



## **Fleet 17 Boat Club - Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026 @ Port Edwards**

**Meeting was called to order at: 7:13**

**Attendees:** Valerie Machalski-Robinson, Carrie Davis, Doug Caughran, Skip Robinson, Mike Rein, Nancy Van Broeken, Ed Gallek, Bruce & Sue Ambler, Sheri Brabec, Mike and Kim Osko, Steve Barnes, Meg Leuthold and Denny Peters

**Motion to Accept Minutes from previous meeting:** Valerie Machalski-Robinson      **Seconded:** Doug Caughran

### **Officer Reports:**

**Harbor Captain** –Carrie Davis

**Next Meeting will be Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026 @ Port Edwards**

**Fleet Commander** –Valerie Machalski-Robinson

Happy New Year!!

Bowling at Palace Bowl (a sponsor from Venetian Night) – we had 13 bowlers and 5 cheerleaders! Everyone had a great time. Food was awesome. Winners for high score were Carrie Davis and Dan Pearson (2<sup>nd</sup> highest). Winners for the lowest scores were Michaela Havemann and Karena Christiansen.

Calendar is out. Not all of the socials are scheduled. We are waiting to see who sponsors us this year. Current socials are Meg's Den on March 19, and Hidden Tap on April 16. Looking to do a May social at Maple Tree but they have Bingo and Singo on Wednesday and Thursday. What day would be best outside of the Wednesday/Thursday nights?

Kickoff Dinner/Silent Auction is March 28<sup>th</sup> at Port Ed's.

Locks open May 1<sup>st</sup>.

June 30 is our Member Appreciation Picnic (formerly known as the Family Picnic). Looking for new ideas for the picnic for a fun day. There will not be an auction.

Looking for one more host house for Hooky Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. It would need to be between No Wake and Port Ed's.

Venetian Night is August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Christmas Party is December 12<sup>th</sup> at Chalet Hills Golf Club

Some possible events are a garage sale and a pub crawl...more to come on the possible events.

It helps when people press the “like” button on the Fleet 17 events on Facebook. It will reach a larger audience if it receives a high number of likes, comments, and shares.

**Membership- Sue Ambler** – Will get updates soon. Welcome Kim and Mike and Denny and Meg!!  
Currently we have 111 members, 51 memberships, 24 Sponsors

**Cruise Master** –Al Ehlers – Absent – Report read by Carrie Davis

Beginning Balance = \$3,172.61

Expenses = \$1,319.47

Income = \$2,173.60

Ending Balance = \$4,026.74

Details are always available upon request.

Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report – Valerie Machalski-Robinson. **Seconded:** Kim Osko

**Vice Commodore** – Debbie Harr-Pearson (Absent)

**First Mate** – Bruce Ambler – Have a great year!

**Commodore-** Doug Caughran – Palace bowl event went really well. I got them to sign up as sponsors. I also got Tommy Hockey to join. Dan Streit is one of the original guys to start up Fleet 17 back in the 80’s? He is going to come and speak about the club and how they started it. He will be a guest speaker at the Kick-off dinner. One past member – Tommy Hastings – an original founder passed away and we sent flowers.

Let’s have some speakers at our meetings. Maybe Joe Keller from Fox Waterway Agency again.

### **Admirals Report**

Dave Vogeler – (absent)

Tom Fernstrom – (absent)

Kathy Krahl – (absent)

Craig Peterson – (absent)

Rhonda Lee – (absent)

### **Fox Waterway Report – None**

You can find Fox Waterway meeting minutes at foxwaterway.com, under meeting agendas.

Doug – Tom Fernstrom has been going to the meetings. Doug went as did Ralph Wenzel. Only one person

allowed to represent Fleet 17. It would be good to have representation. Bill Heller is leaving.

### **Doug will reach out to Tom for some reports**

#### **Unfinished Business-**

Is anyone interested in getting a Fleet 17 shirt. We have only had Fleet 17 Venetian Night shirts. Mark will do the print the shirts and sweatshirts – maybe some jackets

Sue – we talked about doing a flea market idea – it used to be done in the past. Bring your stuff and sell it, and the money or at least half would go to the club. Sell stuff you want to get rid of, kind of like a garage sale. Andy said maybe have one table and we all work together. Club would organize it. We would only pay for one table to be in it. Craig said Dillon would accommodate us if we wanted to do it here. Doug says do it in the spring before boating season starts. Advertise for Fleet 17.

#### **New Business-**

Carrie will talk to Gary about speaking at a meeting. Meg mentioned having some kind of spooky history event/stories around Halloween

Patti Fernstrom had the idea of wall calendars with pictures of the river and Fleet 17. There seemed to be some interest in it. Will check it out. Cost to make is about \$15 per calendar.

#### **Prop Sucker:**

**Sheri still has the Prop Sucker!**

**Meeting adjourned at: 8:29**

**Approved by –** Valerie Machalski-Robinson      **Seconded:** Sue Ambler

(argggghhhh!!!!)

#### **2026 Board**

**Commodore- Doug Caughran**

**Vice Commodore –Debbie**

**Harr-Pearson**

**Cruise Master - Al Ehlers**

**Harbor Captain – Carrie Davis**

**Fleet Commander – Valerie Machalski- Robinson**

**First Mate – Bruce Ambler**

**Membership Chair – Sue Ambler**

*From Inception to Present - Admirals  
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