

KCB Fishing and Boating Club Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2026

Pizza served at 6pm for all members. Meeting called to order at 6:20pm and bar closed.

Safety briefing handled by Commodore Husel and Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

Reminder of the purpose of the club, honor Veterans and First Responders by standing as well as Past Commodores.

Welcomed all members and called for a motion to accept the very fine March minutes. The motion was made by Greg Garner and seconded by Bob Merna. Membership open to address the meeting by raise of hand.

Treasurer's Report given by Tricia Evangelista (see her report for detail). Florence Schmidt motioned to accept and was seconded by Greg Garner.

Membership Secretary, Pat Fischer, gave her report and reminded all that membership dues are due by the end of our November meeting.

Director at Large Joe Schmidt updated us on our donations to the Shriners. Joe Stickney of the Shriners was in attendance and told several situations where the Shriners need our donations to help various people. Joe Schmidt presented our \$500 donation to the Marathon Wild Bird Rescue at Crane Point. Looking for fish to help a wounded bird. Joe asked John Misa to donate the pilchards from the barracuda race for this cause. He reminded us to wear Red on Fridays to honor our deployed troops. Let us remember Chet Dunn in our prayers as well as Tom Alferes, who is traveling to Our Lady of Fatima for healing.

John Fruhmorgen, while absent, offered big thanks to Gerry DuBios for the end of year member party held at the Moose Lodge. It was well attended and a great success.

Past Commodore Suzan Redding was also absent but passed on her congratulations to Bob Merna and the volunteers for the golf tournament held on March 14th. Darryl donated all the greens fees to our club for that tournament.

Freddie Foster talked about gearing up for next year as it is the 70th anniversary of KCB. Freddie reminded members that the annual Ron Sutton Kids Fishing Derby will be held in June. Freddie will be helping John Fruhmorgen with the bikes for La Nina kids next year and will try and find money to supply the helmets/locks. Will need assemblers for these next Nov/Dec. Police gave away 60 helmets at Sunset Park on Thursday, April 2.

Carman Slusher thanked the mayor and city council for the use of Marble Hall for our meeting. Next year we need more involvement and participation in the Fishing and Boating activities from this group. Carman and Commodore Husel presented our donations for Marathon High School scholarships and they were well received. One of the scholarship donations was given to Janice and Jerry Regan's foundation for the Tyler Wright Memorial Scholarship. Would like feedback on the activities from the members (i.e. Clambake/Boat Parade/Raft-up). What works? Does it all work? City may fund reopening of the 7th street boat ramp - could use members input on this. Thank you to all members.

Dean Williamson was absent, so Commodore Husel announced all winners. See the website for details and winners. Please remember to identify who our sponsors are and utilize them when possible. March sponsors were Havana Jacks and Sparky's Landing. April sponsors were Cabana Club and All Keys Yamaha Offshore. Angler of the Year will be sponsored by Marathon Garbage Service. Second place Angler of the Year sponsored by Cabana Club and Casual Angler sponsored by Wholesale Marine.

Steve DeCrow discussed the Annual Christmas Boat Parade and how more members would be appreciated and encouraged to participate in this event. Possible route change to shorten overall length of parade and get back to the party sooner. Maybe eliminate 10th Street canal.

Ron Teke addressed the group about the moonrise raft-up being too windy this month as well as the trips he is going to plan if anyone is interested for next season.

Commodore Husel reminded everyone to clean up after themselves. Members, please help putting away all tables and stacking all chairs.

THANKS TO:

Set up: Jerry Ong, Diane Merna and Jerry Regan.

Greeters: Bev and Bruce Vieth

50/50: Jan Pflueger/Jennifer Garner

Meal Prep: Driftwood Pizza

Servers: Judy Lipke and Jan Sable

Bar Servers: Mike and Emily Guarino and Kirk and Irene Diehl

Meal Clean-up: Debbie and Jeff Burmeister

Breakdown: Larry Eliassen and volunteers

Finally, thanks so much to the Executive Board Members who through their volunteer efforts make this club so successful. There are currently 27 KCB residents and 17 non-KCB residents seeking membership so if you wish to retain your membership, don't forget to renew as the November 6th meeting will be the deadline for renewals.

Florence Schmidt reminded folks to join the Moose Lodge and to buy raffle tickets for the \$1900 Weber grill they are giving away on Easter Sunday.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Joe Schmidt and seconded by Greg Garner.

50/50 RAFFLE: \$105 won by Ana Salavarria (ticket # 719076)

Minutes recorded by Ellen Ashooh, Recording Secretary