

# **NEWS & VIEWS**

LAUDERDALE SMALL BOAT CLUB NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2021



Get the latest news on our Lease and changes to our Dues and Dockage.

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# **EVENTS**

**ACME Party -** February 20

**ACME Day** - February 27

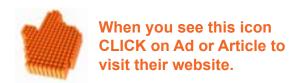
Board Meeting - March 1st at 7pm

Waterway Cleanup - Starts March 6

**General Meeting** - March 8th at 7pm

Marine Flea Market - Saturday March 20, 2021

**Poker Run -** April 17, 2021







# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

# Board Meeting Minutes February 1, 2021

Call to Order 7:00 PM - All Officers and Directors present.

Minutes of the January 4, 2021 Board Meeting approved.

#### **REPORTS**

**Treasurer:** Our revenue was \$63,655 over expenses of \$56,564 for a net gain of \$7,091. Tom Barry (1996) resigned in good standing. No reason was given. Ted David (2004) passed away in December 2020. No certified letters mailed.

**Secretary:** No report.

**Vice Commodore:** Our Waterway Cleanup Chairmen Kevin O'Riordan had a Zoom meeting with the County. He will update the membership on the plans for the waterway cleanup at the next General meeting.

**Docks and Grounds:** Thanked everyone for their support at the January 2021 ACME event. There were over thirty (30) members present and working.

**Membership:** There are 39 members present for today's Board Meeting. Jerry is expecting to have five or six new members to introduce at the next General Meeting.

**Social:** Thanked everyone for their support at January's ACME event. The ACME volunteers performed cleaning, cooking, and some repairs on the Pit. Also, the paella was a big hit on Friday night.

**Planning:** We are still accepting suggestions for the 2021 Dinghy Run.

**Commodore:** The County Covid Health Inspector visited the club today. They are going to provide signage and regulations to be in compliance with Broward County. The Commodore thanked the Vice Commodore Steve Sexton for getting the signs. The signage will be posted around the club facilities. The Commodore then made a plea for the members to follow the Covid rules so we are in compliance with Broward County.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Treasurer:** George Lewis, Chairman of the Lease Committee, was asked to give a status report on the negotiations with the Airport. The Board at the last meeting approved the five million seven hundred thousand dollar property appraisal and the Airport accepted the value. This concluded phase one. Phase two is the negotiation of the terms of the lease. Mr. Lewis said there are going to be lots of changes needed and it is imperative we obtain legal help. John M Milledge PA was selected by George Lewis because of his work history, relationships, and real estate experience working with Broward County. On Friday January 1, 2021, George introduced Attorney Milledge to our Treasurer Bob Anz and Barbara Estep (lease committee). Walter Duke, our property appraiser, was also present at this meeting at the Club House. Attorney Milledge's billable rate is four hundred twenty-five dollars (\$425) and at this point he doesn't think his total invoice should exceed five thousand dollars (\$5000). George stated Attorney Milledge has already met with some Broward County officials. The items George wants in the lease are very doable. If for some reason the County Commission wants to discuss our lease at one of their meetings, Attorney Milledge has experience to represent us. George said one of items to be negotiated in the lease is the requirement for LSBC to fund a One million five hundred thousand (\$1,500,000) infrastructure upgrade. This is a major financial concern for LSBC because the County is only offering a ten (10) year lease. George closed by reiterating that we are wanting lots of changes and some concessions.

The Commodore opened the Board for discussions on the Lease. Secretary Carlo Postell asked if George had other legal representation quotes to represent LSBC in the lease negotiations, explaining it is normal to have three quotes. George informed the Board, that Attorney Milledge is his only quote for service. After a lengthy round of discussion, it was agreed that George contact additional Attorneys for services.

Bob Anz made a motion that the lease committee will get two more legal representation quotes. The lease committee is empowered to make the determination on which lawyer to hire out of the three options. The committee will then come back to the Board to approve the funds needed for the contract.

