

MINUTES  
Fishing & Boating Club Meeting  
Friday March 1st, 2024

The March meeting of the Fishing & Boating Club was called to order by Commodore Sue Redding at 6:03 pm at Marble Hall.

Commodore Sue Redding asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commodore Sue Redding introduced the City Commissioners and invited Mayor Joey Raspe to address the membership. Mayor Raspe greeted the membership and announced we are here to stay in Marble Hall which was met with resounding applause. The Mayor thanked a number of city residents for the tremendous amount of help in getting the hall ready for use again after several years of being unavailable due to hurricane Irma in 2017. Joey introduced returning building inspector Ed Borysiewicz which was met with a standing ovation and robust round of applause. Chants of *Joey for president* broke out from the crowd.

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

Past Commodores Tom Alferes, Chet Dunn and Joe Schmidt were recognized. Charter member Chet Dunn was recognized. Veterans were asked to stand and were met with a round of applause.

Karen Raspe, Joey Raspe, Tracy Chacksfield and Jerry Ong began serving beer, wine and cocktails at the bar at 5:30 pm.

A memorial service was held at 5:00 in honor of recent passing members Roy Haase and Doug Davison.

The minutes of the February meeting were accepted on a motion by Ken Duffy which was seconded by Joe Schmidt and passed by the members.

Treasurer Stephanie Withrow read the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made to accept the report by Florence Schmidt seconded by Jerry Regan. Stephanie reminded members who have not done so to pick up their gift cards.

Recording Secretary Diane Slusher thanked the members for their generosity and help at this year's Clam Bake rummage sale and announced the total raised was \$1,328.

Membership Secretary Pat Fischer announced annual dues are due for next year and to see her or renew online with our new ecommerce support on the website at <https://keycolonyfishing.com/pay-dues/>.

Membership Co-Chair, Gail Cortelyou had nothing to report.

Director at Large Carman Slusher thanked the members for signing up to volunteer at the Clam Bake. Carman noted that the park was spotless after the event and thanked everyone for their efforts. Carman introduced Doug Lipke and asked members to see if interested in a club burgee.

Fundraising Joey Raspe again greeted the members and passed the bar replenishment jar. Joey reminded everyone the Kids Fishing Derby would be held June 12th this year and thanked members for their donations and ongoing support of the event. 50 kids are expected to participate in this year's event.

Fundraising John Fruhmorgen announced the Silent Auction was a great success again this year and raised over \$4,000. He thanked the members for their support and generous donations.

Past Commodore Joe Schmidt asked members to wear red on Fridays to show support for our soldiers deployed overseas. Joe reminded members that One Blood will be in town Thursday March 7th and to make an appointment at <https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now/scheduler.html?locationId=1360181>. Joe announced he is the nomination chairperson for the upcoming officer election and asked members to see him for nomination on any board positions.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Commodore Sue Redding thanked the Captains and Co-Captains for their efforts on the best ever clam bake and asked them to stand. She thanked members for volunteering and gave praise to the boy scouts for their contribution. Sue shared the feedback from the anniversary shirts has been awesome.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The 6th Annual KCB Golf Tournament chaired by Bob Merna and Rich Vieth is coming up on March 9, 2024. The club has secured 9 sponsors for the event. Register your team at KCB Golf Course. \$200 per team.

Ted Fischer announced that KCB Day is this Sunday celebrating 67 years since the incorporation of Key Colony Beach. Ted listed several highlights of the days event including a kick off breakfast, a pet contest, a parade, 60 vendors and the much-anticipated barracuda races chaired by Phil Marconi and John Misa. Ted announced a trolley will be available for transportation to the event from around the city and encouraged all to come out for a day of fun and friendship.

Larry and Michelle Smoot reminded members the annual St. Patty's Day Parade will be held on Sunday March 17th. The parade lineup will start on 15th Street.

Michelle Smoot announced the Marathon Garden Club is hosting the much-loved home and garden tour tomorrow and will be showcasing 4 homes, 3 in KCB and one in Stirrup Key. Tickets still available at the garden club or any of the homes on the tour.

Commodore Sue Redding announced the year end membership dinner will be held March 25th at the Marathon Moose Lodge with Johnny Live providing entertainment. Happy Clam catering will be preparing their famous Schnitzel dinner. Tickets are limited to the first 75 members and no guests are permitted due to limited seating.

Chet Dunn announced Hot dogs in the hut will take place tomorrow from 2-5 PM next to the post office with beer, wine and steel drum for entertainment.

Florence Schmidt announced NOAA is seeking help and asking anyone seeing weird behaving fish including those swimming upside down, in circles, etc. to report it by calling 800-853-1954.

With no other new business, Commodore Sue Redding asked Tim Husel to announce the fishing tournament winners.

Tournament Director Tim Husel reminded members that One Blood gives goodies in return for your donation including a snack and other blood work tests and encouraged members to give generously. Tim asked members who may spot a sawfish in distress to record the coordinate for NOAA. Tim proceed to announce the winners of this month's fishing tournament.

Vice Commodore Tom Alferes thanked the 117 volunteers for the Clam Bake and thanked the members for their participation. He thanked Greg Chorebanian of the Wicked Tuna for the custom-made rod which brought in \$995 and announced Greg offered another for next years event. He thanked Tom Peterson for an outstanding job selling the raffle tickets for the rod. Greg stood and asked members if they have a preference in type of rod to send him their feedback. Tom announced Ron Teke was the winner of the fish donation drawing. Ron graciously accepted the prize and stated it was the first time he had ever won it. Tom proceeded to entertain the members with several Uncle Manny jokes.

With no further business, Commodore Sue Redding announced the pork butt dinner was prepared by Freddie and Cheryl Foster, the steamed shrimp by John and Carole Fruhmorgen and served with the help of Donna and Phil Marconi.

Commodore Sue Redding thanked Kitty Sutton and Val Meister for selling the 50/50 tickets, the greeters Susan and Dave McKee and Diane Merna for selling left over clam bake shirts. She thanked Karen Raspe, Joey Raspe, Tracy Chacksfield and Jerry Ong for their service at the bar.

Florence Schmidt thanked all those that helped with the cleaning at Marble Hall yesterday.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM on a motion made by Joe Schmidt, which was seconded by Jim Withrow and passed by the members.

The winner of the \$160 prize from the 50/50 drawing was Ron Svee.

Submitted by,  
Diane Slusher, Recorder  
March 5th, 2024