



EGLIN YACHT CLUB

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Minutes of The EYC Meeting on the Kayak/Paddleboard Storage Area

30 May 2019 As Amended



CALL TO ORDER: Commodore Susan Jacobs asked Vice Commodore Gordy Fornell to chair the special meeting to clarify issues related to the storage of kayaks and paddleboards on EYC property which formerly housed the firepit. The main concerns brought up by members were: the purpose, intent, liability, safety and operation of the facility. General Fornell called the meeting to order at 1548 hours.

EYC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Commodore: Susan Jacobs

Vice Commodore: Gordy Fornell

Rear Commodore: Gerry Harvey

Board Members: James Fulton

Club Manager: Jerry Jacobs

Secretary: Fred Westfall

NON-COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Combs, Ray Seip, Laura Fulton

DISCUSSION OF CONCERNS:

-) **Purpose:** The purpose of having the storage facility is to provide a space for members to store kayaks and paddleboards at the EYC storage facility, charging members to store **each** vessel for a rental fee (\$10/month or \$100/year) which would generate income for the EYC.
-) **Intent:** The new storage facility is currently configured to store 5 paddleboards and/or kayaks. It can be expanded to have the capacity to store a maximum of 4 paddle boards and 8 kayaks if interest warrants expansion. It was suggested that the new storage facility be advertised in the Eglin Life publication and on our “Why Join” area of our website. Valerie Burrelle will notify Eglin Life and Fred Westfall will modify the “Why Join” webpage.
-) **Liability:** Members who store their kayaks or paddleboards at the EYC facility will sign a “hold harmless” contract with the Ben’s Lake Marina, to whom rental payments will be made. Ray Seip stated that he was concerned that those who stored their vessels at the EYC facility should have the same liability insurance that he is required to have on his boat, which is temporarily docked at the EYC. It was explained that kayaks and paddleboards do not require the same insurance as motorized vessels and therefore the “hold harmless” contract would be sufficient. Members who rent space at the storage facility will be required to have their vessels clearly marked with owner and contact information.
-) **Safety:** The main concern about safety was the storage of the trailers on which some kayak/paddleboard owners may want to store adjacent to the storage facility. Gerry Harvey displayed the trailer storage options. Gary Combs suggested that the trailers should be stored on the north side of the club since members and others use the gate closest to the storage facility (South side) on occasion and having trailers in that area may cause problems. It was agreed that the trailers would first be put on the North side of the club in the area that is not currently used.
-) **Operation:** While the EYC will promote the space to its members, the payment to and oversight of the storage facility is the responsibility of the Ben’s Lake Marina/FSS. Those renting space at the EYC facility sign a contract and pay fees directly to Ben’s Lake Marina/FSS.

RECOMMENDATION: After all concerns were addressed, Gordy Fornell concluded the meeting by recommending the storage project move forward and that it be an agenda item for the next Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Gordy Fornell adjourned the meeting at 1620 hours.

Gordy Fornell
Vice Commodore