



## **Fleet 17 Boat Club - Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 5th, 2026 @ Port Edwards**

**Meeting was called to order at: 7:06**

**Attendees:** Valerie Machalski-Robinson, Skip Robinson, Debbie Harr-Pearson, Dan Pearson, Sue and Bruce Ambler, Aimee Wainwright, Doug Caughran, Carol and John Fritz, Dhurata Lluri Didonna, Sherri Braebec, Mike Rein, Ed Gallek, Eddie Gallek, Sandy Hustedt

**Motion to Accept Minutes from previous meeting:** Carol Fritz      **Seconded:** Debbie Harr-Pearson

### **Officer Reports:**

**Harbor Captain** –Carrie Davis - Absent

**Next Meeting will be Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026 @ Port Edwards. PLEASE NOTE: July meeting will start at The Grill at Pier 91 (formerly No Wake Bar and Grill) and go through November meeting.**

**Fleet Commander** –Valerie Machalski-Robinson

April social at The Hidden Tap was a low turnout. We need to support our sponsors.

Next social is Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at The Maple Tree Tap at 6pm. Please note this is a Tuesday since the have bingo and singo on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

May 30<sup>th</sup> is the Breakfast and Vessel Check at The Grill at Pier 91. Breakfast starts at 9:00 am and the vessel check around 8:30 am. Information will be out shortly.

June 13<sup>th</sup> is the Member Appreciation Picnic at Ralph Wenzel's place. We want to change up the picnic...looking for new ideas. Some suggestions were a swap meet, Flag Day celebration, Bingo, lawn darts, bocce ball. Please give me your thoughts on what you would like to see at the picnic.

**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-

Thanks to Ed & Kathy Gallek for getting Tony V's as a sponsor!

Currently we have 48 memberships, 24- Sponsors – All new sponsors get a decal, flag and welcome letter.

**Cruise Master** –Al Ehlers – Absent

Beginning Balance = \$6,588.68

Expenses = \$3,563.00

Income = \$48.30

Ending Balance = \$3,073.98

Details are always available upon request.

There was a discussion that the insurance is too much. Sandy Hustedt says she does many events with event-by-event liability insurance. Sandy will talk to Al about insurance upon his return.

**Motion to accept Treasurer's Report** – Mike Rein      **Seconded:** Skip Robinson

**Vice Commodore** – Debbie Harr-Pearson – no comments

**First Mate** – Bruce Ambler –no comments (Sue said Bruce is her “errand boy” helping Sue drop off packages to sponsors!

**Commodore**- Doug Caughran – Slow start to the season, hopefully no wake by the weekend and full open by the next weekend. Let the boating begin!

**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 Hellyer is leaving.

**Unfinished Business-**

None

**New Business-**

Mike Rein talked about the new Build Act HB 5626. It is designed to address the State's housing shortage by reducing local zoning restrictions. It allows 1-8 residential units on lots in single family residential districts and restricts amount of parking spaces. This can bring down home values. Get familiar with this Act.

**Prop Sucker:**

**Sheri still has and is keeping it dusted!**

**Meeting adjourned at: 7:36**

**Approved by – Debbie Harr-Pearson                      Seconded: John Fritz**

**(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:***

**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 Krahl, John Biba, Rocky Hornsby, Craig Peterson, Andy Pieri, Rhonda Simzer-Lee, Andy Pieri**

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