



MINUTES
KCB FISHING & BOATING CLUB MEETING
Friday, January 2, 2026

- Bar closed at 6pm
- Call to order by Commodore Husel
- Commodore performed safety briefing
- Pledge of Allegiance was said by all
- Introduction by Joe Schmidt of Nancy Brundage of **ONE BLOOD**, who discussed briefly the blood drives coming up. She coordinates with club four times during the season. The first drive is this Thursday, 2/8/26. One donation saves four lives. 25% of blood collected goes to cancer patients. Process takes 30 minutes. No age limit to donate! You can donate every 56 days or 4 times a year! Last blood drive is 4/30/26.
- **Prayers for Eileen Burke, who will be going in for testing on a double lung transplant.**
- Purpose of the club is to provide boating, fishing and good fellowship among members.
- Veterans and First Responders stood and were celebrated.
- Past Commodores asked to stand. Chet Dunn, our only charter member and past commodore, was celebrated.
- Welcomed All Members and wished all a **Happy New Year**.
- Call for a Motion to Accept the December minutes made by John Misa and seconded by Kandi Kelderman.
- Under our 2025 By-Laws under Article V111 – Amendments, notice of proposed changes were announced to all members of proposed Amendments to the club's current By-Laws by the club's

executive and that a vote to accept or decline the proposed changes would be held tonight. As this is the final term of the current executive board, it was felt that these changes would make the process flow more smoothly for the election of a new board over the next few months. Prior to voting taking place, is there any member that wishes to speak regarding these changes before a vote, by show of hands, is conducted? Sis Tremblay spoke about offering ballots vs show of hands to vote moving forward. Vote was taken by show of hands and only five No votes to change were recorded. Several members had not reviewed the changes so Tim orally reviewed them.

- **A two thirds vote was taken in favor and the proposed by-law change is accepted.**
- As stated at our December meeting, Joe Schmidt Director at Large has volunteered to chair on the nominating committee and we are looking for two volunteers from the membership to assist. Since we did not receive any volunteers to date and with the acceptance of the new by-law, elections for a new board will take place in March. Those interested please get ahold of Joe Schmidt. Duties will be to recommend a list of candidates interested in the various executive positions to the executive committee.
- Any member interested in running for one of the Executive Board positions should notify the nominating committee. Nominations need to be filed prior to the end of February.
- At the last meeting, Commodore Husel provided his intention to run again for a 2nd term and ask current board members if they wish to announce their intention to run again or not, allowing members to be aware of vacancies even though they are eligible to run regardless if a vacancy exists or not. Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Recording Secretary agreed to run again. John Fruhmorgen was not committed as to whether he would run again or not. Freddie Foster was absent making dinner so he was not in a position to commit or not. Dean Williamson

will continue his one year term, but has commitments that won't allow any longer.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

- Treasurer's Report – Tricia Evangelista
Acceptance of Treasurer's Report, 1st by Chet Dunn, 2nd by Jim Lutz. See Treasurer's Report for details.
- Membership Secretary – Pat Fischer: She will renew FB page which is a private page for all members. Please join and use for all updates/etc.
- Recording Secretary – Ellen Ashoo: Nothing to offer
- Director at Large – Joe Schmidt: Mentioned Blood drive and gave kudos to Pat Fischer for signing up 122 people for the NYE party. John Misa thanks for decorating and to Joe and Flo Schmidt for setting up!
- Director of Fundraising John Fruhmorgan: Passed photos of La Nina fundraiser, with 59 certificates given and over 100 gifts. Tables were described with presents for kids to pick. He thanked numerous volunteers for helping with this event. Next year he would like to work to provide bicycles for this event. 40-50 bikes, if possible.
- Thanks again to Pat Fischer and to all January dinner volunteers.
- Directors of Fundraising Freddie Foster: Unavailable while making dinner for the club for comments or intention to run again.
- Tournament Director – Dean Williamson: See Report for specifics. November and December prizes were awarded. Again, sign up for tournaments on-line. He reminded membership about the Tackle Box Seminar prior to next meeting 4 to 5 PM.
- Past Commodore – Suz Redding: Was not in attendance

