

EAGLE BEND YACHT HARBOR & BOAT SLIP OWNERS ASSOC.

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2015 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday June 20, 2015 10:00 A.M.

EAGLE BEND YACHT HARBOR CLUBHOUSE

Call to order and establish a quorum: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Board members present were; President, Lane Ross; Treasurer, Bob Smith; Dennis McDowell, Michelle Tenerowicz, Roy Hollandsworth, and Geoff Bayliss. Dave Roberts from Western Mountain Property Management and Harbor Master Ed Mitschki were also in attendance. Vice President Gary Purdy was not able to attend.

Pledge of Allegiance: Lane Ross lead the assembly outdoors where the Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

A quorum was established: A total of 55 Boat Slips were represented by both proxy and attendance of the EBYH Members. A quorum consists of 48 Boat Slips.

Board Member Introduction: Dave Roberts - All Board Members were introduced along with an additional new summer time employee Haakon Sandy who will be working on the docks and in The Shack.

Dave spoke about the all the improvements that have been completed. Many of the dock boxes have been improved. Landscaping is done by the summer staff and they clean the bath house and have sprayed for

the spiders. New picnic tables will be here on Monday. There are four in total and they are heavy metal that has been power coated and will be placed in concrete. A new WIFI, new televisions and ceiling fans have been added in the Clubhouse. Lane added to this report by saying that Ed had physically hauled top soil with the use of a wheel barrow and had fixed the low spots and all the fairy rings. The slab on Dock C is cracked and very recently a person tripped on this and fell. This is very serious and we are in the process of having this repaired.

Nominee introductions and call for nominations from the floor. Board members whose two (2) year terms have expired are; Lane Ross, Bob Smith, and Dennis McDowell. All the Board members have expressed a desire to serve another term. Lane asked if there were any nominations from the floor no nomination came forward. Steve Armstrong made a motion by acclamation to approve these candidates. The motion was seconded and the vote was taken by voice. This motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approval of Minutes from the 2014 Annual Meeting: A motion was made by Bob Smith to approve the minutes as written and was seconded by Bill Hendrens. The vote was by voice and was unanimously approved. One Member asked if all minutes are on the web site and Dave answered yes, but the Annual Meeting minutes do not appear on the web site until after the Members vote on them at the next Annual Meeting.

Presidents Report – Lane Ross; On the Lake side, pole #1 is leaning. He will be calling Dockmasters to see if they would come and reset the pole. He will ask Flathead Electric's Round Up for Safety to come and take a picture and when the work has been completed we will petition

them to pay for this repair. We have two (2) lights out in the channel and Lane will work on getting these replaced. Bob Smith talked about the speed outside the dam. The law in Montana states no wake in a developed area and no wake within 200 feet of a shore line. You are liable if you cause damage by your wake. If someone is on a paddle board or kayak and you cause damage you will be liable. There is a booklet on Montana Boating Laws and we will try and get more of these for all Members to review.

Treasurers Report – Bob Smith reported that after all of our expenditures in 2014 we still had \$49,200 left over and this has been deposited in the Reserve Fund. Before Dave was hired we never had enough money and now we are able to do all of our improvements and still have money left over. We on the Board want to thank Dave for all his work. This statement was met with a hardy round of applause by all Boat Slip Owners. Our total assets are up 8% and we have not raised our assessments and do not plan to raise them in 2015. Dave added that in the packet there was a comparative between the years 2013 and 2014. At the 2014 Annual Meeting the members had requested this be provided. A question was asked by a member if, in the future, the EBYH might be willing to pay for some of the road maintenance into the Harbor. At present those Home Owners pay for all the road repairs and all Boat Slip owners drive on these roads to get to their boats. Bob Smith commented that the Marina owns the canal that many of the Home Owners use and EBYH is taxed for this area and that amounts to over \$4500 yearly. Lane Ross said this is a Board issue and asked that the property owners who are interested, to come to the next meeting and we will discuss this issue. We will post when this meeting will take place and Dave will notify each Community Leader. A motion

was made by Joe McCracken to approve the Budget and it was seconded. The vote was by voice and was unanimously approved.

Committee Report:

Weed Committee – Lane Ross; we have sprayed once already and our permit allows us to chemically treat when the dam is up. We spray early and we are not sure if this is the right time as the temperature is so cool. The Board will review the spraying schedule. As the water drops and the temperatures rise the weeds will increase. We are being monitored and we need to satisfy both State government and the County officials

Maintenance Committee – Geoff Bayliss; we are adding five (5) more park benches between the trees. This will be a classy addition and will give us a place to sit and talk with our neighbors. Each bench will have a place for a plaque in the event of a memorial.

