

Minutes of  
Semiahmoo Yacht Club  
Annual General Meeting  
March 28, 2009  
Discovery Theatre, Resort at Semiahmoo

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Candi Johnson at 1:07 p.m.  
There were 51 people representing 36 SYC member households present, including seven board members. The Judge Advocate also received 11 proxies, which are on file with the minutes.

**Board Members Present:** Candi Johnson, Budd Churchward, Jim Willett, Ed Williams, Chris Lilly Backus, Doug Romano, Jimmy Johnson

**Board Members Excused:** Marcia Oliver, Al Oakley, Karen Szol

**Committee Heads Present:** Judy Urich, Reciprocal Chair; Sandy Bowens, PR Chair; Larry Barnes, Dock Captain

**Open positions:** Historian and Entertainment Chair.

Copies of the minutes for the Annual General Meeting of 2008 were distributed with packets. Motion to accept minutes as printed passed unanimously, with all proxies approving minutes (m/s/p by A. Backus, J. Johnson)

The Secretary called the Roll of Officers, which is recorded above.

SECRETARY -- Chris Lilly Backus

Chris shared her activities for the year, including working on bylaws, recording minutes of board and membership meetings, sending out cards (thank you, get well, congratulations). Appreciates getting news of members who should get cards.

COMMODORE -- Candi Johnson

Cdr Johnson introduced the flag officers and committee chairs present. Judy, Sandy, Larry, Visions and Goals

TREASURER -- Ed Williams

- Acknowledged Don Starr's work during the past year.
- Value of dues is significantly higher than costs (see Vice Commodore's Report)
  - Four events a year at no cost
- Support Sea Scouts and Plover
- No longer carrying Nauti-Gear inventory
- Advertising in *Annual* helps benefit the club -- make suggestions as to businesses the Club should approach
- Participate in events
- Invite members to attend
- First dues increase is several years
  - We have kept as low as possible, our expenses keep going up
- Presented budget
  - Proposed budget for 2009 was approved as presented m/s/p G Culbertson, J. Johnson

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## VICE COMMODORE -- Budd Churchward

### Goals:

- Increase membership
  - First goal to grow membership by 10%
  - Explained stars for burgees which represent recruiting new members (white=new member, red = five members)
- Continue to look at feasibility about creating a club facility
- Exceed member expectations

Candi noted value of keeping goals and vision from year to year

  - Membership benefits
    - Benefits \$258 per member \$140 dues (revenue from ad sales and auction) e.g., Commodore's ball for \$100 per couple, live band, three-course meal
    - Dues are up but still one of the best deals
    - Land-based events schedule and cruise schedule
    - Fuel discount at Semiahmoo Marina 20 cents per gallon off fuel 700 gallons of fuel would pay your days
      - Discount up to 35 cents if keep boat at Semiahmoo Marina
  - Offer discount so that those who join during events or cruises get a discount
  - *BorderLines* comes out monthly or bi-monthly, your contributions (articles and photos) to Budd at [vcommodore@semiahmooyc.com](mailto:vcommodore@semiahmooyc.com)
- Support our advertisers
  - Show your membership card as you shop
- Enjoy the reciprocals
  - Use on the road as well to take advantage of private yacht clubs to dine
  - Acknowledged Dick and Colleen Hardman for sharing their facility on Gabriola Island at Silva Bay
    - A lovely facility, private park
- New feature: Where in the world is SYC? Pack burgee with you when your travel

## REAR COMMODORE -- Jim Willett

- Opening Day May 2 at Resort
- Ox Roast July 4 on Patio
- Crab Feed September 12 on Patio
- Halloween Costume Party (Elvis there last year) will be done again Oct. 31 at Packers
- Commodore's Ball will be Nov. 7
  - thanked LouInda Heron Churchward and Beoma Oakley for their work this past year
- Lighted Boat Parade, Dec. 5 at Resort
  - upgraded to Library
  - will have VHF radio on site - try for more participation
- Nauti-Fridays
  - Outdoor Nauti-Fridays June-Sept
  - Indoor Nauti-Fridays Oct-May (third Friday of the month)
  - Tried Blue Heron at Golf Resort with 70 people
  - Next at Pierside Restaurant
  - Back to Marina
  - Will alternate between Paso del Norte, Great Blue Heron, Pierside
  - Double Trouble band present

Candi noted that Dick Hardman has camera will take photos today for Annual  
Check list from Karen Szol as to who needs photos

