

MINUTES
Fishing & Boating Club Meeting
Friday, January 3rd, 2025

The January meeting of the Fishing & Boating Club was called to order by Commodore Tim Husel at 6:00 pm at Marble Hall.

Tim gave a safety briefing overview of the facility.

He asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tim stated the purpose of the Club is to promote fishing, boating and good fellowship among members.

Veterans and First Responders were asked to stand. Past Commodores Sue Redding, Chet Dunn and Joe Schmidt were recognized along with charter member Chet Dunn.

New members were welcomed and asked to stand.

The minutes of the December meeting were accepted on a motion by Steve Buckeridge which was seconded by Florence Schmidt and passed by the members.

In the absence of the Treasurer Tricia Evangelista, Tim read the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made to accept the report by Joe Schmidt and seconded by Sue Redding.

In the absence of the Membership Secretary Pat Fischer, Tim announced the membership is now at 250 members with 117 who rsvp'd for tonight's meeting and 107 staying for dinner. Tim noted Paul Kent added the ability for members to sign up for the fishing tournaments on our website at <https://keycolonyfishing.com>.

Recording Secretary Diane Slusher thanked the club for the opportunity to serve the club over the past several years and announced her resignation effective immediately to focus on other community projects. Kandi Kelderman will be taking her position as Recording Secretary.

Director at Large Joe Schmidt announced a successful New Year's Eve party with the ball drop at 10:30. He thanked the members for the expeditious clean-up efforts the following morning.

Past Commodore Suzan Redding announced the annual Little Palm Island luncheon is scheduled for January 21st. The reservation is for 40 people. She also advised that a date of March 8th had been set for the annual golf tournament.

Fundraising Freddie Foster thanked the members for their generous donation to his food drive last month. He reported raising over \$1,000 from club members and an additional \$1,000 from him and his neighbors. The funds were used to purchase turkeys for those less fortunate in cooperation with Winn-Dixie who provided a discounted price. Freddie passed the bar replenishment fund jar.

Fundraising John Fruhmorgen thanked members for their donations to the El Nina toy drive. He announced the event was well received with Winn Dixie also supportive of the event. John asked members to save their gently used items for the silent auction or yard sale at this year's clam bake.

Ted Fischer, Chair of the KCB Community Association, reminded membership of the upcoming Coconut Crawl on January 18th. You can purchase your tickets at <https://www.kbcba.org/event-details/kbcba-coconut-crawl-2025>.

Vice Commodore Carman Slusher thanked the City Commissioners who were in attendance for their help restoring Marble Hall so that the club could hold the meeting here tonight. Carman asked members with trucks to see him about

helping haul equipment and yard sale items the morning of the clam bake. He announced Craig Greene will be taking his position of setting up and overseeing the bar. He asked everyone clean up after themselves tonight.

Boat Parade Chairman Steve DeCrow thanked the members for their support of the boat parade. Despite poor weather conditions, we had 8 boats for the event and the new prize structure was well received. He encouraged all the new members to sign up for the event next year which is a long-standing community favorite. He also has started a network of those willing to help decorate other boats based on the suggestion of Greg Garner. Steve thanked the members who donated dock space for the event.

Commodore Tim Husel asked for a volunteer to take and store fish donations for the upcoming clam bake. Ron Teke volunteered to do it again this year however will be gone a portion of the time in February. Lisa Oberdick of 531 9th Street offered their freezer for storage drop off as well. Freezer is located outside on canal side of house. \$100 is given by draw to the donors who provide fish with per pound tickets being supplied by Ron Teke.

Tournament Director Dean Williams introduced Greg Chorebanian of Wicked Tuna. Greg presented a slideshow and interesting history from his recent trip to Normandy. Dean thanked our sponsors. Winners of the most recent tournament were announced with prizes awarded. For a complete list of winners, please visit the website at <https://keycolonyfishing.com>. Dean was also recognized as the purchaser of Greg's rod and reel set presented in December with the funds going to the silent auction.

Commodore Tim Husel thanked the KCB Community Association for their contributions to the Christmas Boat Parade. He also announced that the clubs bi-laws were being updated and that as per Roberts Rules, an announcement is to be made to the membership at two meetings (January and again in February) with voting for acceptance to take place at the March meeting. The proposed by-law changes are being attached to the January and February minutes. Changes are highlighted in yellow.

With no further business, Commodore Tim Husel announced the next meeting will be the first Friday in February.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM on a motion made by Marie Flood, which was seconded by Joe Turgeon and passed by the members.

Submitted by,
Diane Slusher, Recorder
January 9th, 2025