

MINUTES
Fishing & Boating Club Meeting
Friday January 5th, 2024

The January meeting of the Fishing & Boating Club was called to order by Commodore Sue Redding at 6:02 pm at the Key Colony Beach City Maintenance Garage.

Commodore Sue Redding asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held for the recent loss of long-time member Roy Haase.

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

Past Commodores were recognized. Veterans were asked to stand. Charter member Chet Dunn was in attendance and recognized.

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

The minutes of the December meeting were accepted on a motion by Jerry Regan which was seconded by Bob Merna and passed by the members.

Treasurer Stephanie Withrow read the Treasurer's Report which was accepted on a motion made by Carman Slusher seconded by Ted Fischer.

Recording Secretary Diane Slusher asked for donations for this year's Clam Bake Yard Sale to be dropped off at the storage facility between 3-5 PM on Thursday February 15th. Diane announced the Key Colony Beach Pickleball Club is holding an introduction to pickleball clinic on Tuesday January 9th from 11AM-12PM for anyone interested in learning more about the sport. Diane noted the newly formed pickleball club has 190 members since starting the club in November. The club is working on a fundraising effort to build a new tennis complex with a park like setting on 7th Street that would then give the pickleball players additional courts to meet the ever-growing demand. The project will be funded by individual and corporate donations along with a possible grant applied for by the city and Diane encouraged everyone to donate to a great community initiative that will enhance KCB for years to come.

Membership Chair Pat Fischer announced the Little Palm Island trip for the 23rd has 1 opening left and plenty of availability for the 24th. The cost is \$115 per person. See Pat if you are interested in signing up.

Director at Large Carman Slusher announced the Clam Bake is coming up on Monday February 19th and to see the team captains to sign up for your preferred tasks. Carman asked for help in cleaning up after tonight's meeting. Carman introduced Liz Montgomery who volunteered to sell burgees tonight. Liz displayed the burgee and encouraged all members to purchase one for their boat. Carman asked anyone interested in selling tickets at the clam bake to see Jim Lutz. Carman then asked for a round of applause for our club members Joey Raspe, Freddie Foster and Tom DiFrancisco who have all stepped up for City Commission positions which are most often thankless and payless jobs that none of us are willing to do!

Fundraising Joey Raspe asked members to be generous when the bar tip comes around tonight as it was light in his absence last month and he knows we prefer the higher quality and more expensive options.

Fundraising John Fruhmorgen thanked members for their generous donations for the La Niña Toys for Tots event which was a huge success and helped many needy children have a nice Christmas. John thanked Greg Chorebanian of The Wicked Tuna who again donated a custom-made fishing rod to be auctioned at this year's Clam Bake. The custom rod donated last year brought in over \$1,000 for the club. John reminded members to save their unwanted household and fishing items for the upcoming event at the Clam Bake in February.

Ron Tiki announced that he will be out of town for the clam bake but is still taking in fish donations for the event. We typically need 100 lbs of fish. Anyone donating 1 lb or more will be entered into a drawing for a gift certificate. Ron announced the next sunset moonrise raft up will be January 25th and encouraged all to join the event.

Sue Thompson reminded members of the upcoming Coconut Crawl fundraiser being held by the KCB Community Association on January 20th. Visit <https://www.kcbca.org/coconut-crawl> for all the details.

Tournament Director Tim Husel announced the tournament winners from December. A complete list of winners are on the club website <https://keycolonyfishing.com>.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commodore Sue Redding announced that Elks Lodge was very appreciative that we held our New Year's Eve event at the lodge. Rick and Dayna will be back for the event next year.

Sue announced the Coast Guard boating safety class that was organized last season will be held January 20th from 8 AM - 4 PM. The certification will usually save you 15% on your boat insurance. If any members are interested in joining the event, please contact Sue.

Christmas Boat Parade Chair Steve DeCrow thanked the members for their dock space donations for this year's event. He had 12 entries, 3 boats from KCB and 1 boat from a club member so encouraged all to consider signing up next year. He also suggested we turn the event into a fundraiser rather than award individual prizes.

Commodore Sue Redding reminded the Golf Tournament will be held March 9th with Bruce Vieth and Bob Merna chairing the event once again.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commodore Sue Redding introduced two of our sponsors in attendance tonight, Jim Figuerado from Captain Pips and Charlie Rosato from Emerald Marine Repairs.

Sue asked for a new captain to head up the fried clam station at the clam bake and Bill Lussier came forward to volunteer for the job. Sue asked for storage space for the yard sale items needed for 4 days ahead of the event.

Vice Commodore Tom Alferes reminded members it takes 110 volunteers for the Clam Bake and thanked the members for their participation. He asked for a volunteer to help with the storage facility and Freddie Foster came forward. Tom proceeded to entertain the members with an Uncle Manny joke.

Tim Husel in the absence of Joe Schmidt, announced that One Blood will be in town for a blood drive on Thursday January 11th from 9:30 to 2:30. You will receive a choice of gift cards and other goodies for your donation. You can sign up at <https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now/scheduler.html?locationId=1360180>.

Commodore Sue Redding thanked tonight's members for their help including Lynn Goodwin, Eileen Hillen and Anita Alferes for 50/50 sales, Jeff and Michele Montgomery who served as tonight's greeters along with Karen Raspe, Joey Raspe, Tracy Chacksfield and Jerry Ong for the bar service. Sue thanked Barb Heitman, Sue Bartkus, Jo Corso, Diane Merna, and Ann Vieth for handling the 30th anniversary shirt order and distribution. Sue displayed the beautiful new signs for the clam bake created by Jo Corso.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM on a motion made by Jim Withrow, which was seconded by John Misa and passed by the members.

The winner of the \$187 prize from the 50/50 drawing was our sponsor Jim Figuerado from Captain Pips.

Submitted by,
Diane Slusher, Recorder
January 8th, 2024