

**MINUTES**  
**FORT MYERS BEACH**  
**Anchorage Advisory Committee**  
Town Hall  
2525 Estero Boulevard  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

**Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Light. Members present: Robert Beasley (arrived at 9:30), William Kubicek III, Katherine Light, Sam Lurie and Mike Ratliff.  
Excused: Greg Holmes and Ted Lawwill.  
Council Liaison: Anita Cereceda  
Staff: Jeff Richard.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

•Lloyd Heim, Mooring Field, preferred the mooring balls with a loop on the top to keep the ball from hitting the side of the boat. He suggested cleaning the barnacles off the post by the dinghy dock to create more space.

•Don Hanson, Ball 34, commented that he appreciated the Mooring Field and the people on the pump-out boats. He suggested increasing the size of the dock by TOPS and he thought members in the Mooring Field might be able to pitch in to help. He suggested that paid-for balls be marked so others do not tie up to them. He suggested that the Town sponsor a monthly pot luck dinner.

•Mike Nickins, Mooring Field, and his wife were happy with everything. He commented that the moorings with just the eye needed a float or tether. He questioned why owners had to be present when the pump-out boat serviced their boat. Mr. Nickins and his wife were unable to attend classes at Bay Oaks because they had to wait for the boat. He agreed that the floating docks at TOPS were useless at low tide. He commented that the water spigot area was a mud pit by the afternoon. He suggested installing pavers or a cement pad to help alleviate the situation. He complimented the Town, AAC and the guys on the pump-out boat.

Mr. Ratliff clarified the mooring ball setup with Mr. Heim. Mr. Heim commented that the white hose over the line made it difficult to pull up.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 1, 2017 special meeting**

**MOTION:** Mr. Lurie moved to approve the minutes of February 1, 2017; second by Mr. Kubicek III.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Audio was lost after the Mooring Field Report for the February 15, 2017 meeting. Chair Light recalled discussing and voting on recommending that the pump-out boat have tickets on board to sell to people outside the Mooring Field. Mr. Richard will talk to Scott Baker, Director of Public Works.

Mr. Lurie recalled a vote recommending free tickets in the amount of \$7.00 for every member on a boat up to four people for Cruiser's Appreciation Day (CAD).

#### **V. MOORING FIELD & STAFF REPORT - February, 2017**

Chair Light questioned the status of Ball #1. Austin noted that there had been no movement and the vessel was still there. Maureen Rischitelli, Director of Administrative Services, indicated she would file more paperwork.

Mr. Richard reported that they were getting new day boards for the Mooring Field through a grant from the West Coast Inland Navigational District (WCIND). He questioned whether they were interested in Dockwa. Chair Light noted that Ms. Rischitelli emailed the proposal for review.

Chair Light did not care for the system with the white pennant and heavy mooring ball. Mr. Ratliff preferred a ball with the pennant attached with a shackle at the bottom of the ball with a heavy floating fiber line with a loop at the end of that.

Ball 45, sailboat owner, stated that he needed a loop at the top of the ball and a 10-foot pennant because of the current and wind. He described boats getting stuck on the balls.

Chair Light indicated they would have to talk to Mr. Kincaid concerning the issue.

Chair Light did not think there was anything they could do with the dock at TOPS due to several constraints.

Chair Light stated the rental agreement did not contain a phone number and address for Matanzas. Mr. Richard will add it to the agreement.

Mr. Lurie questioned whether bottom paint on the balls would help prevent barnacles. Austin will check into it.

#### **VI. CAD**

Mr. Richard reported that three tents were available, staff was ready and he will get more tents from Bay Oaks. The banner was being updated and should be done by the end of the week. Mr. Lurie confirmed \$1.00 water and the rest of the menu and he will submit press releases. Chair Light asked members to send her emails when they had raffle items. Chair Light will send out invitations to Town Council and staff.

**MOTION:** Mr. Lurie moved to give attending staff and Town Council Members seven coupons for food and drinks; second by Mr. Ratliff.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

#### **VII. AAC GOALS**

Chair Light tabled Dockwa until everyone reviews the proposal.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Hanson indicated the floating docks at TOPS were a safety issue and he commented that they could increase the number balls in the Mooring Field.

**IX. COUNCIL LIAISON ITEMS & REPORT - no items**

**X. MEMBER ITEMS & REPORTS**

Mr. Lurie reported the Southwinds ad and index looked good.  
Mr. Richard will look into the policy that owners must be on their vessel for the pump-out boat; however, Austin stated that it was a liability issue and he preferred that someone be on the vessel to assist him on windy days. He indicated that he could be flexible for some owners.  
Ms. Cereceda questioned whether TDC funds could go towards fixing the dock at TOPS. Chair Light reported that halfway out into the channel was private property on the other side. She stated that the dock was wobbly because, in order to use TDC funds, they had to build a kayak launch. Mr. Lurie noted they built it out as far as they could. Mr. Richard discussed how difficult it was to build the current launch, but he will meet with Mr. Baker for ideas.  
Chair Light questioned how many people in the field currently held insurance. Austin will check with Ms. Rischitelli.  
Mr. Beasley questioned how they could make the dock safer.  
Mr. Ratliff agreed that something needed to be done with the dock. He thanked boaters for their public comments. Chair Light stated that they requested that something be done with the water area at Matanzas last year. Mr. Richard noted that old mobi mats would work.

**XI. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

Action items: pump-outs when owners were off vessel, tickets for the pump-out boat, mud at the water spigot, the TOPS dock and inviting Mark Kincaid back regarding the mooring system. Mr. Lurie questioned marking occupied balls. Discussion ensued. Add items to the Mooring Field & Staff Report.

**XII. ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Mr. Beasley moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Lurie.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ with/without changes. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: Katherine Light

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