

# New Hamburg Yacht Club

Date and time	12/03/2025, 7:30 PM
Venue	New Hamburg Fire Department
Recorded by	Brian Sutcliffe

Board of Directors		
Douglas Tompkins	Commodore	
Marty Novick	Vice Commodore	
Brian Sutcliffe	Secretary	
Bob Calley	Fleet Captain	
Rita Hughes	Financial Secretary	
Michelle Manzi	Treasurer	
Bob Molitoris	Trustee	
Greg Freeman	Trustee	
Jim Whiting	Trustee	

Committee Chairs		
Bar	Neil Colello	
Social	Russell Nichols	A
Club Rentals	James Carroll	
Cleaning	Darlene Hansen	A
House	Arthur Glynn	A
Grounds	Stan Saya	A
Safety	Curtis Stoltz	
Sunshine	Betsy Roosa	
IT	Michael Marcell Jr.	
Constitution	Susan Sullivan-Bisceglia, Michael Farley	

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to wave reading of the minutes made by Eric Phillips, seconded by Maura Gallagher.

A member Russ Nichols' lost his son in a car accident. A moment of silence was held in his honor.

### **Board Elections – Single Vote Procedure**

All candidates ran unopposed.

Secretary authorized and confirmed casting a single “yes” vote to approve the incoming board.

### **Tax Filing Issues and QuickBooks Transition**

Tax preparer withdrew on October 29 due to insufficient records not provided by Oct 24 (noted from a Sept 9 meeting).

2024 returns not yet filed; daily penalties accruing.

Plan: reconstruct records for 2023–2024 (and current year) in QuickBooks to enable accurate filing and unified reporting.

Three accountant members consulted; QuickBooks transition deemed best path.

Ken Mann was appointed to take over accounting duties. His staff will assist with data input. Board approved up to \$5,000 to compensate Ken Mann's staff. The actual bill / spend may be lower.

The timing of bills sent to members for dues and boat slips may shift to mid-January. This will not effect when the bills are due by the end of Feb / March.

### **Insurance Renewal Challenges and Brokerage Issues**

Current insurer (Hanover) will not renew beyond January 2 due to risk from a slip-and-fall lawsuit and a house fire.

Agent and board members are searching for alternative coverage. We expect an increase in premiums. We are looking to increase rental house coverage.

Efforts to obtain competing quotes have been impeded by the current broker (Marshall & Sterling). They have stated the quotes have been “locked up” to other markets. They have been unresponsive.

We are having difficulty securing other quotes through Emory & Webb due to lack of info from Marshall and Sterling that includes a Loss / Run Report and a declaration page for our current coverage.

### **TV Production Use of Club Facilities – Wrap**

Production schedule: filming Monday–Thursday

After holidays the production crew will start to restore the meeting room. Suggestions on how to restore the club will be collected. Written member suggestions should be sent to Brian Sutcliffe.

The meeting consensus was to restore the room to original condition. We will then decide paint/colors and decor.

We will retain certain high-quality items.

**Notes about the meeting room:** paint looks good; flooring likely to be removed; lighting too dark and should be restored; closet wall behind inserts needs paint if current look kept.

**Concerns:** Thin tin beneath ceiling: We should consider waterproof/vinyl ceiling tiles to avoid stains.

**High-top tables and cushions:** One table is damaged—production to replace it. Cushions need to be reinstalled.

**We need to generate a list for repairs.**

Broken window blinds noted; intent to buy quality replacements.  
Club reps the will be present during wrap-out to avoid issues.

**Timeline:** The TV production contract ends Jan 15. The proposed target for rentals by members is Feb 1, but we will defer rental planning to January meeting.

**Conclusion:** Restore club to original form, define what to retain, collect member suggestions. Production will handle restoration and agreed fixes/replacements, revisit rentals/scheduling in January.

There were questions about guaranteed filming days per month and whether October payments are complete.

**Conclusion:** Review payment records and ensure proper amounts received per contractual guarantees.

Long-term board members Rita Hughes and Bob Molitor are stepping down from the Board. Doug presented them with plaques of appreciation.

Anchorman of the Year was considered among several candidates; Marty Novick was selected for exceptional support amid production activities.




Vice Commodore Report

We have sixteen people on the waiting list. Marty Novick read in the top ten names:

- Patrick McVeign
- Lee J Niznik
- Vincent Manco
- Jesse Fuentes
- Paul Ciancanelli
- Richard Weatherwax
- Alex Fridman
- Summers Chamberlain
- Joseph Varrone
- Kevin Giles

No members are currently eligible to become life members.  
 Michael Marcell Jr. proposed that we wave the life membership requirement for a particular member. It was stated by the board that doing so would require a by-laws change.

**Secretary Report**

Brian Sutcliffe reported on the lack of communication with Marshall + Sterling in regards to getting the information required to shop with different insurance companies. Brian is actively to obtaining the insurance quotes we need.