We will host five (5) socials this year. All members have been notified of these events, and if any member has any ideas please let Geoff know.

Bill Bailey questioned the need for more benches and asked if we are taking precaution about thief? Geoff said all benches will be placed in a concrete slab.

Member's inputs for Improvements: A Member asked about the fence in disrepair at the boat storage. Lane said we have a plan to repair this area. The ground has given way underneath the fence and we will be shoring that up with soil and concrete. Dock boxes are always a

maintenance issue. If you damage the boxes while you are parking your boat then you are responsible for repairs. If it is just normal wear we will pay for it. You also need to learn to secure your boat correctly in the docks during high winds. Take another slip if you cannot put your boat in the slip because of high winds.

Currently the lock on "E" dock is not working. Lane and Dave are aware that at the present time you do not have to type in the code to enter the dock. Lane is looking into having the gate repaired and said do not slam the gates shut as this ruins the lock. We need to watch this as members.

Old Business: Lane said, "We are always looking for new Board Members, so please think about serving in the future. Our Board is so smooth and manicured we have no contention and we are peaceful. Think about this for next year."

New Business: A Boat slip owner asked "where are we on the cost of fuel for owners? I think we are paying a lot right now." Dave answered that last year the price of gasoline went up and it was expensive. We are continuing the policy that allows you to receive a \$1.00 off each gallon if you pay your dues. Now the price of gas went down but we had 50% of our gas left over from last year. We are currently selling gas at \$5.39 and with your membership discount you pay \$4.39. We realize that right now this is high but when we need to purchase more fuel, we hope to be able to sell it at \$3.95 a gallon and with your discount that would have you paying \$2.95. Having fuel available comes with a price and this is a paid by the Association. We have inspections from the Government agency and our insurance is higher because we have fuel on site. The Association does make a profit on the sale of gas and

those profits help us fund certain expenses. Bob Smith thought we had made \$7000 from the sale of gas in 2014 and this covered the insurance expenses. Lane proposed that the Board would discuss the price of our fuel and make a decision at its next meeting.

Geoff Bayliss brought the question up regarding the parking of Motor Homes in the boat storage area. What if we could use this for only 48 hours and only allow 4 Motor Homes at a time? Lane asked the members for their thoughts on this. It was asked if there would be a designated area to park your Motor Home. Another member asked about nuisance of noise. Lane said if it is abused we would take it away as we have a responsibility to the neighbors. The question of insurance was brought and Lane said the Board will look into that. There is electricity if someone needs to plug in their Motor Home. Lane said let's try it and see if it works, and it will only have limited usage.

A question was raised regarding our website and what is on the site. The website is ebyh.com. And it contains rental form, minutes, social events and a news section. No owner password is required.

Special speaker Donna Lawson from the Community Foundation for a Better Bigfork (CFBB): Donna was invited by Dennis McDowell. Dennis felt the EBYH has an opportunity to give back to the Village of Bigfork. Donna has been on the CFBB Board for 15 years. It began in 1970 and was started by her father at the liquor store in downtown Bigfork. It originally consisted of only 8 members and now there are about 300. There is a onetime membership fee of \$150. The CFBB has one annual fund raising event which will be on September 9th this year at the Garden Bar. Donna spoke of several recent CFBB accomplishments

including: installation of street lamps, building new sidewalks, developing and maintaining the Swan River Nature Trail. The new Green Garbage Site was made possible because of the efforts of the CFBB.

A new project for the CFBB is Sliter Park as the County does not want to maintain it in the future; as a result, the CFBB is in the process of taking over the maintenance of the area. Harry Horn Park is another project that requires money for maintenance. The State will erect in a gazebo that can be rented by the public and, in addition, the CFBB is working with the Boy Scouts to help with playground equipment.

In 2014, the CFBB spent \$90,000 to maintain Bigfork. Right now the Foundation is \$20,000 in the hole and is hoping for a good auction. All CFBB revenue is from membership fees, donations and results from the annual auction. Future projects include finishing the sidewalk past Marina Kay to Highway 35. Also, \$50,000 to rebuild the public dock in Bigfork will be needed. Lane said the EBYH needs to be more community involved and thanked Donna for her willingness to come and share with our Members.

A motion was made to adjourn and was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Adjournment: 11:40 a.m.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

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Bob Smith

Recording Secretary

Treasurer