Secretary: None

**Docks and Grounds: None** 

Vice Commodore: None

**Social:** None

**Planning:** None

Membership: None

Commodore: None





#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Treasurer:** In light of the pending lease doubling from \$19,000 to \$38,000. The financial committee met on raising dockage to cover the increase. There will be an \$80 plus tax increase on each dock. Docks and Grounds Director EJ stated the proposed new rates are:

\$113.02 Boat length below 26 foot \$198.62 Boat length below 26 foot \$136.46 Boat length above 26 foot \$222.06 Boat length above 26 foot Proposed Proposed

Planning Director Jim Barker stated there would-be other increases in services:

Dues will increase by 6% Hull out increase by 10% Pressure cleaner increase by 10%

Membership Director Jerry Orland stated there would be an increase in the initiation fee:

\$1000 Current \$1500 Proposed

Bob Aza made a motion to have the initiation proposed increased to be approved and take effect April 1, 2021. The motion seconded and approved.

**Secretary:** made a motion to approve the Board agreement with the Commodore that was introduced by the Vice Commodore. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Planning:** There will be a boating Poker Run on April 17, 2021. More detail will be coming out soon. The planning committee is still preparing for our short-term and capital Improvements presentation. The presentation will be given to the membership in March for approval. George Lewis was asked and he accepted to join the planning committee due to his knowledge of the new lease infrastructure requirements.

**Vice Commodore:** There will be a Marine Flea Market to support the Big Brother Big Sister charity. It will be held on Saturday March 20, 2021 at our Club. Kevin O'Riordan and Mike Tucker will be heading up this event. Mike Tucker is in this business and has lots of contacts to help make the Flea Market a success. The Vice Commodore made a statement that there was an incident with the Commodore on January 24, 2021. The Board came to an agreement and this matter is closed.

**Docks and Grounds:** There will be an ACME event on Saturday February 6, 2021. The Fuel is still not operational. We have parts ordered and the fuel pump should be repaired by the weekend.

Membership: None.

**Social:** There will be a Social committee meeting on Wednesday February 3, 2021. I am also needing volunteers to help for the Steak Fry.

Commodore: None

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A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn.

# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

# General Meeting Minutes February 08, 2021

Call to Order 7:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed for long time member Ted David. Ted was a member since 2004 and passed away in December 2020.

**Roll Call: – All Officers and Directors present.** 

Minutes of the January 2021 General Meeting was approved.

#### **REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:** We had three members resign this month. Tom Barry (1996) resigned in good standing. No reason was given. Trevor Dean Red (2020) resigned in good standing. No reason was given. Tucker Wrights (2018) resigned in good standing. He sold his boat. No certified letters mailed. Our revenue was \$63,655 over expenses of \$56,564 for a net gain of \$7,091.

**Secretary:** No report

Vice Commodore: No report

**Docks and Grounds:** We had two ACME days this period. The first was held in January and the other in February. The membership turnout was excellent. We had close to forty volunteers on February 6, 2021. EJ thanked the members for coming out, and thanked Miranda Singley for sending out the ACME notification emails. EJ says the ACME notification emails helped with member turnout.

**Membership:** There are 58 members who signed today's attendance sheet. 47 members logged into our Zoom webcast. There are 3 water slips and 2 trailer positions are currently available. The total membership is 487. The following new members were sworn in: Randall S. Feinman (EJ), Nathalie Thibault (Jerry Orland), Frank Asaro (EJ), Joseph Humlick (Ken Gibson), Richard D. Gibbs III (Kevin O'Riordan), and Stefan J. Logan (George Jarboe).

