

Kwajalein Yacht Club

January 29, 2011 Meeting Minutes *(prepared by David Helm)*

Commodore, Kenny Winchester:

The commodore welcomed all attendees to the first meeting of the 2011. The commodore stated that his goal was to make the club more sailing oriented. He also stated that he would like to see outreach to former club members who have left the club.

New members Josh Gravett and Jude Winchester were recognized by the commodore.

Vice Commodore, Tim Roberge:

The vice commodore reported that the membership count for the new year stood at 13.

Quarter Master, Monte Junker:

The quarter master reported that Thursday happy hours have been very successful this month due to the number of TDY-ers on island. The ship store and beer fun took in a substantial amount of money. The club was even opened on a Sunday due to the high demand. The TDY-ers gave lots of positive feedback about the club.

The quarter master also reported that there were several repairs necessary over the upcoming months and that some people have expressed unhappiness about the beer prices being raised \$1.00 across the board.

Purser, Bridget Helm:

The purser reported a balance of \$7958 in the bank and \$2460 in outstanding payments. Roughly \$1000 from the ship store is awaiting deposit. \$4000 is being spent to purchase the boat trailer from Mike Herrington, which was voted on and approved at the December 2010 meeting.

Yeoman, David Helm:

A motion was made to forgo reading of the minutes from last month. The motion passed.

The yeoman made a request to members to suggest ideas on promoting the yacht club more to the community, via community notices, Hourglass articles, etc.

Ship Store, Denise Dorn:

Not present. (The quarter master reported a high volume of sales at happy hour from the TDY visitors)

Race:

John Holbrook will serve as the race chairman for 2011.

Webmaster report:

Not present

Cruise Director:

Kenny Winchester volunteered to be cruise director.

Old Business:

A motion to approve the purchase of the red trailer from Mike Herrington was approved at last month's meeting. Since then, multiple members have pre-paid for use of this trailer. The \$8000 purchase price will be split 50/50 between the yacht club's general fund and money raised from the pre-paid collections.

New Business:**Club By-Laws:**

The first commodore's newsletter of the year urged all members to read the by-laws. Most of the feedback was clerical in nature (grammar, spelling). A motion was made to modify the ship store rules. There was a motion to table the change to the ship store rules which passed. The club decided to put off voting on the by-laws. As of the time of this time, the existing by-laws are in effect, but the new short-term haul out by-laws (discussed below) are now in effect. (It was also noted that changes to the by-laws would require a revalidation of the club by USAKA and the changes will be submitted to them)

Short-term Haul Out:

The short-term haul out committee will replace the round-house committee. A motion was made to approve of the new short-term haul rules. This motion did not pass. A motion was made to pass the by-laws around or head them aloud, which passed. A reading of the short-term haul out rules followed. Club members were provided a copy to follow along with. Several mistakes were pointed out to be corrected. An amendment to add an emergency clause was requested. This clause would waive the prepay fee for emergencies. A motion was made to pass the short-term haul out by-laws. The motion passed.

Commodore's Ball:

Tickets for the Commodore's Ball are now available. The event will be held at the Kwajalein Country Club on February 27. This year's theme is Pacific Rim cuisine. Tickets are \$40 for members and include transportation to and from the country club, dinner, wine, and a gift for everyone. A vegetarian dinner option will be included. Happy hour will begin at 6:00 and dinner will be served at 7:00. Jude Winchester has been in charge of organizing the event. A call for volunteers to setup for and clean up after the event was made by the commodore.

A motion to buy 12 trophies for up to a total of \$500 was made. The motion was approved.

General:

A question about putting in a spare mooring was discussed. The mooring would be available to sailboats in need and as a good will mooring for visiting boats. The subject of club liability was brought up. The topic was tabled to be revisited at a later time.

A motion to create the Training, Education, and Safety committee was made. The motion stated that the chairman of the committee was to be appointed by the club. The purpose of this committee was to advance interest in sailing to the community through training classes, basic sailing instruction, etc. Mike Turner was nominated to be its chairman. The motion was passed.

Patrick Gorman suggested an instructional class using flares as he has some expired ones he is willing to donate to the club. Kenny Winchester will follow up on the requirements to do this.

This year's officers held a lunch time cookout for the small boat marina crew as recognition of their hard work and the assistance they give to the boating community. Monte Junker and Cheri Larsen organized the cookout.

The entrée for tonight's dinner was teriyaki chicken provided by Kenny Winchester.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:41. The motion passed.