



CALOOSAHATCHEE MARCHING & CHOWDER SOCIETY DECEMBER 2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

The regular December meeting of the Board of Directors of the Caloosahatchee Marching & Chowder Society, Inc. was called to order at 7:02 PM Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at the CMCS clubhouse located at the Cape Coral Yacht Club.

Present: Commodore Bob Duff, Vice Commodore Glen Vetter, Vice Commodore Summerset Steve Romaine, Rear Commodore Racing Steve Roake, Past Commodore Joan Perkett, Fleet Purser Tim Stier, Fleet Yeoman Kathleen Vance, Directors: Tim Cheek, Bill Misenheimer, Judy Tomlins, Pauline Wylie, Roger Horton, Stephanie Webb

Excused: Rear Commodore Cruising Ned Christensen, Directors Rose Ann Hoffman, Jerry Pim.

Additional Attendees: Ross Webb, Art Gross

October 2011 Minutes: The Minutes of the October 2011 board meeting were previously distributed via email. One correction in the heading was noted. **Glen Vetter moved to accept the minutes as corrected, Stephanie Webb seconded and all approved.**

Financial Report: Purser Tim Stier had previously distributed the monthly financial reports via email. Included with the financial reports was the latest draft of the 2012 Budget Worksheet. Tim noted that for 2011 we are running at a \$2,000 deficit. For 2012 we are budgeted for a \$5,000 deficit. Tim needs all 2011 expenses in by year-end, and noted that Change of Watch expenses are reported in 2012.

Glen Vetter noted that he has received 2 more pages of member names to be included in the roster, and feels we did well with renewals. We have \$9,700 as of now and will be closer to \$10,000 by year end. Stephanie Webb expressed gratitude to Purser Tim Stier and Yeoman Kathleen Vance for their efforts over the year. **Glen Vetter moved to accept the financial reports, Stephanie Webb seconded and all approved.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Slate of Officers: Glen had just finalized the slate as of yesterday and Bev Duff will communicate the names of the Flag Officers and 2012-2013 Directors to the CMCS membership via email. A copy was distributed at the meeting and is attached to the minutes on file. Glen noted that there are 2 committee chair positions open: Liberty Ashore and Fleet Recruiter, however he has a lead on a potential volunteer for Recruiter and Tim Cheek suggested that Liberty Ashore could be handled by committee. It was noted that the bylaws permit only one person to be named as flag officer, whereas we have 2 positions with two names indicated: Steve Romaine and Joan Perkett as Vice Commodore of Summerset, and Bob and Bev Duff as Rear Commodore of Cruising. Joan will be named as the VC/Summerset, and Bev Duff will be named as the RC of Cruising. Tim Stier suggested that we start the nomination process earlier in the year, for 2012.

NEW BUSINESS:

RACE/CRUISE Points for Baumgartner Award: Glen Vetter suggested that we address the point scoring for Race/Cruise events, to clarify Baumgardner trophy calculation. Bill Misenheimer added that there was some confusion in the matter. Glen prepared a handout that was distributed to the board, and a copy is attached to the minutes on file. Steve Roake suggested that we separate race points from cruising points, and score each element separately. He also noted that the requirement to have 3 boats participate in a class in order to be scored is unfair. **Steve Roake moved that we delete the following requirements from the racing portion of the Baumgartner scoring rules: minimum to qualify is 6 races; 3 boats must start in a class.** After further discussion the motion was amended to read as follows: **We should separate all events into either racing or cruising. The Summerset Race/Cruise event will be known as "Summerset Regatta" and be listed under cruising events. Kayusa Cup and Santweenie will also become Cruising events.** *(Secretary's Note for clarification: These events are still part of the racing program as well, and will count toward the race participation portion of the Baumgartner Award for those who race.)* **Stephanie Webb seconded the Amended Motion.** The finer points of the motion were discussed, with Steve Romaine suggesting that Summerset should count for 30 points. **A vote was taken on the amended motion, and all approved.** Stephanie Webb suggested that the matter be resolved by a Committee and an addendum to the calendar should be published. Pauline Wylie also suggested that a committee be formed to review all of the Baumgartner Rules. **Steve Roake moved that a committee be formed to review the Baumgartner rules, said committee to consist of the CMCS Commodore, and the Rear Commodores of Racing and Cruising. Stephanie Webb seconded and all approved.** It was further decided that the committee should report back to the Board at the February 2012 Board

Meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Fleet Yeoman Kathleen Vance: Kathleen had received a request from the City of Cape Coral to identify CMCS by type of vendor, according to their classification list. She questioned why we needed to do this, and Bill Misenheimer indicated that it was needed because the City made a donation to Summerset and in order to cut a check CMCS needed to be identified as a vendor. Tim Stier will review the list and respond.

Fleet Purser Tim Stier: Tim's previous report covered all necessary items.