**Financial Secretary Report**

Deposit 28 2025			
Rental Hall	\$14,000		
	0		
Total	\$14,000		
New York State Sales Taxes			

**Treasure's Report**

Michelle Manzi - No report

**Fleet Captain**

Bob Calley hopes "all the docks" will be going next week. He expressed is appreciation to helpers.

**Trustee - Greg Freeman**

Greg continues to assess the progress of scanning activity of the historical documents. At the next meeting he is hoping to provide an update.

Trustee James whiting	
ATM Report	
ATM	\$1,500
Bank	\$4,064.76
Total	\$5,564.76
Commission for Oct	\$17.50
Commission YTD	\$238.90
Trustee - Bob Molitoris	

Bob Molitoris reflected on the 17 years of reports and his 14 years as fleet captain. He discussed that several issues have been resolved and the unresolved items remain for new board.

### Bar Report - Neil Colello

On Saturday the December 6th after the White Elephant we will have music at the bar. On Friday the 12th we will have the Army / Navy game where food will be supplied.

#### October bar report:

OCT 2025 Bar report (10/31/25)

2025 Bar checking account:

Balance            9/30/25                            \$6,446.95

#### Expenditures

Payroll	(1,242.66)
Beer/Liquor	(5013.83)
Line cleaning/gas/soda	(118.29)
Misc (snacks, fruit, supplies)	(189.65)
Food instead of food truck 10/27	(109.00)
Food Salty Breeze Cocktail 10/12	(71.40)
POS fees	(69.99)

Credit Card Fees		(93.04)
Tax NY		(226.18)
IRS Tax		(1,101.23)
Total debit		\$8,235.27
Credits		
Credit card deposits		\$2,224.00
Cash deposits		\$3,049.00
Keg deposit return		\$30.00
Total credit		\$5,303.00
Balance	10/31/2025	\$3,514.68
Bar sales total:	\$3,992.00	
Self-serve total:	\$631.00	
Bar Music total:	(\$725.00)	
Snacks/fruit	(\$270.59)	

Closed two days for filming

Social - Russell Nicholas

Russell was absent but a check for \$6,000 was turned over to the club from a major event (Circle 65 concert).

Social covered food for some events from budget.

House Report - Art Glynn

Absent.

Cleaning - Darlene Hansen

Absent

Grounds - Stan Saya

Absent

Safety - Curtis Stoltz

The first aid box is temporarily placed in the bar area. It will be placed in the normal location downstairs after the TV Production wrap.

We have inspections upcoming in February (MMG and CSS). CSS checks our fire systems.

#### Sunshine - Betsy Roosa

Remembered members who passed: John Ballard, Mark Sciano, Herbert Macy, Susan Williams, wife of Tom Williams, Ryan Nichols, son of Russ Nichols.

We have shifted over the years from gift baskets to donations to organizations per families preferences.

We do not announce what we do for everyone because we try to keep it private and personal.

From Donna Kart: - We were giving another week for Toys for Tots. We were giving until the 14th.

#### IT - Michael Marcell Jr.

No report

#### Constitution and By Laws Parliamentarian

No report

#### Ladies Auxiliary

No Report

#### Old Business

Roger Higgins asked if the rental house would be brought back down to the foundation? Doug responded that it would and we are still waiting for permits from the town. They have had several requirements that we need to meet before we can get permits to rebuild.

#### New Business

Roger Higgins - Doug has made crystal clear that members are required to do their hours. Roger would like to see a report of where people fell short etc.

Neil Colello asked if our lack of ability to raise money for charities was discussed with the production company. Doug stated that we got paid for missing our two events. We were paid more than if we had the events. We did help the ladies Auxiliary out to pay for their insurance this year since they missed the opportunity to raise money.

Kenn Mann explained our conversion to Quick Books. One of the unexpected results was that Michelle's access to our accounts was removed by M&T bank which made Kenn take over as Treasurer earlier than anticipated. This means that you will have to go to Kenn for checks etc and not Michelle. M&T is a very hard bank to work with. It took a long time to get the history data exported so that Kenn could get the information into quick books. Ken has loaded all the data for 2023 and 2024 into quick books. We will have reports that show the health of the club from different committees. You will also have the convenience of paying by credit card. We are not taking away the ability to pay by check.

Brian Sutcliffe asked if we will be charging a credit card fee. Kenn replied that we will charge whatever the credit card company charges us.

Kenn setup a generic email for the treasurer (treasurer.nhyc@gmail.com).

A question was asked if we switch banks will we have to start over again. Kenn replied that we would not have to start over again since it would be transparent to quick books.

Brian Sutcliffe asked if we are going to sell tickets for events online. Kenn replied that we haven't thought that far but have not ruled it out.

Motion to adjourn made by Roger Higgins and seconded by Bob Calley at 8:25 PM.