**Social:** No report

**Planning:** No report

**Commodore:** The Commodore asked the Treasurer Bob Anz to provide the membership with a report from his Financial committee meeting. Bob took some time explaining that an agreement with the airport for the appraised property value has doubled our monthly lease payment. Our current monthly lease payment is \$19,302 and the new payment will be \$38,000. Bob emphasized that there are no more negotiations on the lease payment and the club must start adjusting for the new lease amount. He stated that his financial committee has analyzed all our revenue sources and proposed the following rate increases:

	CURRENT	INCREASE	NEW FEE
Membership	\$38.35	\$2.00 Increase	\$40.48
Boat length below 26 foot	\$113.02	\$80.00 Increase	\$198.62
Boat length above 26 foot	\$136.46	\$80.00 Increase	\$222.06
Trailer / Dinghy Storage	\$33.79	\$15.00 Increase	\$49.84
Hull out by boat length	\$3.21	10% increase	\$3.53
Short Hull	\$35.31	10% increase	\$38.84
Pressure cleaner usage	\$17.65	10% increase	\$19.42

The Treasurer Financial committee is proposing these rate increases starting April 1, 2021. Bob made a motion to accept the proposed rate increase and it was seconded.

#### Discussion:

Elton Cerda (1604) asked if we will have an annual 3% increase on the new lease from the Airport? EJ answered, the lease includes an annual Cost Of Living (COL) increase. EJ gave an example that this year COL was 1.4%. EJ continued and said the COL will be evaluated each year to determine if the Club can absorb it in its current budget.

Kevin O'Riordan (899) asked for the Financial committee to mention the rate increases to the Club services and trailers. Bob answered and the rate changes are shown above.

Ben DeCook (313) asked about the repairs needed around the club such as: docks, roads, building, etc. EJ explained the airport did not make this an issue. Now that Broward County has taken command over our lease, they stated they have concerns on the condition of the marina. These infrastructure concerns will be identified and negotiated in the new lease.

Erich Domitrovits (1512) stated the new slip fees should be one price, not based on above or below 26 feet. Bob explained that change would require a bylaw revision and there is no time for that process. Bob restated that the boat slip prices were going up equally at a rate of \$80.

Bob Aza called for a vote to accept the proposed new rates to start April 1, 2021. The motion passed without any nay votes.

George Lewis, Chairman of the Lease Committee, was asked to give a status report on the negotiations with the Airport. George had given a verbal report to the Board on February 1, 2021. The airport and the Club settled on a property appraisal of five million seven hundred thousand dollars. This concluded phase one of the lease negotiations. Phase two is the negotiation of the terms of the lease.

In phase two Broward County will be taking over from the Airport in negotiating the Lease. All of our previous leases were handled between the Airport and LSBC. This lease will be designed for our Marina usage and not the standard lease the airport uses for its tenants in the airport. Our other leases had verbiage for wearing badges. George has selected Attorney John Milledge PA to represent us with the County.

George asked Barbara Estep from the lease committee to come up to speak about why Attorney Milledge was selected. Barbara stated John Milledge is a Broward County attorney. He has represented or currently represents other marinas, private firms, and is the Attorney for one of the downtown Authorities. In order to work with Broward County, the Attorney must be vetted. Attorney Milledge has previously been vetted with Broward County. Barbara says he is above qualified. Attorney Milledge has worked with the current County Commissioners and Attorneys. In the end, Attorney Milledge will save us money because of his knowledge and relationships. The complete lease committee is in agreement to engage Attorney Milledge to represent us with the County.

EJ is also on the lease committee. He and the lease committee has received Attorney Milledge's proposal for services. The committee determined the proposal was acceptable for the intended services. Broward County has proposed a lease term of ten years. Attorney Milledge and the lease committee would like to negotiate for a fifteen-year lease term if the County requires the club to be responsible for super structure repairs.

Carlo Postell reminded George that we only have one Attorney proposal and our By-laws require three. We can deviate from this policy by a vote.

Bob Azn made a motion that we sign a contract with Attorney Milledge for his proposed rates. The motion was seconded.

#### **Discussion:**

David Duenas (2045) Stated he seems to remember we approved an Attorney a few months ago. EJ replied the previous funds approved was for our property appraiser Walter Duke.

Ken Gibson (1963) Stated he is renting two properties on the airport for \$18,000 with COL fees. Why is the rent doubling? EJ explained the airport requires 8% of what the appraised value of the property.

