

**Red Eye Yacht Club**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, February 14, 2025**

**I. Call to Order 7:30 pm by Commodore Bob Burke**  
**Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Membership – Tony D (No Report)**

Motion made by –

Second –

Vote –

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to waive the reading of the minutes – JJ

Second- John G

Vote – approved

Clearly make sure the motion is written out and what the outcome was.

**IV. Treasurer – Jeannie Peters via Corr. Sec. Becky**

From Jeannie –

I'd like to announce that most members Chits for this year have been loaded. Any members that had used their chits from last year within \$20, now have the \$200 loaded to their cards.

Since the membership decided to allow the extension of last year's chit money to 3/31/25, those members that had more than \$20 have until such date to spend last year's chits. As of 4/1/25 the unused chits will be removed, as per the By Laws, and your 2025 chits in the amount of \$200 will be loaded to your cards. Please bring to my attention if you have lost your card, or if your card is not functioning. All chits are active until 1/31/26. As the construction is going on, some things have been moved. If you have a reimbursement request, there are forms in the stacker at end of bar by the thermostat, and the treasurer box is in the alcove at the entrance to the bar. I will try to be sure to replenish forms as needed.

I will attach the general ledger from last meeting up to today. Although the BGE bills for the club pier electric don't come out until the end of the month they are pretty high due to needing to run the ice eaters, the total for the 3 piers is \$1457.30.

Jj – make sure last year chit money stays until end of march

Ernie says that when members change status or resign, they get \$400 back and also \$100 from holding co with return of stock cert.

Jj – states he has only gotten 2 returned stock certificates.

John G says aren't we supposed to wait until we get new member, then pay the ones who resign back?

Discussion about \$400 and stock.

Table approval until next meeting when Jeannie is here to answer questions.

Motion to approve –

Second –

Vote –

**V. Corresponding Secretary – Rebecca Butensky –**  
Ernie – we used to have the work hours sheet in Newsletter.  
We will ask Ned.  
JJ – said its on the website

**VI. Recording Secretary – Aimee Mitchell –**  
First of all, thank you to everyone who has taken minutes for me for the last few months at meetings, while I recovered from surgery and had to attend other yacht club responsibilities.

I also want to thank all the members who step up on a daily basis, to take care of our club and make it a better place.

Over the last few months, I have been involved in some conversations about things that have been going on at the club and unfortunately due to my health I wasn't able to be here to contribute.  
But I'm back now, so be prepared.

**VII. Fleet Captain – we need a fleet captain**

**VIII. Rear Commodore – David Cohen - no report**

**Steve R** – thanks for running the meeting and JJ says slip assignment went really well.

**Terry** – talked to Dave Carnagio about electric and about getting his box repaired. There have been strong electric draws and burned the box up.

**IX. Vice Commodore –**

**Dave C** wants to step up as Vice. Nomination committee needs to address.

**Terry E** – plans for opening weekend?

**Bob B** – Kyle says he would work with Bob. He has a lot going on but we'll get plans started. Meetings will begin soon.

**JJ** – says make a plan of what we're having and then get sign up sheets

Opening weekend is May 30 – June 1

**Terry** – grill needs to be cleaned and repaired. Will do for hours.

**Aimee** – asks about fryers

**X. Commodore – Bob Burke –**

Thanking all the members who came to jeff and Aimee's ball. It meant a lot to him.

**Steve R** – says he appreciates what we do here.

Dave thanks for stepping up while he was at 3Cs.

**XI. Health & Welfare – Kate Taylor -**

Jeannie is sick.

Bill Hill status?

Roger had heart surgery.

**XII. Display Case – PC Steve Rockel –**

**Aimee** – opening day shirts?

**Bob** – do we have all the flags.

**Steve R** – says we have whats upstairs. There were two complete sets.

**Discussion about flags**

**XIII. Entertainment/Kitchen – Erni/Kitty –**

Rentals coming up. Beginning of March is Marleys Ball.  
Land cruises – March 8 Maryland, 15 Bodkin and 29 Marley  
Terry says put in newsletter.

St Patricks Day party coming up. The Usual Remedy. Mike Ciminis brother.

**Aimee** - We need more events at the club, that will welcome other yacht clubs. There are flyers from other yacht clubs on the YCM facebook page. There is something to do at almost every club, except ours.

We should be saving some tickets for our events, that can be offered to other yacht clubs. People have asked us, when our events are, Why we never advertise? Yacht clubs are always looking for something to do and a reason to drink and mingle. They want to join us.

Other clubs what us to visit. Check out YCM facebook page and go attend events at other clubs. Get your face and the Red Eye name out there.

