

**Caloosahatchee Marching & Chowder Society
Board of Directors**

Attendance for September 13, 2011 Board Meeting

Officers	Attendance
Commodore, Bob Duff	Present
Vice Commodore, Glen Vetter	Absent
Vice Commodore, Summerset, Steve Romaine	Present
Rear Commodore, Racing, Steve Roake	Absent
Rear Commodore, Cruising, Ned Christiansen	Present
Fleet Purser, Tim Stier	Present
Fleet Yeoman, Kathleen Vance	Absent
Past Commodore, Joan Perkett	Present
Directors	
Tim Cheek	Present
Rose Ann Hoffman	Present
Roger Horton	Present
Bill Misenheimer	Present
Jerry Pim	Absent
Judy Tomlins	Present
Stephanie Webb	Present
Pauline Wylie	Present

**Caloosahatchee Marching & Chowder Society, Inc.
September 2011 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

The regular September meeting of the Board of Directors of the Caloosahatchee Marching & Chowder Society, Inc. was called to order at 7:05 PM, Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at the CMCS clubhouse, located in the East Room of the Cape Coral Yacht Club.

Officers & Directors in attendance: please refer to Attendance Form included in this document.

Commodore Bob Duff determined that there were sufficient Officers and Directors present to constitute a quorum for business to be conducted.

Minutes: Because a quorum of Officers & Directors was not present in August, no official meeting was convened. Additionally, there was no Board meeting during the month of July, 2011, Officers and Directors were requested to defer to the June Minutes of the Board of Directors as the most recent, official document. Pauline Wylie moved to accept the minutes of the June meeting as published. Ned Christiansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from the Purser: Purser Tim Stier expressed his appreciation to Kathleen and Bob for their timely deposits and for the outstanding sponsorship results. Copies of the most current report were emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. A question was raised as to the purpose of accumulating funds that appear to be "overage". Also mentioned was the organization's compliance with rules & regs related to the corporation's status as a 501c7 (a social organization rather than a not-for-profit status). Officers and Directors were assured that funds may remain within the club to promote youth sailing. Discussion arose as to whether or not this overage might be applied to a return to mailout of the monthly Chowder Chatter. The discussion was tabled for the moment.

Business of the Organization:

Referring to the Organizational Planner for the month of September, Commodore Duff reminded the Board of the tasks that were to be accomplished this month (as per the corporation's By-Laws):

- *process for selection & election of Flag Officers & Board*
- *solicitation of interest for members to serve on the Nominating Committee*
- *forms to be prepared for nomination committee and for nomination of Flag Officers & Board*
- *approval of the dues (rate) for the coming year*

Process for Selection & Election: Vice Commodore Glen Vetter, as part of his assigned duties, is to be in charge of the Annual Calendar. Bob Duff will contact Glen regarding actions that need to be taken at the September General Meeting.

The process for the selection & election of Flag Officers & Board were put in place last year; forms were also developed and should be available for updating. Because we are slightly behind the curve on the timing to disseminate the information (nominating committee), it was suggested that an email blast in the form of an announcement be distributed quickly, together with the necessary forms (and forms should be available at the September 20 General Meeting). Such action would keep the Board in compliance with the timeline/By-Laws.

Annual Dues: although Board members did not have confirmed numbers in front of them, it was presented that current dues are \$125 for renewals, \$145 for new members, \$75 for crew, and between \$20-\$24 for mailout of the Chowder Chatter publication. Discussion followed to include: how many memberships do we currently have? What are our expenses? Should we reflect on the economy as a factor in assessing dues? Can we reduce annual dues? If so, how much?

Cost-saving considerations were offered, e.g. moving to the Tony Rotino Center, or alternating meetings between the Rotino Center and the Yacht Club. Commodore Duff noted that this is contract renewal month with Cape Coral. He will have a better idea of the anticipated contract costs at our next Board meeting. Board members were reminded that even with a downturn in the economy and fewer organizations using the Yacht Club facilities, should we revise the contract to anything other than an annual commitment, CMCS could be “pushed out” of its space in lieu of another annual commitment.

A motion was made, amended and revised by Pauline Wylie to reduce the Annual Dues as follows:

Renewals, \$100 per year; new members \$120 per year; crew \$50 per year (crew does NOT receive a burgee). Tim Stier seconded the amended, revised motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Directors were reminded that the purpose was to reduce the amount of cash but not to impact the support of youth sailing.

The cost of Chowder Chatter (publishing, mailing, etc) was discussed. It was determined that remaining at a cost of \$2/issue or \$24 annually for those who wish to have a “hard copy” of the publication would be sufficient, for now, to support this initiative. Tim Stier moved that we accept this rate. Judy Tomlins seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Commodore Duff will ask Bev to send out the first reminder of annual membership renewal in both the October & November Chowder Chatter publications.

Officer Reports:

Fleet Purser, Tim Stier: refer to Business of the Organization above. Tim did remind those who handle money (for deposits) to please do so in a timely manner so that tax reports can be filed in compliance with the regs.

Fleet Yeoman, Kathleen Vance: no report

Vice Commodore, Glen Vetter: no report

Vice Commodore Summerset, Steve Romaine: Steve deferred to the regatta meeting prior to the Board meeting re: Summerset. The Sept 20th General Meeting will be the kick-off to Summerset, with contests for vintage hats, t-shirts, etc. The artist who designed this year's shirt will be at the Sept 20th meeting, with her original painting. Steve has also invited West Marine and ESC representatives & scholarship recipients for the official awarding of the West Marine Community Day event check/recognition.

Vice Commodore Racing, Steve Roake: no report

Vice Commodore Cruising, Ned Christiansen: 9 boats turned out for the Pelican Bay event, with a nice breeze that was welcome by cruisers. Currently, 12 boats are registered for the South Seas cruise (as of Sept 7th). He anticipates additional boats that will remain outside the harbor area. Commodore Duff reminded the Board of the Kayusa Cup regatta on the horizon.

Committee Reports:

Legislative, Stephanie Webb: no report

Chowder Chatter, Joan Perkett: always a reminder to get items in by the deadline

Clubhouse Programs, Bill Misenheimer & Judy Tomlins: Nov 15th meeting will be a 45 minute program – fashion show by Beall's; Judy needs models. Please help with this. Let Judy know.

Bridge Club, Rose Ann Hoffman: will have announcement in the October Chowder Chatter; bridge is starting in October. More info to come

Sunshine over the Yardarm, Pauline Wylie: Dee Vaigl experiencing some difficulty following surgery.

Liberty Ashore, Tim Cheek: about 40 people attended the picnic – grill use was fine. Christmas will be the next big event.

Storekeeper, Judy Tomlins: items were sold at the last General Meeting. No new orders that she is aware of.

Miscellaneous:

Bill Misenheimer mentioned the Boat Show, Nov 10 - 13. Volunteers are needed to man the booth. Ross Webb (Edison Sailing Center) , guest of Stephanie Webb, requested CMCS help in selling raffle tickets for a sailing dinghy that will be raffled at the Boat Show.

Ross also mentioned that in continuing conversations with County officials regarding a permanent location for Edison Sailing Center, that the old Waterway Estates marina/restaurant/docks facility is one possibility being discussed. ESC would like to partner with CMCS in terms of a collaboration that could result also in a permanent location for CMCS. Ned and Roger brought up issues of water depth and condition of the facilities, both of which are known to ESC and to the County. This is not a final offer, but only one option into future planning.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Webb, Secretary *Pro Tem*