Kevin O'Riordan (899) Asked if our rent would be reduced if the economy takes a dive, as it has been in the past. EJ replied the airport is losing millions due to the reduction in air travel. At this point, this situation is not in the negotiations.

Ken Gibson (1963) Asked how much Federal money is coming into the airport. EJ Stated the Federal money pays for FAA, Security, Flight Towers and Maintenance. There is no Federal Airport property for rent.

Ben DeCook (313) Asked how many Attorneys the committee talked to. Barbara answered six. Ben then asked if the lease committee wanted more Attorney referrals. Bob stated it is too late.

Susan Freeman (1403) Asked who is the Attorney the lease committee selected. Bob answered John Milledge PA.

Bob Azn called for a vote on his motion. The motion passed without any nay votes

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Treasurer: None

Secretary: None

**Vice Commodore:** Asked Kevin O'Riordan the Chairman of LSBC Waterway Cleanup to come up and provide the membership with an update on this year's events. Kevin stated the kick off for the Waterway Cleanup starts March 6, 2021. The club will be serving breakfast at 8am. Volunteers are needed to help with breakfast, please contact Linda if you are interested. We will be collecting trash every weekend for the month of March 2021. As usual, we will have a dumpster at our facility to collect the waterway trash. Due to Covid, a site coordinator will not be present, nor will there be a kick-off party. Volunteers must register online at <a href="http://waterwaycleanup.org/volunteer-info/">http://waterwaycleanup.org/volunteer-info/</a>. The kids who participate can obtain a total of 16 volunteer hours over the month. Kevin is available for additional questions on the program and he will be posting tonight's presentation on Facebook. Miranda will also be emailing out Kevin's Waterway Cleanup information to all members.

**Docks and Grounds: None** 

Membership: None

**Social:** None

**Planning:** The Dinghy Run will be held in Fort Myers this year. Fort Myers was selected due to many members requesting this area. I am still taking Hotel or Motel facility suggestion. Please send me your suggestion via Facebook or contact me directly.

Next month, the Planning Committee and I will be presenting our short-term andlong-term plan. As you are aware by tonight's financial presentation, we have major monetary resources being committed to the new lease. Recognizing those financial obligations, we will not be preparing an aggressive short- and long-term plan.

In the past we planned and remodeled the club's restrooms. I am thankful that George Lewis agreed to join the planning committee. George's insight into the County's concern on our property along with EJ's know how will be very beneficial in developing our short-and long term plans. I am still looking for two more active members to also join the committee. Please contact me if you are interested.

**Commodore:** On Sunday January 24, 2021, my actions at the bar were in violation of club rules. I disrespected a club member and I was wrong. As your Commodore, I stated how I wanted club members to treat each other on my first General meeting. I didn't follow my own words I requested of our membership. I feel ashamed, embarrassed, and humiliated for my actions. I apologized to the members involved. The Board took immediate corrective actions and I am now thanking them for holding the club's standards to the oath we all take. If I repeat those improper actions within six months, I am out of the club. Again, I apologize to you the club.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Treasurer:** None

**Secretary:** None

**Vice Commodore:** On March 20 we will have a Marine Flea Market. The proceed from this event will go to our charity, "Big Brothers Big Sisters." This event is being hosted Mike Tucker, Kevin O'Riordan, and myself. The event will be setup in front of the Pilot House. Social will have a short meal for sale. The dollar beer machine will not be operational during this event. A 10'/20' spot is \$45 and a 10'/10' spot is \$35. If any member does not want to sell their marine related items, but wants them out of their garage, you can donate them to the charity. Please contact me with what items you would like to donate.

The Vice Commodore closed with Dads Dolphin Days needs a Chairman to head up this event. Steve said he is willing to help and he has a list of other members who want to give their support. Without this position being filled, we are in jeopardy of not having this event. Please contact me, if anyone wants to accept the position of Dads Dolphin Days Chairman.

**Docks and Grounds:** Thanked all the members again who came last month. There is going to be another ACME day on February 27, 2021.