New members recognized

- Barb and Ron France
- Brian and Vicki Beggs

FLEET CAPTAIN -- Marcia Oliver - excused

- Sucia Shrimp Boil -- Doug Romano and Katherine Walker hosting May 8-10
- Roche Harbor-- Ed and Debra Williams hosting May 22-25
- Bellingham -- Chris and Andy Backus, Judy and Mark Urich hosting June 19-21
- Two-stop cruise Deer Harbor/Lopez Deer harbor needs hosts July 10-13
- Silva Bay – Dick and Colleen Hardman providing hospitality August 28-29
- Raft-up at Drayton Harbor – needs hosts Oct. 16-17

PORT CAPTAIN - Doug Romano

- Thanked Larry Barnes for serving as Dock Captain and presented flag
- Train Depot move and renovation at boat launch in Blaine -- to be called Plover Park  
LOI was put together between DMH and SYC March 4, 2008; it expires June 2, 2009
  - \$20,000 committed to help move building
  - \$300 month to rent office
  - Blaine Coalition for Historic Preservation formed to identify income streams
  - City of Blaine wants to see project move forward but needs to see guarantee
  - Burlington Northern will give building to organization
  - \$600,000 total cost for project, moving and totally refurbishing to bring up to code
  - Port of Bellingham owns land, is space donated  
City will deal with Port -- doesn't own building yet
    - Best to deal directly with Port, Jim Darling
  - City of Blaine is first step to move forward, permit needed
    - City wants ownership of project
  - Timeframe on RR to tear down building, demolition costs (as donation)
  - New Building would cost the same
  - Historical value of building
- Proposed lighthouse project competing for donor funds
  - We do not know of other donors having stepped up at this time
  - Grants available once Blaine takes ownership of building
- Float inspected and work done on anchor and changes
- Marina Patio
  - Larry Barnes keeping BBQ's in good shape
  - Patio clean-up on April 18, lunch provided 9 a.m.
  - Please volunteer to get tents up for Opening Day

RECIPROCAL CHAIR - Judy Urich

- Yachting Club of America (750 reciprocals)
  - SYC offers an additional 100 clubs
- Update Judy as you travel of any changes to write-ups
- When you use reciprocal please send thank you card

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COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER -- Karen Szol -- Chris Lilly Backus shared her brief report

- Has served as Communications Officer for two years
- Putting finishing touches on 2009 *Annual* – recognized volunteers
  - Chris Lilly Backus
  - Judy Urich
  - Pam Baily
  - Marian Hickey
  - Candi Johnson
  - Sandy Bowens
- With Budd Churchward has updated info on website
  - Temporary website in place, permanent site under construction
  - Members Only link
  - Request a password your primary email address, Evaluates password - use what you want
  - Let Budd know if you have questions, select your own log-in ID and set password
  - Reminders will only go to members who haven't responded
  - Blog area will be available for members to post info on your cruises
  - Corrections and updates can be entered by members or ask Vice Commodore for help
- Thanked Judy Urich for her work on *BorderLines*
- Welcomes input from members, looks forward to seeing everyone at Opening Day

PUBLIC RELATIONS -- Sandy Bowens

Doing online releases to promote SYC activities with *Herald* and *Northern Light*

Welcomes input

Other business

- Bob Hogan being inducted into Surfers Walk of Fame, Hermosa Beach Pier
- Bob has donated scene of Blaine Harbor, will be auctioned off a Commodore's Ball
- Candi thanked Bob for his donation

Closing remarks

- Alka Seltzer demo on involvement
- Be bored or start having fun!

Philanthropic Programs

Sea Scouts CFK 22 drop off locations

- \$1242 raised to date (since 2006)
- Angus and Yvette Pratt involving Sea Scouts in picking up cartridges so less burden on Cdr and P/C
- \$1500 committed beyond CFK income for specific projects

Plover

- Participates in Opening Day and Lighted Boat Parade
- Flies burgee
- \$750 donated

Drayton Harbor Maritime

- We sponsored certification training of instructor for Sailing Program

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Nauti-Gear moved from Sports Unlimited to Marina Store, more accessible to members  
Club recoups investment and marina marks up to receive some income  
Can also use form in back of Annual to order Nauti-Gear (discount)

DUES CONTEST DRAWING

1<sup>st</sup> Place        Two tickets to Commodore's Ball-- Tom Dalglish  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place        \$75 gift certificate for Nauti-Gear -- Ken Koskowski  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place        \$50 gift certificate for Nauti-Gear -- David McConaghy

Tom was present to receive his certificate, secretary will notify the other two winners by mail.

Motion to adjourn at 2:22 P.M. m/s/p Dick Hardman, Ed Stipkala

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christine Lilly Backus". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

Christine Lilly Backus  
Secretary