If we continue to push away our sister clubs, we are going to black ball ourselves.

We have several clubs that meet here monthly and one that meets year at least yearly.

The members of these yacht clubs have been in the yachting community for a very very long time. Word gets around. If we treat them right, other clubs will know. When we don't, well they'll know that too.

I know there are members here, who don't care about having other yacht clubs here, but keep in mind that red eye is a yacht club first and foremost. This will never be just a social club, mens club or a bar.

**John** – wants the calendar on the website front page

**Bob B** - says Tasha didn't know if it was ok.

**Ernie** – says make sure people are going through her to schedule events and she will coordinate with Tasha.

**Erna** – make sure we visit sister club events. Princess fundraisers coming up. BINGO for Princess at Bush River, Lea, coming up April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Steve R** – add flyers into newsletter and onto ycm facebook page. The last year and half 30% drop in membership buying tickets. Members are not coming to support.

**Bob B** – says give a deadline first.

**John G** – says hes got people coming from Great Oaks to the St. Partick's event.

**Becky** – says will post on YCM

**Terry** – says we should have a drag queen bingo. Card board regatta this year. Lets pick a date. July?

**Dave** – when we have an event how many seats to sell? 97 not counting the deck. Open it up.

Bob says that we voted collectively to open our events to everyone.

**Bob** – thank you to the new Dewy for food tonight was excellent.

**Dave C** – thanks for food for slip assignment.

**XIV. Bar – Shawn / Melissa – no report**

**Kate** – how does Michelle put drink order in? we run out of stuff. She stocks bar and we're out of things for the last few months. How do we know whats getting reordered. Its been written on the board, but not getting ordered.

Melissa says text her. They moved stuff out to the storage room.

**Mike** asks whos 3<sup>rd</sup> bar back? Might be Andy.

**XV. Finance Committee - Ernie**

April/ May will review budget and we might have to make adjustments

**XVI. Webmaster – Tasha ([www.reyc.org](http://www.reyc.org)) - via Corr. Sec. Becky**

During the weekend the website crashed, and I was unable to edit any of the pages. I attempted to enter a few things on the calendar for Ernie and that's when I discovered that the website was not operating properly. I attempted multiple fixes that I found via internet searches, you tube videos and AI directions. No of which really helped. I attempted to utilize a backup, which is automatically backed up daily via Updraft Plus plug in. Unfortunately, the backup did not save the backup needed. It was too many days past and was deleted by the program. Needless to say it was a nightmare attempting to get the website back up and operate properly. I did try to contact both programs which are used to create and back up the website. The help area is AI generated and offered no help trying to navigate through the QA sections. Through more investigation, the only way to have live help via chat or phone is to upgrade to the next pro versions. Since there is only 1 website, the basic pro will suffice.

I volunteered to take over the website, but as I began this project, I discovered that the old program was outdated and utilizing code. Over 100 hours later, I managed to get a very plain website up and running and continue to learn along the way to eventually have REYC website looking professional. The only way to accomplish this task and have access to live help, more widgets and templates, is to upgrade.

I have attached the 2 programs I am currently using for free; they are the most used programs by professional web designers. Of course they are using the most advanced upgrades. I will only need the basic upgrade. The prices are yearly and a subscription can be set up to keep the website running properly and backed up not only to a Word Press database but also to remote storage (google cloud) in the event the Word Press database has a hack or a major incident our website can be restored.

Elementor is the program used to design the website.

Yearly for the basic is \$59/yr

UpDraft Plus is the program used to back up the website.

Yearly for the personal option is \$70/yr

Total to keep the website functioning properly and the

Ability to evolve the website more professionally these

Are much needed upgrades is \$129

The image contains two screenshots of mobile web pages. The left screenshot is from [elementor.com](http://elementor.com) and displays a pricing offer of \$4.92 per month, billed annually for \$59. It includes a 'Buy Now' button and a list of features: 1 Site, 24/7 Support, 57 Pro Widgets, Theme Builder, Dynamic Content, Form Builder, Popup Builder, Custom Code & CSS, Fcommerce Features, and Collaborative Notes. The right screenshot is from [updraftplus.com](http://updraftplus.com) and shows a 'RENEWAL METHOD' section with 'Subscription' and 'Manual' options. Below this is a list of pricing tiers: Enterprise (unlimited) at \$195.00/year, Agency (up to 35 sites) at \$145.00/year, Business (up to 10 sites) at \$95.00/year, Personal (up to 2 sites) at \$70.00/year (which is selected with a checkmark), and Gold (See Note \*) at \$399.00/year.



