

MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
Anchorage Advisory Committee
Town Hall Council Chambers - 2731 Oak Street
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
Wednesday, April 2, 2025
Cruiser's Appreciation Day Plans

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair King.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present: Ron Fleming, Chris Riedel King, Sam Lurie, John Wesley Nash and Ed Schoonover (virtually).

Staff Liaison: Harbormaster Curtis Ludwig

II. CRUISER'S APPRECIATION DAY

Chair King noted that ten nonprofits would attend, including MERTF, the Coast Guard Auxillary, Captains for Clean Water and Friends of Lovesr Key (FOLK). Others were mentioned, but she was not sure who committed. AAC Member Lurie suggested that Joanne Semmer of Ostego Bay be contacted if there was room.

Harbormaster Ludwig will contact marine contractors over the weekend for contributions. Beach Talk Radio (BTR) and AAC Member Schoonover each contributed \$500.00. The goal is \$2,500.00 - \$3,000.00. Chair King will promote the event when she appears on BTR over the weekend.

AAC Member Lurie reported that the permit would be issued after approval by the Fire Department. The permit must be picked up on Friday, April 25, 2025.

AAC Member Lurie expected the AAC to pay for 100-125 meals and Snug Harbor will reserve a Tiki area with chairs for the event. Tickets will cover \$20.00 for a meal, which includes a tip. Harbormaster Ludwig suggested providing free water. A few different meals will be available. Chair King wondered whether Snug Harbor could offer a discount for members of the public. Harbormaster Ludwig and AAC Member Lurie will talk with them and other restaurants in the area for discounts and sponsorships. Chair King reviewed the guest list.

AAC Member Lurie noted that setup will begin at 11:00, registration at 1:00, nonprofit presentations at 2:00, the drawing at 3:00, and teardown at 3:30.

AAC Member Nash listed 12 companies to approach for donations. Chair King offered to contact the Whale, Margaritaville, Junkanoo and Sandy Bottoms. AAC Member Lurie will contact Snug Harbor, Wahoo Willies, SOB, Nervous Nellies and Matanzas. AAC Member Fleming will talk to the Fire District and The Islander. Others will be determined. AAC Member Nash offered to hold the donations at his house.

Harbormaster Ludwig stated that he received the keychains and will bring some in at the next meeting. He will set up the tables and chairs. AAC Member Nash will supply the duct tape and zip ties and AAC Member Lurie will laminate items. AAC Member Nash will contact the Woman's Club for clear containers to hold the drawing tickets and donations. Harbormaster Ludwig will provide double tickets for the drawing.

Chair King drafted several documents for the members' review and will forward them to the town clerk and town attorney for final review. Harbormaster Ludwig revealed that the town had a laminator, so he would laminate what he needed. He will run the drawing rules past the town attorney.

The next meeting is on Thursday, April 10, at 1:00 p.m. Chair King summarized the action items and will send a recap to members. Harbormaster Ludwig distributed a Cruiser's Appreciation Day sponsor letter sent to him from AAC Member Lawwill.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Chair King adjourned the meeting at 1:54 a.m.

Adopted 4/10/25 with/without changes. Motion by Ren Fleming
(DATE)
Vote: Unanimous Signature: Chris Reeder KJ