- Vice Commodore Carman Slusher: Marble Hall, great job on renovation. Clambake volunteers, please step up! Need 3-4 shrimp cooks. Will give tutorial on how to “fry” - please volunteer.
- Carman offered to help Chet Dunn plan more Cape Sable trips. New boaters will want to experience this event.
- “Cops in the Park” event will be held on January 11th in Sunset Park. Club is sponsoring this event to celebrate Marathon PD and Monroe County PD. First responders from several different functions are expected. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served! Come out and show up! 79th Street Band will be playing all afternoon and we will be selling shirts at this event.
- Carman Slusher discussed clean up and mentioned the need to mop the floor when event is over. This task has fallen to one individual in the past.
- A big thank you to Steve and Denise DeCrow and volunteers for a great and successful Christmas Boat Parade and after party. Steve added that the weather was great. Thanks to Denise DeCrow for set up for the after party. Hats off to all members who participated. Thanks for help cleaning up.
- A big thank you to Joe and Flo Schmidt and volunteers for another great and successful New Years Eve Party
- Ron Teke, Sunset / Full Moon tomorrow: Raft up in Bonefish Bay at 5pm. Sunset at 5:47pm. Note that at the March raft-up, Rick and Dayna will be playing!
- February 16th is Presidents Day and with that comes our annual Clambake festival. Those captains that are still short volunteers please identify such vacancies and we will ensure that a volunteer sign-up sheet is available at our February meeting
- We are also looking for a **Shrimp Captain and crew** to take over the duties previously held by Lynn Goodwin. What comes with this position is a transfer of knowledge from a pro and better yet,

having access to her secret recipe. What a shame it would be to have shrimp absent from our clambake menu.

- Kandi Kelderman spoke briefly about the silent auction. Janine Doane will be helping Kandi and they need more volunteers. A drop-off location for donated items will be announced at the February 6th meeting.
- The club's Golf Tournament has been scheduled for March 14th. Those members interested should contact Captain Bob Merna.
- Please remember, our club relies heavily on sponsorships and ask that members please take the time to identify who our sponsors are and support them as much as you can. While we try and promote them as much as possible at our monthly meetings and mail outs, members can identify them by going to our website "keycolonyfishing.com" where all of the club's information is readily available.
- Kris Digiovanni Chief of KCB Police gave a brief talk at our December meeting on boat lift safety requirements and the requirement to ensure reflectorization is displayed on your boat lifts and that you have a buoy hooked to the lift should you leave it down while out boating. Those renting also are to have their address displayed canal side.
- Commodore Husel has a few Captain Hooks Gift Certificates for sale, \$25 for a \$30 gift certificate. See Tim after the meeting if you are interested.
- A reminder that if you make a mess, please clean it up. Members are responsible for ensuring the chairs are stacked and put away and the floor is left clean for whoever is using the facility next.
- Please don't be put out when the executive bypasses the line to get their meals.
- Don't come early to next meeting unless you are planning on attending the Tackle Box seminar as doors will be locked and will not be opened until 5:15.

- **THANK YOU** to:
 - **Greeters** Annie & Mike Yunker
 - **Gift Card** Sue & Jack Barkus
 - **Bar** Kurt and Irene Diehl
 - **Meal** – Sponsored by Freddie & Cheryl Foster
 - **Servers** – Ann Vieth, Annie Yunker, Sue Thompson, Jan Pflueger
 - **Meal Cleanup** – Dave Hughes
 - **50/50** Kandi Kelderman and Judy Cuje
 - **Set Up** City
 - **Breakdown** – Captain Larry Eliasen, volunteers Jerry Ong, Sis and Frank Tremblay, Jeff Harvey, Dave Evangelista, Bill Caudill
- **MOTION TO ADJOURN** made by Kandi Kelderman and 2nd by John Misa
- **MEETING ADJOURNED**
- **50/50 Drawing was \$128 and won by Dave Hammer**