

FHYC General Meeting (Virtual)

Thursday, October 8th, 2020

Commodore Ritchie Thomson called the meeting to order at 19:30 hrs.

He welcomed all members attending and led them in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for all who have died in the current pandemic.

There were 42 sign-ups meaning 84 members. A good attendance.

The program for tonight was “Birds on the Water and Nearby” presented by PC Olwen Jarvis. With slides and clear narrative it was an excellent program enjoyed by all. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to PC Neil Ober and Mary Anne who are moving to PA. Olwen gave us a history of their outstanding involvement in various Club capacities. They will be sorely missed.

An update on the status of the Covid-19 spread in Craven County was given by Commodore Thomson. He urged members to do their civic duty by wearing their masks and keep our social distancing.

Ritchie welcomed our guests, Chip and Mary Swann. Pam Miller introduced our newest members Tim and Shirley Baldwin and Bill and Julie Madsen.

He congratulated Benny Thompson, Jan Hood and Jerry Allen on their 10 year anniversary as members in the FHYC.

Membership to date totals 165, 161 Regular, 3 Complimentary and 1 Charter members.

Ritchie reminded members that the e-mail for Membership Renewal had gone out and that we had received a 62 renewals so far.

Last month’s General Meeting Minutes were posted on the FHYC website and it was asked if they could be accepted as published. With one correction to be made, they were accepted.

The Financial Statements through September 30th have been approved by the Board and are published on the FHYC website.

Past Commodore Ralph Azersky gave a report on the Nominations for the 2021 Bridge and Directors.

The 2021 bridge will be as follows: Commodore Adrian Vergot; Vice Commodore Barbara Robinson; Rear Commodore David Phipps and Stephanie Davies Treasurer. Directors: Phil Katz (already seated due to resignation); Stephen Brockman and recently appointed Peter Budzynkiewicz (replacing Ellen McElree who has resigned).

A vote was taken on the Amendments to the Constitution of the FHYC which was circulated to the members in September. With 29 For and 3 Against votes tallied, (Thank You Doug King) the Amendments were adopted.

Rear Commodore Barbara Robinson reported that the Property Committee had moved all items to the larger storage unit. The Maintenance Committee placed the temporary balloon for the #15 marker.

The Nautical Minute was presented by John Jackson and Adrian Vergot. The importance of wearing Lifejackets was illustrated by dropping a peeled and skin on fruit into water. Barbara invited all Fairfield Harbour residents to join the FHYC event in the Inner Harbour on November 1st. “Music Over the Harbour” will be an open mic. event.

Vice Commodore Adrian Vergot appealed to members to step up to the plate to fill Committee Chairs. There is a need for Committee Chairs in categories Yearbook, Education, Properties and Semaphore as well as a permanent position for Treasurer. Articles for the Semaphore are due by noon on Monday. Adrian will be hosting The Virtual Fall Appreciation event on October 22nd.

Cruising Chair Phil Katz reported that 8 boats joined the “Harvest Moon Cruise” to South River. A dingy coral was enjoyed with social distancing.

Four boats have signed up for the Pamlico River Cruise (Oct. 19-26th). They will join Pamlico Plantation Yacht Club for an overnight complimentary dockage. Other planned cruises are: a Shallow Draft Day Cruise in November; a Cape Lookout Cruise for 5 days tbd.; a Fun Inner Harbour “Anything Floats Race” and the Parade of Lights on December 12.

Regatta Chair Georgie Jackson reported that the Sunfish Races in the Inner Harbour are a success with many spectators being able to enjoy them from the shoreline. She has members who would like to purchase a Sunfish for sale.

Fun Races on Tuesdays will start at 4:00 and anyone interested can contact Peter Budsynkiewicz or Ed Thompson. Wednesday races are open to any area sailors. A Halloween Race is planned for Sunday November 1st. The Oar Race has been cancelled due to lack of participation.

Georgie is organizing a Clothing drive for RCS. It will be held at the Red Sail Park on Nov. 6 & 7th from 9:00am -1:00 pm.

Ritchie reported that there were many other events in the works to keep the Club running. Quarantinis till the end of the month; A Virtual Picture Trivia evening on November 19th; The ongoing Picture of the Month, entries to be sent to FHYC-photos@hotmail.com; and our annual Food Drive and Angel Tree from December 3-5th. Lois gave us a preview of the Book of the Great Lockdown. She will be putting out an e-mail to order your copies for the Book of the Great Lockdown in the next two weeks. Price \$25.00.

Ritchie invited comments and information sharing through an open mic.

The Obers said that they were leaving with many wonderful memories from FHYC.

Craig Myler thanked John Myer for sharing his knowledge on canvas upkeep and repair.

Ed Thompson said winter races will be run with a 24 hour notice.

A motion to adjourn was expressed at 20:54 hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Yvonne Meissner

Secretary