Membership: None

**Social:** The Steak Fry is scheduled for Friday February 12, 2021. I will need help on the 10th and 12th, please contact me if you can provide some assistance.

Planning: None.





#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Brian Mc Carraher (1765) – Asked when the Fuel Pump is going to be repaired. EJ said the parts were ordered weeks ago and were supposed to arrive by now. EJ will check with Del and find out the when the pump will be operational.

Susan Freeman (1403) – Reminded all new and old club members about our Alcohol Licenses rule. When the Bar is open no one is allowed to bring in their own beverages.

Dean Freeman (1019) – Thanked George Lewis, Bob Azn, EJ, and everyone else working on our new lease.

David Duenas – Asked about the status for hearing the case to bring back Jamie Perkins to the club. Several members of the board to include EJ, Steve, Linda, and Dr. Gary all stated that issue was closed by the last board. It has no grounds to be re-heard by this Board, the case is closed.

Charles McIntyre (1193 Chuck) – Asked Bob Anz if everything is setup for the ACME Party. Everything has been arranged for the event on February 20, 2021. There will be an open bar between 1pm and 6pm. After 6pm, a bartender will be on duty, but normal club prices will be charged. All members who qualified to attend the party have been invited. The shirts have been ordered. We will be serving BBQ and Italian food. If anyone wants to volunteer and help with the party, please contact Bob Anz.

Erich Domitrovits (1512) – Asked if there was going to be an increase in new member initiation fee. Bob Anz said his financial committee has tied our lease deposit to a possible initiation fee increase. At this time the county has not stated if they are going to double our deposits. So in turn, we will not be changing our \$1000 new member initiation at this time.

John McNall (1250) – Asked why members are being allowed to sign into the meeting after the start time of 7p.m. Jerry Orland stated due to Covid he was allowing this change in policy. He now says effective immediately we will revert to the original sign in rules. A member must sign in by 7:02 pm to get credit for the meeting. However, any member arriving late to the meeting is still welcome to participate in the meeting.

Kevin O'Riordan (899) – Asked if the Zoom members will get credit for the meeting. Jerry Orland said yes and Miranda is tracking everyone online.

50/50: Dina Mercado (Dee) 1845

Cooler: David Duenas (2045) Cup Holder (Inside)

Card Game: No winner

#### **FISHING TOURNAMENT**

**1st place:** Charles McIntyre (1193 Chuck) 6lb Snapper

**2nd Place:** Carlo Postell (1066) 4 lb Snapper (proceeds donated to Charity)

**3rd Place:** Bit the line and got away

Meeting properly adjourned.

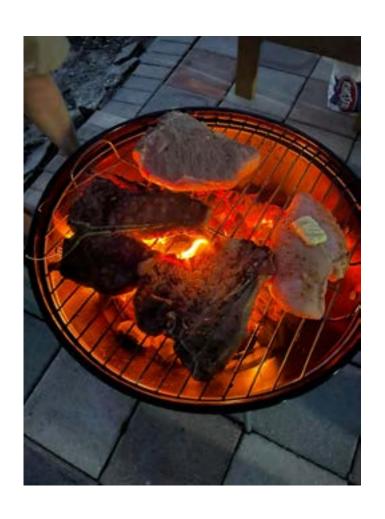
# **VALENTINES STEAK DINNER**















## See you on the WATER!

# Haulover Sandbar, North Miami -- 25.9028° N, 80.1291° W

Located in North Miami right inside Haulover Cut and just west of the Haulover Beach Marina, this sandbar is exposed at low tide, surrounded by shallows 2-3 feet deep. Known as the "Margaritaville" of the day boating crowd, there's truly something for everybody, with family-friendly activities as well as bikinis-and-beer weekend blowouts. There are even floating "food trucks" that will deliver a meal to your boat by kayak.

# Boca Lake, Boca Raton -- 26.3441° N, 80.0744° W

If you're looking for a place along the Intercoastal to anchor and play, Boca Lake is a great choice. Home to annual spring party called the Boca Bash, it's known for huge gatherings of boats, big raft-ups, and anybody looking for an on-the-water party. While the sandbar is knee-deep at low tide, many boaters opt to anchor a bit further offshore toward the north end of the lake, and either swim or kayak in to both protect their boats from inexperienced boaters and to avoid getting locked in as boats continue to gather throughout the day.

# Boating at Peanut Island Florida Peanut Island, West Palm Beach 26.7733° N, 80.0472° W

Palm Beach County's top boating destination, Peanut Island has everything you could ever want for a great day on the water. You'll find it all here – not only an anchorage, but a dock, sandbar, designated swimming and snorkeling areas, showers, and restrooms. There are also picnic areas and footpaths through the area that lead to a small museum and even a presidential nuclear fallout shelter.

# Jupiter Sandbar -- Jupiter 26.948188° N, 80.100117° W

Located at the mouth of the Loxahatchee River where it joins the Intracoastal Waterway, the Jupiter Sandbar has long been a favorite of local boaters. Those in the know plan to arrive about three hours before low tide when the water is only a foot or two deep on the sandbar, and as the tide recedes, it exposes more and more of the sandbar and its fine sand. The west side of the sandbar is great for families, and the east side is where the party crowd gathers. You can find some good snorkeling on the east side near the mangroves, and the water clarity increases as the tide comes in.

# Biscayne National Park -- 25.4824° N, 80.2083° W

Within sight of the Miami skyline, this tranquil national park is a wilderness of jewel-colored waters, small mangrove islands, and coral reefs just begging to be explored. The park also provides a unique look into over 10,000 years of Florida history, from the early native people to pirates, rumrunners and shipwrecks. A day in the park offers opportunities for boating, snorkeling, SCUBA diving, or just relaxing on deck to gaze out over the bay. No pass or fee is required for entry into the park. The park's website displays GPS coordinates for dozens of mooring balls scattered throughout the park, offered at no charge on a first-come, first-served basis, and limited to four hours for any one boat.

## Boca Chita -- 25° 31′ 23.16″ N, 80° 10′ 28.70″ W

The most-visited island in Biscayne National Park is Boca Chita, famous for its historic 65-foot tall lighthouse built in the 1930s by Mark Honeywell. You can tie up at the cleated bulkhead, the only place on the island to dock. From there, you can walk the half-mile trail to the lighthouse and pavilion. The island features camping and picnic grounds, but note that while there are restrooms, there are no sinks, showers, or potable water on the island.

## Elliot Key -- 25.4397° N, 80.2001° W

Elliot Key is the largest island in Biscayne National Park, and once was home to a bustling community of pioneers making their living from pineapple farming, sponging, fishing, and salvage, among other pursuits. Now it's a paradise for swimming, picnicking, camping, and wildlife spotting. There are picnic sites with barbecue grills, a designated swimming area near the campground, and a 1-mile loop trail to stretch your legs. 36 dock slips are available, should you prefer to tie up rather than anchor. Cold water showers and fresh drinking water are available.

# No Name Harbor, Key Biscayne -- 25.6768° N, 80.1628° W

No Name Harbor, inside Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park, is a small natural harbor with walking access to one of the best beaches in Miami. There's no charge to anchor unless you stay overnight; and you can tie up during the daytime at the breakwater for a small fee. Enjoy a frosty beverage at the Boater's Grill at the top of the bay after a day of exploring the park and its hiking trails and lighthouse.

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## Lake Sylvia -- 26.1048° N, 80.1115° W

Lake Sylvia is a hidden gem known mostly to the locals. Tucked away just off the Intracoastal north of Fort Lauderdale and surrounded by a community of exclusive waterfront homes, it's well-protected from the elements and provides a safe, secure anchorage. Since there's no access to shore nearby, you won't find a rowdy party crowd here. It's a perfect spot to drop the hook, take a dip, relax, and enjoy the quiet.



This is a part of an article from InterMarine

# LAUGH A LITTLE



Have any great pictures you want to share and have published in our Newsletter?

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