



Fleet 17 Boat Club - Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 3rd 2026 @ Port Edwards

Meeting was called to order at: 7:11

Attendees: Valerie Machalski-Robinson, Carrie Davis, Al Ehlers, Doug Caughran, Bruce Ambler, Steve Barnes, John & Carol Fritz, Ed Gallek, Skip Robinson, John and Karena Christiansen, Amy Waneright, Kathy Byron, Dana Bernaeyge, Craig Peterson, Sheri Braebec, Doug McAllister, Jennifer Prislinger, Dave Meyer

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

Officer Reports:

Harbor Captain –Carrie Davis

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, April 7th, 2026 @ Port Edwards

Fleet Commander –Valerie Machalski-Robinson

Kickoff Dinner/Silent Auction is March 28th at Port Ed's at 5:00. Don't forget to pay your 2026 dues to get the membership price.

We have more sponsors (bars) that are off the river vs on the river. Any interest in having maybe 2 socials a month in the months that we don't have much going on.....this would be to support those bars more than once a year.

Locks open May 1st.

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 17th. It would need to be between No Wake and Port Ed's.

Venetian Night is August 1st. The preliminary information has been sent via email and Facebook. Please "like" the Facebook posts when you see it, it helps boost the post to the top. Also, please share with your other friends and groups to help spread the word. Exposure as much as possible is what makes the event successful.

We are running out of sponsor decal stickers. Looking for approval for approx. \$100 to order some more. Board approved the cost.

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 – Absent – Bruce filling in

Currently we have 39 memberships, 26 Sponsors – All new sponsors get a decal, flag and welcome letter. Maybe try to get some sponsors up in McHenry?

Cruise Master –Al Ehlers –

Beginning Balance = \$4,026.74

Expenses = \$111.25

Income = \$1,594.09

Ending Balance = \$5,509.58

Details are always available upon request.

Insurance is going to be due - \$3500 for the year 2026

Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report – Carol Fritz

Seconded: Valerie Machalski-Robinson

Vice Commodore – Debbie Harr-Pearson (Absent)

First Mate – Bruce Ambler – n/a

Commodore- Doug Caughran – Guest speaker Dan Streit will be at the kick-off dinner to talk. He is one of the founders of Fleet 17.

If you think of someone who might want to sponsor and you don’t want to ask, let me know and I will reach out to them.

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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 – good seeing everyone!

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 Hellyer 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 Jack Shaefer about speaking at a meeting.

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.

Karena wants to do something other than just generate money. Maybe something with the Fox Waterway Agency

Prop Sucker:

Sheri still has the Prop Sucker!

Meeting adjourned at: 7:44

Approved by – Ed Gallek Seconded: Valerie Machalski-Robinson

(argggghhhh!!!!)

2026 Board

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Vice Commodore –Debbie

Harr-Pearson

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Harbor Captain – Carrie Davis

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First Mate – Bruce Ambler

Membership Chair – Sue Ambler

*From Inception to Present - Admirals
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