Proposed to get website that we pay for. Elementor \$59 per year. Updraft Plus \$75. Total \$129

Motion by JJ.

Second by Neil

Vote Approved

The calendar will be viewable to the public

**XVII. Facilities – Mike Delamar -**

Past framing. Dry wall and paint by end of March. Flooring through the whole club is possibility.

Holding company has money for this project.

**Steve R** – have we evaluated the kitchen floor? **Mike says yes.**

**Kate** asks what facilities includes? The building. Do we have someone to clean? We have other people who clean and are being paid. Erna & John will be starting in April. Discussion about cleaning. Ernie says she's getting anyone who will do it.

Kate says we need a schedule as to when we get the club cleaned.

**Steve r** – the board was aware that Lauren isn't cleaning. John and Erna volunteered.

**Discussion about cleaning.**

**JJ** – someone is cleaning after they have a work party

**Mike d** - says we are paying people to clean but we have people who want to do it for hours. Why are we paying people?

**Aimee - DON'T SMOKE INSIDE THE BUILDING ANYWHERE**

**XVIII. Holding Company – JJ**

Meeting last Saturday. Rental agreement has been signed for another year.

Raised the emergency fund from \$52,000 to \$70,000

**XIX. Board of Governors - Bob Burke –**

Last meeting we approved to buy kitchen supplies once a month, so we don't run out.

**XX. YCM – Commodores Day Out is in April**

Check out the facebook page

Add to calendar

**XXI. CBYCA – John Scarcella –**

Ball is coming up next Saturday. In Annapolis at the Naval Academy. Will be honoring Veterans.

**XXII. CCC – Bob Burke – no report**

**XXIII. By-Law Committee – Steve R / Tasha / Erni - no report**

**Aimee** - We currently have 56 primary members and 10 social members (from over 60 – 2yrs ago). Our current membership is not going to be able to sustain the costs of running this club by themselves.

I know we have a limited amount of slips, but we have the ability to create new membership titles to bring more members in.

I know last year we voted to increase the social membership fee; however, we lost over 50 social members. So I am asking the membership to reconsider lowering it.

We can cap the social membership number to half the primary membership, to keep the number from taking over the primary membership.

Social membership was thriving, and our bar seemed to be full a lot of the time. A few social members became primary members.

I know this is kind of a step back monetarily for membership fees, but the more social members we can attract, the more revenue we'll take in. Social members want to be social. If they have a good time at the bar, they are more likely to attend events and help around the club. And may want to join full time.

Other clubs in Middle River have several membership titles. They are thriving and working together to build their clubs up. We need to trust that our members will do the same. If they don't, then we can vote them out. We all need to work together to keep our club in working order and enjoyable for everyone.

**Dave C** – says he proposed that we only raise it only \$50

**Mike D** – says they shouldn't have cards

**Steve R** – says social membership doesn't affect our numbers. He says members are bringing family members or friends. He did research, the sister clubs are more than \$500.

The social members we had in previous years, they came to club for an event. We tried to increase the financial responsibility onto the members and the ones who wanted to stay did, but the rest left.

**Mike D** – says he agrees.

**Kate** – says what about taking the work hours away.

**Becky** – people are not coming out or bringing people isn't about membership, it's about how we interact with each other. We're getting away from the comradery. We need to talk about disagreements like adults.

**Terry** – Steve R asks that social members who didn't show up to events? But they had to pay for an event that they didn't attend. We lost over \$6000 in income

Discussion

**Mark M** – spoke to social members who said they didn't care about the membership fee, but now they have to work hours. We treated them like they weren't considered members. We're taking money from them, they patronize the club and brought friends. The work hours is the issue. The opening day work hours are hard to come by because people already take over work hours and don't leave space for anyone else.

**Bob B** – says a lot of people don't want to come here, because of the way we treat each other. We can treat each other with respect.

**John S** – as a social member would you rather me not have access to this building except for a meeting or an event? Mike D says not you.

**Mike D** – says it was the volume of people. He didn't know anyone.

**Erin** – new members perspective weighed options of being what type of membership they wanted. Dave worked hours during opening day. She signed up to do work hours. Erin says you have to address the whole group, not just a few. Feels we would get more people in, if we had a bigger social media presence. Put all the information out.

**Steve R** – every member introduced to membership was told this is a working club. There are things that always need to be done. We can introduce the bylaw the right way.

**Mike D** – discussion is good. Bylaw should be presented the right way. Steve says we can amend it at that time. Before we vote.

**Aimee** - We have primary members who don't show up to monthly meetings when it doesn't suit their needs, until they hear something they don't like that might benefit someone else, then show up and create so much turmoil, that it gets out of control.

