



FLOATING HOMES ASSOCIATION, INC

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 17, 2017

Community Room, Public Safety Building, Marin City, CA

Present: Larry Clinton, Jennifer Gennari, Charlotte Hampton, Teddie Hathaway, Flo Hoylman, Peter Hudson, Robert Kabus, Felicity Kirsch, Michael Labate, Taylor Ray, Linda Sempliner, Ted Sempliner, Joan Sheahan, Louise Simpson, Bob Sinaiko, Helen Vandeman

Call to Order – Flo Hoylman called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

Minutes-

1. Approve minutes of June 17, 2017 Board Meeting- Louise Simpson moved and Joan Sheahan seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Joan Sheahan

1. Financial reports-Michael Labate moved and Larry Clinton seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Web Site- Jennifer Gennari would like to help with the website.

Government Relations –Teddie Hathaway

1. Teddie reported that Sausalito is no longer part of the RBRA. Sausalito has hired two, part time staff to patrol the waters and do the administrative work. Anchor out boats are moving out of Sausalito waters, but Charlotte has noticed an overall increase in anchor-outs, particularly off Strawberry Point.

Public Relations – Michele Affronte

1. The Chronicle is doing articles on three floating homes communities in October for their Habitat Magazine insert. Larry has been interviewed.

Environment- Jennifer Gennari, Jenny Stein

1. Jennifer spoke about the Antarctica shelf that broke away. Scenarios of sea level rise in our area were presented. Jennifer will get links to website she considers important for all to know.

Prevention and preparedness must be undertaken to be ready for sea level rise. We need to start educating our docks about sea level rise.

2. Green House Gas- There are things that we can do to reduce greenhouse gas emission. Change to led light bulbs. Other things include recycling, washing clothes in cold water, replacing a typical car with a hybrid. High impact actions include moving to a plant-based diet (the less meat we eat put less carbon goes into the atmosphere), avoiding one trans-Atlantic flight, and living car free. For more information, here are the links:
 - a. <http://www.marincounty.org/main/marin-sea-level-rise>
 - b. <http://grist.org/briefly/groundbreaking-study-outlines-what-you-can-do-about-climate-change/>
3. Larry will ask Jen to write an article for the Floating Times about this. Flo suggested we read Paul Hawkins' new book about this topic.
4. Gate 6 Road turning circle is being raised. The area is frequently flooded. This should prevent future flooding in that parking area. The offramp that passes in front of Commodore is closed by the CHP in high tides.

Tour- Larry Clinton

1. There are 15 boats on the Tour this year. The first press release has gone out. We have about half the number of volunteers that we will need. If any Board member has not volunteered, you should do so as soon as possible as times and assignments are being taken. There are several bands returning. Yellow Ferry will have Lindy dancers and a 40s DJ. Radio Sausalito will play '40's DJ music on the green. We have at least 4 vintage cars lined up. We need to find a place to display them. We need help selling tickets. Larry suggested we send notices to all our contacts.

Floating Times- Larry Clinton

1. We have 124 subscribers which is an improvement over the Blog. An E-blast just went out. That should have a positive effect. Larry is looking for dock news, social news, photos and anything of interest for the FT.

Emergency Preparedness- Flo Hoylman

1. We have 78 homes signed up for the free smoke alarm installation on Aug. 19. We can still take more sign ups. Ali needs to know as soon as possible. On August 12, Red Cross people will be walking the docks to assess their needs. 8 docks are involved so far. We need volunteers to help with installing, education, and paper work. Everyone is encouraged to sign up to volunteer.

Old Business

1. Carts for the docks are ordered. They will arrive the week of July 31st. Damaged carts can be taken to East Pier Kappas and Liberty dock to be taken away.
2. Jennifer suggested we take pictures of the crane at Waldo Point. They are removing an old barge and a large anchor. This is part of the restoration project which must be done by the end of the year.

New Business

1. Auto Break Ins- Charlotte Hampton discussed recent break ins in the Issaquah and Kappas parking lots. They occurred on the same day at the same time. No valuables should be left in cars.
2. Larry handed out 6 sweatshirts that we received from Jazz and Blues for buying our table.
3. Dock reps have received lists of people who need to renew their FHA memberships. Larry reminded dock reps to follow up with those folks on their docks. Lists are available from Linda Sempliner.

To Do List

Everyone: Sign up to volunteer for the Tour.

Everyone: Let friends and neighbors know about the Tour. We need help selling tickets.

Everyone: Subscribe to the Floating Times and get dock members to do so, too.

Everyone: Get dock news, social news to Larry for the Floating Times.

Everyone: Let Ali Johnson know if you can volunteer for the Smoke Detectors installation.

Jen offered to help with the website text.

Jen will get links to the website for the information she presented at the Board meeting to everyone.

Jen will send out notices about Coastal Clean Up Day and the E Waste Event.

Charlotte will check with Kappas about putting a camera and sign on West Pier.

Dock Reps: Remind non-renewals about FHA membership.

Adjourn

Michael Labate moved and Teddie Hathaway seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried.