

FLOATING HOMES ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 15, 2013, 7:30 PM

Community Room, Public Safety Building, Marin City, CA

APPROVED June 17, 2013

Present: Adams, Affronte, Baer, Bell, Boschetto, Bousquet, Clinton, Dorris, R. Dunaway, Duncan, Forsman, Hoylman, Kirsch, Labate, Lalezari, Moreland, Sekhon, Shireman, Simpson, N. Starr, Williams.

Guests: Bev Serpico, Maggie Knibbs

Call to order at 7:30 by Boschetto. Minutes

Approval of Minutes of March 18, 2013.

Corrections:

N. Starr asked that information about the history of donations to community organizations by the FHA be compiled. Moreland and Shireman agreed to put it together. Williams will also use the info to encourage membership and make it available in the Grab 'n' Go bags.

Page 3 – on the web page, it should read “he will put together a proposal for the April board meeting. Boschetto will meet with Miller in the next week.”

The Van Damme reference needed a spelling correction. Commodore has started green recycling.

Hoylman/Labate moved to accept as corrected. No opposition.

Treasurer's Report (Moreland) – Moreland and Shireman are working with Bank of Marin to eliminate fees on our account. Hoylman/Clinton to accept. Motion passed without opposition.

Standing Committee Reports

Membership (Duncan and Forsman)

Duncan reported that the end of dock fliers on why to join the FHA are being updated.

West Pier Dock Reps. – Simpson moved to appoint Rick Whiting as the Dock Rep, Bev Serpico and Maggie Knibbs as alternates. Sekhon seconded. No objection.

Dock Flyers promoting FHA (Engman) – this will be ready for the next meeting.

Web Site

Proposal for redesign and maintenance (Adams)

This will be written in Word Press, and will allow committee chairs the ability to update their own sections. Projected cost is \$2500, which is a bargain for something with this much content. This includes the donation of a new logo. Baer moved to authorize the task force to approve up to \$2,500 for this. No opp.

Task force: John Adams, Ron Moreland, and Steve Sekhon, and Ric Miller with Katherine Boschetto as the chair. Ray Dunaway offered to facilitate their meeting. Sekhon, Forsman seconded. No opposition.

Government Relations (Barbarich)

Moreland, Boschetto and Barbarich met with the sewer district people to discuss the proposed rate changes, and reported that they have agreed to reduce the bill next year by \$56, and will continue to work for more.

Public Relations – Affronte reported that Bank of Marin as of May 1st, will be back in the floating homes loan business and US Bank is out. She will be meeting with Marin Magazine regarding doing a human interest story on the floating homes. She also met with Paul Winward and got his contact list.

Environment (Simpson) – Simpson discussed ideas for Earth Day next year, including a rummage sale. These will be for next year.

RBRA – report on the number of salvage boats that they have to pull out of the bay each year and their intent to install moorings in the Bay.

Legal (Bousquet)

Payment for Lawyer for AB253 (Moreland) –

AB253 – Barbarich and Moreland testified in front of the Local Government Committee in the California Assembly, which passed the bill unanimously. May 1 is the next committee hearing.

AB2043 from last year, payment for the lawyer who did a bunch of work for us did not have the proper board authorization. Moreland requested \$4000 for William Washauer for past and future effort. Moreland/Sekhon moved to approve. No opposition.

Thanks were given to Assembly Member Marc Levine's staff – they have been very helpful and to Barry Brokaw, who is also helping.

Tour - Bell reported that the tour planning is going forward, team is in place with many of the experienced folks on board again.. The theme is the Magical History Tour, going into the history, the reconfiguration and where we are going in the future. Illustrated with photos and stories along the walk from Kappas Green to So Forty.

Newsletter (Stoneback) – The new newsletter – feedback was presented. Suggest newsletter be in Members section of website, with link in email about newsletter. There is not enough contrast between type and background. Size of the print should be larger. Also, format should make it possible to print, or produce a black and white print version.

CERT – Dunaway reported on the restructure of the CERT program. FHA is now one division in Southern Marin. Joe Novitski has agreed to be co-captain. They will be having a CERT meeting 4/22. There are four CERT training classes a year. He also talked about having “get ready” classes on people's docks.

Old business

Follow up on Emergency Trailer Insurance (R. Dunaway) – Cathy Moreland is having trouble tying down the insurance agents, Sadler and Lucy Payne, to get a quote. Boschetto will help in the follow up.

Emergency Grab and Go Bags (Williams) – soon.

No Wake Signs (R. Dunaway) – Coast Guard has given us a “no objection” letter, but we now need the same letters from the marinas. He will be following up on this.

Policies and Procedures

Nominating Task Force – Bousquet reported on the proposed procedure. As there were several details that were discussed, it was agreed to revise this and bring it back to the board.

Agenda Items Schedule – Labate/Duncan moved to add the proposed text to our procedures. No opposition. (see below)

Mission Statement – Modify the first sentence to read as follows: For legal reasons the FHA does not take stands....– Sekhon/Williams approved with no objections.. After discussion it was also agreed that Bousquet will make additional grammatical corrections and bring this back to the board at the next meeting..

New Business

It was noted that Galilee Harbor is a coop and can talk with us about how to do that. They also note they have not been contacted about joining the FHA. Bell proposed that email not be used when discussion is needed.

Administrative Coordinator (Shireman) Calendars and Tidelogs – skipped.

Board Matters Adjourned at 9:32.

Approval of Minutes of April 15, 2013. Motion to accept as corrected, by Baer/ Bell. Motion passed without opposition.

Corrections:

In the mission statement, individual should be plural, followed by a comma.

Item 4.2.1 Website: should be titled “Proposal for design”.

R. Dunaway offered to *facilitate* the meeting.