We know there is a select group who don't want primary members without boats. Did you ever stop to think we can cap that number? The majority of voting members will always be the boaters.

Keep in mind we have members who have been at this club for many years and have owned boats and had a slip, contributed knowledge, time and money, who at this time do not want or cannot boat, but want to continue to be involved in the yacht club in official capacity, donate time and vote, to keep our club running.

And we have social members who are willing to do the same, but cannot due to social membership restrictions.

We need members to step up to serve as bridge officers, board members, committee members and to help around the club. We have primary members who do their 50 work hours and that's it.

Instead you see the same faces all the time, doing all the work.

If primary boat members are not willing to do the work that needs to be done, then we need a new primary membership for those who do. Hence the primary with no boat, or reassess what social members can do.

Lots of discussion. Ernie read the bylaws.

John G discussion.

**XXIV. Old Business – none**

**Motion –**

**Seconded –**

**Motion**

**XXV. New Business – none**

**XXVI. Good of the Club -**

No smoking inside the building anywhere, including the new bathrooms

Erna – congratulation to Commodore Bob for the presidential award College 4.0 GPA

**XXVII. Elections –**

Nomination committee needs to present Dave Cohen to move up to vice commodore

**XXVIII. Adjournment – by Comm. Bob at 9 pm**

Motioned by John G

Second Mike D

Minutes submitted by: Recording Secretary, Aimee Mitchell

**Motions and approvals:**

**Webmaster** - Proposed to get website that we pay for. Elementor \$59 per year. Updraft Plus \$75. Total \$129

Motion by JJ.

Second by Neil

Vote Approved



# Red Eye Yacht Club II, Inc General Ledger

January 10 - February 14, 2025

	Date	on Type	Num	Name	Memo/Description	Split	Amount	Balance
Checking								
				Balance				37,724.38
	01/10/2025	Expense	2543746	Southern Glazer's of MD/DC		Bar expenses:Liquor	-153.45	37,570.93
	01/10/2025	Expense		Deluxe		Office/postage	-300.56	37,270.37
	01/10/2025	Expense	2543747	Southern Glazer's of MD/DC		-Split-	-181.18	37,089.19
	01/10/2025	Expense	119564119	Breakthru Beverage		Bar expenses:Liquor	-312.83	36,776.36
	01/12/2025	Deposit			2105305c6a4e	-Split-	52.22	36,828.58
	01/13/2025	Expense		Comptroller of Maryland		-Split-	-1,012.53	35,816.05
	01/13/2025	Deposit				-Split-	288.50	36,104.55
	01/13/2025	Deposit				-Split-	1,520.75	37,625.30
	01/13/2025	Deposit			026f9f4152e0	-Split-	39.34	37,664.64
	01/15/2025	Check	2999	Cash	Replenish Petty Cash	-Split-	-168.25	37,496.39
	01/15/2025	Deposit		Southern Glazer's of MD/DC		Bar expenses:Bar supplies	30.76	37,527.15
	01/16/2025	Deposit			267e64bbff23	-Split-	3.31	37,530.46
	01/17/2025	Expense		BGE		Utilities:Electric	-9.53	37,520.93
	01/17/2025	Expense	002003666	Republic Services #050		removal	-239.14	37,281.79
	01/17/2025	Check	2996	Ashley Gubernat		Janitorial expense	-320.00	36,961.79
	01/17/2025	Expense		Constant Contact		Dues and subscriptions	-25.00	36,936.79
	01/17/2025	Check	2997	Erna Scarcella		Janitorial expense	-160.00	36,776.79
	01/17/2025	Check	2995	SMOKEHOUSE PIT BEEF		Events:Bull Roast	-468.16	36,308.63
	01/19/2025	Check	3001	Shawn Casserly		Bar expenses:Bar supplies	-38.82	36,269.81
	01/19/2025	Deposit			d671407960da	-Split-	5.26	36,275.07
	01/19/2025	Check	3000	Rebecca Butensky		Events:CCC room	-470.37	35,804.70
	01/19/2025	Deposit			887c8d847e8d	-Split-	15.29	35,819.99
	01/20/2025	Deposit				-Split-	43,155.00	78,974.99
	01/20/2025	Check	3002	John Troiani		Events:Bull Roast	-82.76	78,892.23
	01/21/2025	Deposit				-Split-	453.90	79,346.13
	01/21/2025	Deposit			aee0c5b685eb	-Split-	9.39	79,355.52
	01/22/2025	Expense	8028674-	Amazon		expenses	-50.86	79,304.66
	01/22/2025	Expense	4141586	Chesapeake Beverage		Bar expenses:Beer	-262.20	79,042.46
	01/23/2025	Deposit			e042839ef2b5	-Split-	30.32	79,072.78
	01/24/2025	Deposit			2c4aaf4835fd	-Split-	42.01	79,114.79
	01/26/2025	Expense		Verizon		Telephone expense	-374.93	78,739.86
	01/26/2025	Expense		Director of Finance Baltimore City		Utilities:Water	-114.14	78,625.72



