

## **CMCS June17, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Allen Fiske, Steve Romaine, John & Susan Reekie, Stan Dale, Bill Cook, Bev Duff, Rodger Pfeiffenberger, Stephanie Webb, Eric Soronen, Kathleen Vance  
**Excused:** Diane Fowler, Dan Merriman, Ian Davis, Deedee Cheek, Don Lawson, Diane Pfaff

First Vice Commodore Allen Fiske called meeting to order at 5:02 pm, and upon question, declared that a quorum was indeed present. Stephanie Webb moved to accept the May board meeting minutes report distributed by email, Bill Cook seconded, and the board approved. Steve Romaine moved to accept the May Purser's report distributed by email, Rodger Pfeiffenberger seconded, and the board approved.

### **Old Business: By-laws Revision:**

Stephanie Webb expressed concern that with so many members of the board absent, perhaps the discussion of the by-laws should be postponed until after the summer. Bill Cook stated that as the board voted at the May meeting to take up the discussion of Article VII at this (the June) meeting, and thus we should proceed. Stephanie Webb suggested that the board address the language "clean-up" issues at the June meeting and proceed with Article VII at the July Meeting.

### **Motion by Bill Cook:**

*Move to continue the discussion of the by-laws revision as was voted at the May meeting, however the board should switch the order of discussion, taking up language consistency at this (June) meeting and Article VII at the July meeting. Rodger Pfeiffenberger seconded.*

Several points of information were raised during the discussion of the motion: The ad-hoc bylaws committee estimates a total of 4 hours' work by the board to complete the revision. The committee will ensure that they are working with the most current version of the by-laws going forward.

Stan Dale requested a show of hands. The motion was carried by a vote of 10-0.

Work proceeded on the "clean-up" of language inconsistencies and the following was resolved:

- a) When referring to CMCS in the by-laws, all instances of the words "club" and "society" to describe the organization will be removed. CMCS will only be referred to in the by-laws as "The Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society" (the full legal name) or "CMCS".
- b) When referring to members of the Board, the word "trustees" will be removed. There was some discussion on legality of this issue, and it was recommended to refer the document to attorney Chris Shields for his input.

Members of the board agreed with both changes, and the ad hoc by-laws committee declared the work on language inconsistencies complete.

### **New Business:**

**The Commodore's Cup Race and Dinner:** The board was asked by Commodore Diane Fowler to move the date of the Commodore's Cup Race and Dinner from Saturday, December 6 to Sunday December 7. Several alternatives were discussed, including eliminating the Commodore's Cup race and renaming it the Jerry Pim memorial race. Steve Romaine said that the Commodore's Cup Race is a long-standing CMCS tradition and should not be eliminated. Because the race is a BOTY event scheduled in advance, the date cannot be changed at this time. The date of the Commodore's Cup Race will remain 12/6/14. Regarding the dinner the following motion was put forward:

### **Motion by Stan Dale:**

*Move to accommodate the Commodore by moving the date of the Commodore's Cup Dinner to 12/7/14, or to allow the Commodore to make the decision on the date. Motion seconded by Bill Cook.*

Subsequent discussion brought up the need to schedule the CCYC prior to September. Stan amended the motion as follows:

*Move to yield to the Commodore to make the decision on the location and date of the Commodore's Cup Dinner. Seconded by Bill Cook. Motion passed.*

**Bloody Mary Brunch:** Bill Cook reported that the club offered to reimburse Carol Pim for half of the expenses due to the large turnout, however Carol declined.

**Annual Calendar:** Discussion of the 2015 Calendar/Yearbook was postponed until August as Wendy Cook, Yearbook Committee Chair, will not be available until then. Stan Dale indicated that the 2015 Racing Schedule is complete and he will forward a copy to the Board.

**Insurance Policy:** Bill Cook reported that the premium notice has not yet been received, so no cost information is available. There should be no change in coverages. Several suggestions were made as to companies to look into, if a change of carrier is to be considered.

**Use of Emails to conduct Board of Directors Business:** Kathleen Vance raised the issue of the use of emails as a discussion forum for board business as inappropriate. The board agreed that issues affecting the board should be raised and discussed at the board meeting, not in emails. Board members acknowledged that members who are out of town need to be given an opportunity to present their thoughts on key issues, for example the by-laws revision; however their emails need to be funneled through the Yeoman or the officer presiding over the board meeting, to ensure that all are aware of their concerns.

#### **Officer Reports:**

**Vice Commodore Sunnerset** – Steve Romaine reported that his goal for Sunnerset fund raising is \$15,000. To date he has received a total of \$3,500 in donations. The artwork for the T-shirts has been selected, skippers' bags are being donated, and the work of the committee is running smoothly. Salty Sam's has been added to the 2 other dockage locations, and entrants are advised to book hotel rooms as soon as possible.

**Rear Commodore Cruising** – No new report. All cruises are running well. Next cruise is Franklin Locks.

**Rear Commodore Racing** – Stan Dale reported that the Ladies' Day Race had 7 boats and not much wind. There is no racing in July and August. The next race is the Kayusa Cup in September. Stan is also working on rescheduling the Jerry Pim Memorial Estebel Night Race, and will likely set this race for Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, replacing the Ladies' Day Race.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Clubhouse Programs** – Bev Duff reported that The June speaker will be a sailing grant recipient from the Edison Sailing Center. July's meeting will host the Sundowners; August's meeting will present the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and September's meeting has an opening for a speaker at this time.

**Fleet Recruiter** – Jean Andrews sat in for this report, and had no new memberships to report. Jean will be out for surgery on July 7<sup>th</sup>, and Beth Slater will take her place.

**Legislative** – Stephanie Webb had no legislative report however she informed the board of a new safety-related "App" for the I-phone called Anchor Watch Pro

**Ladies Bridge Club** – Kathleen Vance reported that the LBC is on hiatus for the summer and activities will resume in September.

**Public Relations** – Steve Romaine reported that he had photographer Terry Allen Williams on board with him during the Key West Race. Mr. Williams is contributing to an article to be published in the August issue of *Gulf Shore Life* entitled "Rain or Shine", which will include commentary from race participants.

**Sunshine over the Yardarm** – Susan Reekie will contact Sig Diedricksen to send a card to Jean Andrews following her July 7 surgery.

**Liberty Ashore** – The Annual Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 26, from 11:00 – 5:00. Al Eastman reports that all is running smoothly for this event.

**Ships Store** – Rodger Pfeiffenberger had no new information to report. The Ship Store would not be open at the June meeting.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned by Allen Fiske at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Vance