



FLOATING HOMES ASSOCIATION, INC

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018 THE BAY MODEL, SAUSALITO, CA

Welcome

Katherine Boschetto welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting.

Honored Guest

Kathrin Sears- Marin County Supervisor, District 3

1. Lighting in the underpass between Marin City and Sausalito- this area is controlled by CalTrans. Contractors have been engaged to put in good lights. This will happen. Funding has been obtained. Hopefully, it will be complete by mid-May, 2018.
2. Dogs in the GGNRA- After a long time and many proposals, the park service is not changing anything about where dogs can be off leash. Current regulations will remain. Everyone should be aware of the signs and follow them.
3. Sea level rise- Recent very good meeting with a Game of Floods that showed people what was necessary to cope with rising sea levels. Many good conversations resulted. The County of Marin and local communities have produced data about each of their local needs. BayWay2.0 will happen this year to determine what needs to be done. There will be a public planning process for the walking and bike paths.
4. Drawdown Marin was inspired by the book Drawdown which looked at what can be done to deal with climate change. It is a positive book. The goal of Drawdown Marin is to dramatically reduce the amount of greenhouse gas in the County. This includes renewable energy, low carbon transportation, energy efficiency, local food and carbon sequestration and climate resilient communities. The County is putting together technical working groups to work on all these issues. Flyers explaining these issues were available.

Your 2018 Officers

President- Katherine Boschetto

Vice President- Flo Hoylman

Secretary- Linda Sempliner

Treasurer- Joan Sheahan

Your 2018 Committee Chairs

Government Relations- Teddie Hathaway- We are tracking a bill that is going to Congress that would give incentives to owners of trailer parks to allow residents to purchase the park before it was offered to others. It would result in a tax deduction for the park owner. We are tracking this to see if it would work for us, too. Teddie walked the halls of Congress talking about this.

Emergency Preparedness- Flo Hoylman

1. We need to celebrate all the things the FHA has done for emergency preparedness. She thanked the following people: Peter Hudson and Court Mast for their work organizing and updating the emergency trailer; Fiona Clements for getting our medical and first aid supplies together; Ali Johnston for organizing the smoke alarm project with the Red Cross providing and installing free smoke alarms to residents for their homes. There will be a new smoke alarm project on March 17th. She also congratulated all the residents who have become CERT trained for emergencies. The FHA pays for CERT training for members. Grab and Go bags will be available again this year. They are available at a discount to members. FHA purchased waterside numbers that owners need to install so emergency people can find you in an emergency. Everyone is urged to sign up for emergency alerts on your cell phones.
2. Focus for emergency preparedness for 2018: The Santa Rosa fires are a wake-up call. We will focus on fire safety this year. Fire extinguishers can be checked or replaced on a day in the Fall. We will have the fire/smoke alarm installation on March 17th. Sign up for the Floating Times for more fire safety information about what you can do. Flo is working with the Fire Department to put together a program describing what to do before, during and after a fire. Flo asked anyone who is willing to help with these projects to get in touch with her.

Public Relations- Michele Affronte

1. Michele asked anyone who is willing to work on her committee to speak with her.

Membership:

1. Louise Simpson was thanked with applause for all the work she did for the Annual Meeting and Dinner.

Annual Tour- Larry Clinton

1. We had a successful Tour in 2017 but we will not be having a Tour in 2018 as the Tour Committee is burned out. We will concentrate on Private Tours. They have been very successful. Each tour has a maximum of 40 people and 4 floating homes. Our goal is 10 or more in 2018. Members were asked to sign up for helping with the tours and offering their homes.

Environmental- Jennifer Gennari

1. There will be an E-Waste event this year. We will also do a coastal cleanup on September 15th to pick up garbage in our community. Members were asked to share ideas with Gen about how to help in her efforts. She spoke about Zip Cars and her efforts to get a spot near us for them. It costs \$70 per year which includes gas. She asked who was interested in a bike ride to a local grocery. She will organize it.

2018 Financial Report- Joan Sheahan (pages 4-6)

1. While we finished 2017 in the red, we had expenses we will not have this year. We have over \$70,000 in the bank. Our two main sources of income are the Tour and Membership Dues. As we will not have the Annual Tour this year, we will need to focus on having as many private tours as possible and as many new members as possible. The annual meeting/dinner is also a large expense. In 2017 we gave over \$6,000 combined to Friends of the Marin City Library and Sausalito Village.
2. Michele Affronte asked if members could help get additional groups for the Private Tours. The cost for a private tour is \$1500 for up to 40 people.

Projects and FYI

Floating Times-

1. Larry Clinton asked for help with the Floating Times. Jenny Stein will be stepping away from the Times in April. Anyone who is able to help with writing, photography or layout help should get in touch with Larry.

FHA Website Update

1. Katherine explained the website has been updated with new photos, layout and design. She asked everyone to look at the website: www.floatinghomes.org

Member of the Year- Larry Clinton was named the member of the year. He was presented with a large wave sculpture gift. He was given a thank you from the County of Marin. He received applause and well wishes from the audience.

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Raffle Prizes

Michele Affronte and Julie Durban conducted drawings for many prizes.

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Members' Dinner Party