
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From the Commodore

If everything goes as planned.....

I recall putting that in my last comment. I have received, since then several comments and suggestions. When the Board voted to put the issue to the members, we discussed it from a lot of different angles. The overriding direction was to simplify, as much as possible, the language regarding Preferred membership. With this in mind, the motion was made for language limiting it to Member+Spouse/Significant other. For me it was fairly obvious that children are already included as members. We are, after all, a club that wants to grow and to do that we need our young people. As some of you have guessed, this is a diffi-

cult issue. It has many facets, that can make it unpalatable for different people, for different reasons. Please bear with me as we continue this process and come to a solution that will, hopefully, work for everyone. I recently sent out a proposed timeline that needs to be modified and instead of pushing for the vote by the March meeting, we will instead go ahead with a vote at the April General meeting. This answers any questions about the 45 day notice and does one other thing. It gives the Board time to make sure that this is done once and done right. If you have comments, please email them to me and I will print them and take them to the next Board meeting. I am not discouraging open communication, nor use of the Yahoo Groups, but I would like to avoid going down the same road we just took. I look forward to hearing from more of you as this process goes forward.

Chuck

Ramblings from the Rear Commodore

Ships Store: Items in stock are available from bartenders when the Bar is open. The store carries Jackets, Vests, Hats, Burgees and Shirts. They are on display in the upper main room of the AYC clubhouse. Keep this resource in mind when you are looking for gifts.



The Facilities Committee is making good progress toward replacing the roofing on the Clubhouse. Bids have been solicited, received, evaluated and the low responsive bidder identified. The Board has authorized expenditures. The work will begin in the not too distant future.

The Bar Committee has already had a change of staff. Carol Miner resigned her post as bartender scheduler, (and as bartender), and within a day Mellie Kennedy stepped forward to do the important job of scheduling. Last week Bill Jenkins was added to the Committee and by mutual consent took over scheduling from Mellie.

The Bar Committee is working on the **Bartender's Party** planned for Saturday, February 16, starting at 4:30 PM, (happy Hour), then a prepared meal at 5:30 PM. Menu includes Chicken Boobé ala Pam, special rice, veggie, salad & bread. As this is intended to be a way for the Club to thank all volunteer AYC bartenders for their service to the Club both food & bar are free. For food planning RSVP to **Ed Kennedy** or **Pam Edwards** by Saturday Feb. 9th.

Tech Committee established.

At the 1-22-2008 AYC Board of Directors meeting a motion was made & passed to: Establish a "Technology Committee" to improve efficiency in pursuit of AYC 's mission. This includes selecting, obtaining, installing, and training for ongoing AYC operations, equipment and methods to efficiently use available technology.

Subjects for the committee to consider are: Race scoring & presentation of results, Web-site options and possible improvements, membership communications improvements possibly with different forum, Audio-Visual systems at the clubhouse including entertainment and presentations, internet access at the clubhouse and possibly more.

Committee members include **Dave Thomson, Steve Kleinbart, Kevin Welch, and Spencer**

Swain. They will elect a committee chairman and may include additional interested AYC members in the committee. The Committee is under the direction of the Commodore and is under the usual financial / spending restraints of the Board of Directors.

The committee will be discontinued no later than January 31, 2009 unless extended by the incoming 2009 Board of Directors.



Greetings,

The AYC racing program is already in motion for 2008! Check out the schedule posted on the web site. If you would like to help out at one of the seminars or be the RC boat for a particular race please contact Andy Schwenk.

Thanks to Steve Kleinbart mostly, also Fred Abelman and Ed Kennedy, and of course Spencer, the race packet will be available Friday nights at the club beginning in February. In order to race in 2008 you will need to show proof of insurance, current PHRF cert., sign a waiver and purchase a race packet for 100.00. We will also be offering a new "Open" class for those choosing to race and not be scored, those without a PHRF cert, and centerboard boats. They still have to meet all other criteria. (ins, packet and waiver) The open class will start with class "C", No Flying Sails.

Bill Bowman and Jim Lee are arranging the Foul Weather Race: scuttlebutt has it we may have a new destination!

Aloha'

Andy

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AYC General Meeting: Feb 8, 2008

7:00 PM dinner, Roasted Chicken with a light garlic sauce: \$11 Delivered by Java Jo's, Mount Vernon I've been informed that this dish is her customers' favorite! She'll also be delivering some good coffee, including de-caf.

RSVP: jerryvanderveen@verizon.net by Thursday 10:00 AM

Program: Capt. Richard Rodriguez of Anacortes is in his sixth season serving as the primary Vessel Assist responder in the San Juans. Towing 120 - 150 boats a season, he has seen most everything and will speak about his experiences so as to inform (and entertain) us of the most common perils. Last season he was involved in the Coast Guards #3 most spectacular rescue of the year nationwide, off the South end of Lopez Island. Rodriguez serves as one of three Risk Management trainers for the Commercial Assistance Towing industry, nationwide.

During the off season, Capt. Rodriguez is an instructor for the United States Maritime Academy and Zenith Maritime. He certifies over 50 new Coast Guard Captains per year. His next course will begin March 4, 2008 here at the Anacortes Yacht Club.

Rodriguez is the author of the BitterEnd Blog, featuring Vessel Assist and Rambling Information. The blog receives 12,000 page visits a month and was recognized on Yahoo in 2006 for its unique content.

2008 Rosters

Dear Members,

The 2008 Anacortes Membership Roster will be available and handed out at the March 14th General Membership Meeting. As always it takes more than one person and this year we were blessed with 5 individuals who so freely gave of their time to make this years roster one for the record books. A huge thank you to Jan and Jerry Hemme and Dorothy and Dick Smith. Their efforts put forth in taking pictures on more than several occasions is so appreciated. Thank you to Fred West who has been securing the ads, which is a huge job, also remember the ads pay for the roster, and that the membership should acknowledge the service that they provide to the community. You are all a real asset to the Anacortes Yacht Club.

Also if the rosters are not picked up with in two weeks they will mailed to your home addresses. More information to follow.

Thanks again,
Pam Edwards
Roster Person

Upcoming Activity Calendar

Friday, February 8 - Bar Open, 1730h, General Meeting

Friday, February 15 - Bar Open, 1730h

Friday, February 22 - Bar Open, 1730h. Three Buck Night!

Tuesday, February 26 - Board Meeting, Clubhouse, 1900

Wednesday, February 27 - Beginner/Newcomer Racing Seminar, 1900h.

Friday, February 29 - Bar Open, 1730h

Saturday - Sunday, March 1 & 2 - Girts Rekevics Foul Weather Race

Friday, March 7 - Bar Open, 1730h

Saturday, March 8 - Tri-Straits I, Smith Island, Bar Open Post Race, 1600h

Wednesday, March 12 - Beginner/Newcomer Racing Seminar, 1900h.

Friday, March 14 - Bar Open, 1730h.

Saturday, March 15 - Champagne I, Vendovi - N8 Buoy