

CALOOSAHATCHEE MARCHING & CHOWDER SOCIETY

December 10, 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Present: Commodore Beverly Duff, Vice Commodore Diane Fowler, Vice Commodore Summerset Steve Romaine, Rear Commodore Racing Steve Roake, Rear Commodore Cruising Ron Maddix, Past Commodore Glen Vetter, Purser Tim Stier, Yeoman Mary Misenheimer, Directors Rodger Pfeiffenberger, Eric Soronen, Russ Green, Mike Smith, Paul Steinman. Also present were members Don Lawson, Bill Cook and Diane Pfaff

Excused: Stephanie Webb

Absent: Art Gross

Commodore Duff called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and asked if there was any discussion concerning the Consent Agenda. As no corrections were presented, the Consent Agenda was accepted.

Old Business:

- Change of Watch Dinner: The dinner will be January 10, 2014 at La Venezia in Cape Coral; plans for the dinner were reviewed by Commodore Duff.
- 2014 Calendar: Bev reported that the calendar is almost ready for press, a few committee chairs need to be filled before the print date. During discussion of the terminology being used, Steve Roake made a motion to call the current and all future calendars "the yearbook". Rodger Pfeiffenberger seconded the motion and it was approved with unanimous vote. This is to clarify that the yearbook contains information such as member and yacht rosters, in addition to the calendar of events. The calendar is also posted on the CMCS website; this is updated throughout the year so can be printed as needed.

New Business:

- Budget for 2014: Purser Tim Stier requested input and comments from the Board concerning the draft budget for 2014. This budget is prepared to assist the 2014 Board for their approval in the new year. It was pointed out that this is a negative budget to comply with the Board's resolution in 2008 to reduce cash on hand. In January 2011 the Board approved a motion to reduce the cash reserves based on the 2011-2015 five year plan to two times the budgeted annual operating expenses.
- Committee Chairmen for 2014: A review of the committee chairmen for 2014 was held; still needed is the chair for Awards and Recognition and Historian.
- Chowder Chatter: Don Lawson reviewed his procedures for the three years as Chowder Chatter publisher. He mentioned that a reminder be sent to the new officers concerning the Chowder Chatter timelines and request for articles for the January issue. There had also been a request that the documents from the recent Safety presentation be published in the Chowder Chatter; it was decided to have them posted on the website instead. There are approximately twenty members currently receiving the newsletter via postal mail.

Officer Reports:

Fleet Purser - Tim Stier reported that the Commodore's Cup Dinner had been budgeted for a loss of \$900.00; the actual loss was approximately \$913.00.

Vice Commodore Summerset – Steve Romaine has updated the Summerset webpage with dates for the 49th Summerset Regatta in 2014. There was a recent article in Southwinds, and the Fort Myers Beach Observer had an article and pictures of last week's donation from the CMCS Summerset funds to the Ostego Bay Foundation. Steve asked for approval from the Board to send a letter of gratitude and congratulations to Steve and Doris Colgate honoring the 50th anniversary of the Colgate Sailing School. A token of appreciation from CMCS members will also be sent in the form of a gift certificate to a restaurant. Funds from the Summerset Regatta will be used for this as the Colgates are generous sponsors. Steve also mentioned that Bill Gladstone, author of racing books, will be in the area for a seminar on April 26.

Rear Commodore Cruising – Ron Maddix reported there were 10 boats in attendance of the Sanibel Bight/Macomber cruise and 12 for the Thanksgiving Cruise. A total of 55 boats have participated in at least one cruise during 2013. Cruise leaders have been signed on for all but two of the cruises for 2014.

Rear Commodore Racing – Steve Roake: There were 13 boats that raced in the Commodore's Cup; racing trophies and awards have been ordered for the Change of Watch. Steve has received replies from one Cape Coral councilman and the interim fire chief to his letter to the mayor regarding the last-minute request from the Parks and Recreation Dept. for payment of a \$299.00 fee for the flare safety demonstration planned for the November membership meeting. He has been assured that there will be no charge for such demonstration in the future which will tentatively be planned for the March membership meeting.

Committee Reports: (From liaisons)

Clubhouse Programs: Mary Misenheimer – the December meeting is the annual Christmas and Holiday party. Commodore Duff has been in contact with Claiborne Young who will be in the area in February. He is available to speak on February 14 which would coincide with the Edison Pageant Cruise. Bev will see if a location for his presentation can be arranged in conjunction with the cruise.

Membership: Russ Green – Jean Andrews has submitted updated membership rosters; Bev Slager will be assisting Jean in the upcoming year.

Ladies Bridge Club: Paul Steinman – the Ladies Bridge Club Christmas party will be Thursday, Dec. 12 at the home of Kathleen Vance. During the meeting there will be discussion of future programs for 2014.

Liberty Ashore: Rodger Pfeiffenberger – plans are set for next week's Christmas party at the membership meeting. The club will provide the meat dish and members will be asked to bring potluck. Bev will send an email blast as a reminder.

Website Guru: Glen Vetter – will continue to post calendars on the website for members to print as needed. The Board had previously approved only one Yearbook will be provided to members; calendars posted on the website can be printed if members want a copy on their boats.

Good of the Order: Commodore Duff expressed gratitude and appreciation for the Officers and Directors for their contributions for the past year. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Misenheimer,
Fleet Yeoman