01/26/2025	Deposit			c644860d0aa5	-Split-	6.13	78,631.85
01/26/2025	Expense	5113	Irvin H. Hahn Company, Inc.		Officers expense	-1,085.25	77,546.60
01/27/2025	Expense		BGE		Utilities:Electric	-587.50	76,959.10
01/27/2025	Deposit		Cash		-Split-	864.98	77,824.08
01/27/2025	Deposit			8b2ed5716e64	-Split-	9.21	77,833.29
01/27/2025	Expense	9046	QuickBooks Intuit		Miscellaneous expense	-11.98	77,821.31
01/27/2025	Expense		BGE		-Split-	-229.39	77,591.92
01/28/2025	Deposit		Amazon		expenses	50.86	77,642.78
01/28/2025	Deposit			b4eebf60272e	-Split-	60.85	77,703.63
01/29/2025	Deposit				-Split-	35,178.00	112,881.63
01/29/2025	Expense	119806094	Breakthru Beverage		Bar expenses:Liquor	-534.71	112,346.92
01/30/2025	Expense	61742	Bond Distributing Company		Bar expenses:Beer	-334.75	112,012.17
01/30/2025	Deposit				-Split-	280.75	112,292.92
01/30/2025	Check	3003	John Troiani		Events:Work party food	-41.96	112,250.96
01/31/2025	Check	3005	Banack, Leonard Jr.		-Split-	-82.05	112,168.91
01/31/2025	Deposit			966cd78ccd69	-Split-	62.89	112,231.80
02/01/2025	Deposit				-Split-	15,207.00	127,438.80
02/01/2025	Check	3006	Middle River Yacht Club		Officers expense	-250.00	127,188.80
02/02/2025	Expense		CBYCA		Officers expense	-260.00	126,928.80
02/02/2025	Deposit			c40687c96162	-Split-	22.60	126,951.40
02/02/2025	Deposit			ecc1db2bf551	-Split-	12.70	126,964.10
02/02/2025	Expense	1107	CBYCA		Dues and subscriptions	-125.00	126,839.10
02/03/2025	Expense		QuickBooks Intuit		Dues and subscriptions	-65.00	126,774.10
02/04/2025	Deposit			73e3ed4fd641	-Split-	3.55	126,777.65
02/08/2025	Check	3008	Barclay's	Reimbursment Mike Delamar	-Split-	-2,398.78	124,378.87
02/08/2025	Check	3007	Red Eye Yacht Club, Inc.		Rent Expense	-35,761.00	88,617.87
02/08/2025	Check	3009	John Troiani		Miscellaneous expense	-26.95	88,590.92
02/09/2025	Deposit		Cash		-Split-	3,181.00	91,771.92
02/09/2025	Expense			f3186f8b9bcb	Square Fees	-25.00	91,746.92
02/11/2025	Expense		Verizon		Telephone expense	-374.93	91,371.99
02/11/2025	Deposit				-Split-	180.00	91,551.99
02/11/2025	Expense	002013722	Republic Services #050		removal	-250.99	91,301.00
02/12/2025	Deposit				-Split-	556.75	91,857.75
02/13/2025	Expense		Orkin Pest Control		control	-1,278.72	90,579.03
02/14/2025	Check		Jeannie Peters		Turkey Fry	-29.83	90,549.20
02/14/2025	Check	3015	Steven Rockel		Club supplies	-18.01	90,531.19
02/14/2025	Check	3014	Anthony Campitelli		& grounds:Project	-76.07	90,455.12
02/14/2025	Check	3011	Stone, Glenn & Kitty		-Split-	-137.23	90,317.89
02/14/2025	Check	3013	Culhane, Steve		& grounds:Project	-151.56	90,166.33

02/14/2025	Check	3012	Barclay's	reimbursement for Mike Delamar	& grounds:Project	-361.73	89,804.60
02/14/2025	Check	3010	Crescent Yacht Club		Officers expense	-250.00	89,554.60
02/14/2025	Expense		BGE		Utilities:Electric	-9.97	89,544.63
<b>Cash -</b>						<b>\$</b>	<b>51,820.25</b>