

April 8, 2025

Razzi's

Attendees: Jeremy, Tiah, Rick, Kim, Jim, Judy, Dennis, Bart, Brenda, Terry, Dane, Wendy, Steve, Tom, Paul, Patty, Gary, Karla, Bill, Connie, Kent, Kari, Vic.

The meeting was brought to order by Jeremy at 6:00 PM.

Andy Crowe from the Ballard Locks was our guest speaker. He displayed about 20 slides that included the history of the locks. Between 36,000 and 40,000 vessels transit the locks each year. This represents around one billion dollars of value that depend on the locks. He also talked about the current closure of the small lock, which should reopen around June 18.

Wendy gave the treasurer's report. We have a current balance of \$12,385 which includes \$7,000 that has been put into a CD. We have also moved our account from Key Bank to US Bank to take advantage of the Zelle platform. There is no fee for using Zelle, which will save the club several hundred dollars each year in fees that have been charged by Square. Wendy has asked that people use Zelle to pay for all future events, clothing, etc.

Jim and Judy provided the health and welfare report. Suzy and Sue both recently had cataract surgery.

Terry reported that Terry Butler has rejoined the club because "he loves Paul!" Terry Sorensen has also joined.

Terry also asked for volunteers to serve on the nomination committee for the 2026 bridge. Kim, Rick, Jeremy, and Dennis volunteered.

Paul gave the newsletter report. Microsoft is discontinuing the Publisher platform in October, so a different platform will need to be used. There will be no newsletter in July or August because Paul will apparently be busy boating!

The clothing order has been processed, and will be available at the Port Orchard event. Payment will be handled when you pick up your items.

First fleet captain event will be the South Sound cruise at the end of the Memorial Day event at Dock Street. Stops will be at Percival's Landing in Olympia, Longbranch Marina in Longbranch, and Arabella's Landing in Gig Harbor.

Old business:

Rick talked about the proposed 10% additional sales tax on boats sold for over \$500,000. Vic clarified that the first \$500,000 is at the normal tax rate, but anything over that amount will be assessed the additional tax.

Tom has recovered eight years of historical newsletters from 1984 to 1992.

New Business:

There was a suggestion that the boat name, length and beam of each member boat should be listed in the roster.

There will be a coast guard auxiliary person at the Port Orchard event who will be able to provide safety checks.

Jeremy adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM