



CMCS Board Meeting Minutes January 12, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society was called to order by Commodore Don Lawson, at 7:02 PM, Tuesday, January 12, at the Cape Coral Yacht Club.

PRESENT: Commodore Don Lawson, Vice-Commodore Elise Missall, Rear Commodore Cruising Jean Blessing, Fleet Purser Tom Patterson, Fleet Yeoman Kathleen Vance, Past Commodore Alan Fiske, Directors Paul Corzatt, George Noyes, Jason Pim, Eric Milbrandt, Bill Cook, Russell Vance, and Guest Bill Locker.

EXCUSED: Directors Joe Barch, Larry Jack

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes as distributed via email.

A question regarding availability of the Pink Shell for Summerset 2016 was deferred until the discussion of the Summerset Regatta.

MOTION: Jason Pim moved to accept the minutes as distributed. George Noyes seconded. All approved.

Purser's Report as distributed via email.

Bill Cook, outgoing Fleet Purser, presented an overview of the format for the monthly Purser's Report. Elise Missall noted that Summerset is covered as a supplemental sheet to the regular budget report, and Russell Vance requested financial details for Summerset. Bill will email available information to Summerset Committee Members.

MOTION: Jason Pim moved to accept the Purser's Report, George Noyes seconded and all approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Settlement of the final account for the Change of Watch Dinner. Alan Fiske will take the discussion offline with Bill Cook.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of new check signers.

Bill Cook proposed that the Commodore, Fleet Yeoman and Fleet Purser have check-signing authority for the club, as was done in previous years. All proposed signers must appear at the bank together to sign signature forms, and a copy of our annual report and the Chowder Chatter showing our election results must be presented. Bill Cook will coordinate.

MOTION: Bill Cook moved to accept the proposed check signers, Eric Milbrandt seconded, and all approved.

Committee Liaison Assignments

The following Committee Liaison Assignments were established:

Committee	Chairperson	Board Liaison
Chowder Chatter	Steve Roake	Eric Milbrandt
Clubhouse Programs	Diane Fowler	Alan Fiske
Fleet Recruiter/Sailmate	Jim Slager	Elise Missall/Russell Vance
Historian	Carol Pim	Jason Pim
Ladies Bridge Club	Rose Ann Hoffman/Rose Young	Larry Jack
Legislative	Jason Pim	Paul Corzatt
Liberty Ashore	Bev Slager	Jean Blessing
Public Relations	Steve Romaine	Eric Milbrandt
StoreKeeper	Connie Ridout	Bill Cook
Sunshine over Yardarm	Sigrid Diedricksen	George Noyes
Website/Technology	Glen Vetter/Ian Davis	Kathleen Vance

Review and Approval of Proposed Budget

Bill Cook requested we delay approval of the budget until after the discussion under Officer Reports

Anchoring Bill in State Legislature

Don Lawson reported that a new anchoring bill is to go before the state legislature which would restrict anchoring access to boaters in certain local areas. John Welsh of Punta Gorda Sailing Club has encouraged CMCS to take a stand on this issue and has forwarded copies of letters generated by his club. Jason Pim had a copy of the bill and indicated there was to be discussion this day in the State Legislature. Eric Milbrandt suggests inviting Representative Matt Caldwell to a CMCS meeting to educate him on our club's activities and concerns. Jason Pim will follow up with further information on the bill and Don will summarize the available information and create an email blast encouraging CMCS members to contact their representatives.

Standards of Conduct and Operating Guidelines

Don Lawson recommended standards of conduct by the Board. We should strive to maintain a civil tone in all discussions and activities; endeavor to iron out issues verbally, not in an email; Keep CMCS a "volunteer-friendly" organization. Keep it simple. Distribution of Email blasts should be centralized. The Fleet Yeoman should be the "go-to" person, and the Commodore may also send out email blasts. The racing committee will handle its own email blasts. All email blasts should use the "blind copy" facility to protect privacy.

Current Copy of By-Laws: Alan Fiske will follow up to ensure that the most current copy of the CMCS By-Laws is posted on the CMCS Website.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Fleet Purser: Tom Patterson (Bill Cook reported and will hand off to Tom after this meeting)

In reading the purser's reports members should note the revision number and reference the correct version. The Fleet Purser reports on the "Business of the Club", covering 3 main areas: Bank Accounts, Budget and Operations, and Support of Youth Sailing. The Purser does not make financial decisions. Bill reported on the overall financial "state of the club", and the proposed 2016 operating budget.

Bill enumerated several expenses for 2015 that had not been presented at the time of year-end closing. These expenses will be added to the 2016 budget. Committee Liaisons should work with committees to ensure that bills are submitted with sufficient detail and in a timely fashion.

All Board Members must sign a "Conflict of Interest" statement

Bill Cook will work with Tom Patterson to revise the 2016 Budget and present it at the next meeting.

Vice Commodore - Elise Missall

Elise listed the members of the CDC Committee and thanked them for their work. Elise will chair the CDC this year.

Rear Commodore – Racing - Committee

Elise Missall reported that the racing committee will meet next Tuesday and that they have committee boats to cover the next three races

Vice Commodore – Summerset -- Committee

The current Summerset Committee consists of Elise Missall, Russell Vance, Rose Ann Hoffman, Eric Milbrandt and Kathleen Vance. A Kickoff meeting will be scheduled. We have a contract with the Diamond Head Resort for the Sunday banquet.

Rear Commodore – Cruising – Jean Blessing

The New Year's Cruise to Fisherman's Village had 15 boats and the marina was reserved for next year. Leaders for upcoming cruises were identified: EPOL – Bob & Bev Duff; Pelican Bay – Kim Brown; Cape Haze – The Roakes; Santweenie needs a leader; July 4th -- The Blessings. Jean is looking for activities for cruisers. Russell Vance will provide some suggestions

Committee Reports: None this month

Other New Business:

Paul Corzatt will manage the Post Office Box

Good Samaritan Award should be made permanent; begin to request nominations in October

Jason Pim suggested downsizing to a smaller storage locker.

Alan Fiske will reserve the same location for the Change of Watch next year.

There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted

Kathleen Vance, Fleet Yeoman