



Fleet 17 Boat Club - Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 8th, 2025 @ No Wake Bar & Grill

Meeting was called to order at: 7:20

Attendees: Valerie Machalski-Robinson, Carrie Davis, Al Ehlers, Sue & Bruce Ambler, Dan & Debbie Pearson, Carol & John Fritz, Mark & Michaela Havemann, Ed Gallek, Doug Caughran, Skip Robinson, Gus, Nancy Van Broekhoven, Cheryl Williams, Steve Barnes, Larry from TowBoatUS, Ralph Wenzel

Motion to Accept Minutes from previous meeting: Valerie Machalski-Robinson **Seconded:** Ed Gallek

Officer Reports:

Harbor Captain –Carrie Davis

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, October 7th, 2025 @ Port Edwards

Fleet Commander –Valerie Machalski-Robinson

August social at Hermann's was fun and had a great turnout! Thanks everyone for attending!

Next social is Thursday, September 25th at The Hidden Tap, 203 E Main St., Cary.

Venetian Night ended up with 34 boats! This was a huge success with many positive comments. The week after Venetian Night we had 100+ new Facebook followers! Next year Venetian Night will be August 8th, 2026.

The Raft Offs bring in about 8 boats per event, except for the 1st one which brought in 14+ boats. How can we get to that again? If weather permits, we might have one more before the end of the year.

Saturday, September 20th is the crockpot cookoff at 1:00pm at Fox 14 Marina, 811 N. Harrison St., Algonquin.

Saturday, October 18th is the meat raffle at All Inn Pub & Grub at 1:00pm. I will be looking for help that day to sell tickets.

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 -

Currently we have 111 members, 51 memberships, 24 Sponsors

We have Fleet 17 stickers printed. Small, Large and Large sponsor stickers. \$2.00 – small, \$5.00 Large. Sponsor stickers are free to sponsors.

Don't forget to write "Fleet 17" on your restaurant receipts so they know their sponsor dues are being recognized.

Sandra Pieri is selling decals of the river/chain- \$40 for an 8x10, \$50 for an 11x14

Cruise Master –Al Ehlers -

Beginning Balance = \$10,078.69

Expenses = \$5,183.72

Income = \$100

Ending Balance = \$4,994.97

Details are always available upon request.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report – Ed Gallek **Seconded:** Nancy Van Broekhoven

Vice Commodore -Doug Caughran – Successful venetian night!!

First Mate -Bruce Ambler – n/a

Commodore –Andy Pieri – absent

Admirals Report

Tom Fernstrom – (absent)

Ralph Wenzel – (absent)

Dave Vogeler – (absent)

Kathy Krah – (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.

Unfinished Business-

None

New Business-

Debbie Pearson – Trick or treat on the River – October 12. This is not a Fleet 17 event.

Larry from TowBoatUS joined our meeting! He has been towing for 27 years. Look up the salvage clause on your insurance. Can't tow your boat and need a crane, that's salvage. Salvage is different on your insurance/if you have salvage on your insurance, find a new company. Progressive is the best boat insurance. Thank you to Larry for attending and giving us so much information!

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.

Prop Sucker:

Valerie nominates Sheri – she went to the boat to get her stuff to go back on someone else's boat. She got off the boat and fell in the water. She ended up losing her phone in the water and has 3 broken ribs. Went back the next morning and couldn't find her phone. She had to buy a new one. If she hadn't had too much to drink, that might not have happened, or maybe hurt worse??

Prop Sucker goes to Sheri!!

Nominations for next year's board:

Commodore-Doug Coughran

Vice Commodore-Debbie Pearson

Cruise Master-Al Ehlers

Harbor Captain-Carrie Davis

Fleet Commander-Valerie Machalski-Robinson

First Mate-Bruce Ambler

Membership Chair-Sue Ambler

All board members were voted on tonight; and approved for the 2025/2026 Season!

Meeting adjourned at: 8:16pm

Approved by – Valerie Machalski-Robinson Seconded: Ed Gallek

(argggghhhh!!!!)

2025 Board

Commodore- Andy Pieri
Vice Commodore –Doug
Caughran
Cruise Master - Al Ehlers
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From Inception to Present - Admirals Past Commodores) are:

Greg Tricker, Dan Streit, Thom Hastings, George Gurns, Bill Kirn, Tom Seger, Bud Rosek, Tim Swoboda, Teresa Saxton, Bob Jacobs, Bill Silverthorne, Steve Hicks, Jeff Consdorf, Tom Wilke, Lynn Doone, Scott Topp, Lynn Consdorf, LML, Heidi Flanagan, Dave Vogeler, Tom McCrindle, Tom Fernstrom, John Biba, Joanie Van Allen, Bob O'Day, Dale Reeder, Stephanie Reeder, Roy Huckabay, Ralph Wenzel, Dennis Ryan, Kathy Krah, John Biba, Rocky Hornsby, Craig Peterson, Andy Pieri, Rhonda Simzer-Lee, Andy Pieri

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