

FHYC Virtual General Meeting

Thursday April 9th, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 17:30 hrs. Commodore Ritchie Thomson welcomed all participating members to our first ever virtual General Meeting and led all to Pledge Allegiance to our Flag of the United States of America. A moment of silence was held in remembrance of all who have passed due to the Pandemic and for Ed Jacunski who passed February 22nd of this year. Everyone was asked to keep their microphones muted unless they had something to say. Adrian Vergot was thanked for facilitating these virtual meetings. There were 44 participants and with a possibility of 2 people per household this could account to 88 members.

Dr. Kathie King gave an update on the Covid-19 virus and stressed the importance for all to keep social distancing and the wearing of face masks in public places. She praised everyone for being pro-active. Both Drs. King and Berberich were thanked for keeping our members informed.

We have a total of 159 members. 154 Regular, 2 Charter and 3 Complimentary.

New members Jim and Amanda Dobson have been approved by the Board and were introduced and welcomed into the Club. Joan Wilson who wishes to become a member in the near future, informed us that she is now the proud owner of her own dinghy which will be registered.

March and April Anniversaries were noted.

The February General Meeting's minutes were published on the FHYC website. No objections to the minutes were voiced and the minutes are accepted as published.

The Financial Statements through March 31st, 2020 have been approved by the Board and are published on the website.

Rear Commodore Barbara Robinson, reported Hospitality to be on hold until we can meet again and MAC is on call as needed. The program "Inland Rules" and "Handling Abnormals" are for future presentation. The program for next month is a Local Boat Showcase.

Vice Commodore Adrian Vergot, is the administrator for our virtual meetings, and is available when help is needed. Adrian made another appeal for more members to convert to electronic delivery of the Semaphore. Members who had ordered beautiful FHYC throws can pick them up from Stephanie Davies. Those who still would like to purchase a throw at \$35 each, may contact Julia Thomson or Stephanie Davies.

Our Commodore, Ritchie Thomson, gave a State of the Club presentation.

He reported that membership is healthy even though we had 27 members who did not renew. No single reason was found for this although Hurricane Florence did not help. In 2018 we peaked our membership count with the next two years showing a downward trend.

The Club has 152 boats owned by members with many owning more than one, (with an equal number being power or sail) and 40 members (26% of membership) without a boat. Further breakdown of boats by length were provided to allow planning to meet the needs of members.

The projected income of \$11,000 has been allocated to various Committee budgets. The new banners for the POA cost \$2,000 and the FHYC Store now has a \$1,700 inventory. Due to the Covid-19 virus most activities have been cancelled or postponed. Participation in "Quarantini Saturdays" is encouraged as is all planning for the fall in order to be ready when restrictions are lifted.

Thank you Ritchie for this excellent presentation which included photos of participating "Quarantini Saturday" boats on our waterways.

George Stateham informed us that he, Lynn and the Knights held their own private "Sock Burning" activity.

The meeting adjourned at 20:23 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Yvonne Meissner

Secretary