



Fleet 17 Boat Club - Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 7th 2026 @ Port Edwards

Meeting was called to order at: 7:05

Attendees: Valerie Machalski-Robinson, Carrie Davis, Debbie Harr-Pearson, Dan Pearson, Sue and Bruce Ambler, Cheryl Ruhlander-Williams, Steve Barnes, Ralph Wenzel, Doug Caughran, Sherri Braebec, Mike Rein, Ed Gallek, Sandy Hustedt, Doug McAllister, Dave Meyer, Janine Burr

Motion to Accept Minutes from previous meeting: Debbie Harr-Pearson **Seconded:** Valerie Machalski-Robinson

Officer Reports:

Harbor Captain –Carrie Davis

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, May 5th, 2026 @ Port Edwards

Fleet Commander –Valerie Machalski-Robinson

Great turnout for the Kick-Off Dinner and Silent Auction! We had 55 attendees. Food was awesome, thanks to Port Ed's and their great hospitality. Natalie Wainwright won the 50/50 raffle!

Next social is April 16th at Hidden Tap, 6:00pm

Locks open May 1st

New Calendar is out! A few changes/add-ons:

August 19th – social at Port Ed's

October 7th – social at Whisky and Wine (new sponsor)

November 11th – social at Dead End

Location change for the Christmas party to No Wake – Riverview Room

May 30th – is the Breakfast and Vessel Check!

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 47 memberships, 23- Sponsors – All new sponsors get a decal, flag and welcome letter. 1100 people view our Facebook page

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

Beginning Balance = \$5,509.58

Expenses = \$2579.02

Income = \$3570.15

Ending Balance = \$6500.71

Details are always available upon request.

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

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report – Valerie Machalski-Robinson **Seconded:** Debbie Harr-Pearson

Vice Commodore – Debbie Harr-Pearson – Auction was awesome. Sandy and Janine offered to run the 50/50 raffles next year. Dan and Debbie Pearson are hosting the poker run.

First Mate – Bruce Ambler –Spent time helping Sue with membership stuff!

Commodore- Doug Caughran – Kick-Off dinner was a lot of fun! Lots of water issues with the river right now. You can get water bags through Nunda. Water might go up another 7 inches.

Admirals Report

Ralph Wenzel-Happy to see where the club is going. Happy about Valerie's emails and keeping everyone updated.

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 Hellyer is leaving.

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.

Prop Sucker:

Sheri still has the Prop Sucker!

Meeting adjourned at: 7:49

Approved by – Sue Ambler Seconded: Valerie Machalski-Robinson

(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
Past Commodores) are:***

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