Vice Commodore Glen Vetter: Glen Vetter reported that a final draft of the 2012 Calendar is available and all board members should check for corrections. As it stands, it is ready to go. He has received 4 bids to do the printing, and the lowest bidder was Innovative Printing, one of our Summerset Sponsors.

Vice Commodore Summerset Steve Romaine: Steve noted that he had been in touch with Tween Waters Marina, and the dates indicated for the Santweenie race and cruise in the 2012 Calendar are already booked by another club. Steve suggested moving the event to South Seas, where the dockage will be \$2.25/ft vs \$1.85 at Tween Waters.

Steve reported that he has distributed several checks to various Sailing Clubs for youth sailing programs, with a check to be distributed to Naples in the near future. He has put out 25 Press Releases in newspapers and magazines regarding our \$10,000 donation to youth sailing. The 2012 Grant Fund forms are available from Chuck Milbrandt. We have reserved October 6 – 7 at the Pink Shell for Summerset 2012. They are due to start construction of their marina in April, and we have 30 slips reserved.

Steve read a letter received from the Edison Sailing Center thanking the Officers and Members of CMCS for their ongoing support of youth sailing programs. The letter will be published in the Chowder Chatter, and a copy is attached to the minutes on file.

Steve reported that several CMCS members had been contacted by Summerset sponsor Morgan Stanley for marketing purposes. Steve does not know how they acquired our email list, but has notified them that this was not part of the sponsorship agreement. Steve regrets any misunderstanding. Members can opt out of Morgan Stanley's marketing materials by sending them an email.

Tim Stier reported that Summerset had a gross revenue of \$24,000, and the

club realized a net profit of \$700.

Rear Commodore of Cruising Ned Christensen: In Ned's absence, Glen Vetter reported that the Thanksgiving Cruise had 24 boats participating (the largest cruise of the year). The Holiday Cruise is headed for Fishermen's Village, and cruising points for this cruise will be awarded in 2012.

Rear Commodore of Racing Steve Roake: Steve reported that the Commodore's Cup race had 19 boats participating, in good racing weather. The date for the Chili Cookoff Race should be announced at the Christmas Party, as it is not correct in the 2011 calendar. Steve will also publish a 2011 Racing Recap in the Chowder Chatter.

Steve announced that he will serve as the Rear Commodore of Racing in 2012 and has several ideas to streamline the program. His suggestions are to eliminate skippers' meetings, and eliminate scratch sheets. Along with these ideas, he would like to eliminate "daily" race awards, and put more money into "series award" plaques. Steve also feels that race entry processing is a big job and would like to set up a yearly entry fee. Entry for all buoy races would be \$65, entry for all distance races would be \$40, and the combined entry fee would be \$100. Racers could also enter individual races, however the cost would be \$20 - \$25 per race. The Ladies Day Race would be a separate event, with it's own entry fee and awards, and Steve feels that Diane Fowler can coordinate this event. Tim Cheek suggested that we charge a higher fee for non-CMCS members to race in our events. Steve Roake does not agree, because other clubs do not do this. Steve would also like to integrate the Tampa to Fort Myers race into our club activities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chowder Chatter: Joan Perkett reported that Don Lawson has agreed to do this job for another year.

Programs: Judy Tomlins reported that all Clubhouse programs are done for the year.

Historian: Judy Tomlins reported the photo album will be put together after the Change of Watch.

Membership: Bob Duff reported that to date we have 113 memberships.

Legislative: Stephanie Webb reported that she has an excellent document on anchoring regulations in Florida, and will provide the link to be published in the Chowder Chatter.

Stephanie also noted the Edison Sailing Center has been renewed as an

officially sanctioned Power Boat Training Center. US Sailing has also recognized Edison Sailing Center as an "Outstanding Sailing Center." Two current members of ESC have received congressional nominations to King's Point Academy, making the 6th and 7th nominees from ESC.

Liberty Ashore: Tim Cheek reported we are ready for the Christmas Party.

Public Relations: Roger indicated that Steve Romaine had covered this in his report.

Ships Store: Judy Tomlins reported that she has made several attempts to contact the Ships Store committee chairpersons, however she has had no response/replies. Steve Roake indicated that the storekeepers were frustrated because they were told that any re-stocking money had to be approved by the board. Tim Stier indicated that per the current (2011) budget they have \$155 left to spend for the year. Steve Romaine reminded the board that wintertime is when we make the most sales in the store. **Steve Roake moved that we allow the storekeeper to spend \$400 to replenish stock. Roger Horton seconded and all approved.**

Sunshine Over the Yardarm: Pauline Wylie reported that Jerry Pim is back in the hospital. Steve Romaine added the Sue Reekie had major back surgery.

Website/Technical: Glen Vetter reported that the website committee is trying to have the new site available by Change of Watch, or shortly thereafter. With the new site, each individual will be responsible for his/her own id and password.

There being no more new business, Stephanie Webb moved to adjourn, Glen Vetter seconded, and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Vance,
Fleet Yeoman