



CMCS Board Meeting Minutes February 9, 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 7:00 PM, Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at the Cape Coral Yacht Club.

PRESENT: Commodore Don Lawson, Vice-Commodore Elise Missall, Rear Commodore Cruising Jean Blessing, , Fleet Yeoman Kathleen Vance, Past Commodore Allen Fiske, Directors Paul Corzatt, George Noyes, Eric Milbrandt, Bill Cook, Russell Vance, Larry Jack, Joe Barch and Guest Ian Davis.

EXCUSED: Fleet Purser Tom Patterson, Director Jason Pim

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes as distributed via email.

There were some differences noted between the list of Committee Liaisons published in the January minutes, and the list which appeared in the Agenda. Modifications were discussed and corrections will be made in the February minutes.

MOTION: Eric Milbrandt moved to accept the minutes as distributed. George Noyes seconded. All approved.

Purser's Report as distributed via email.

Tom Patterson was sick, so no pursers report was distributed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review and approval of 2016 Budget: Discussion postponed until next meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER – Ian Davis: Ian Davis was invited to speak to the board to address 2 issues – the racing program and the technology committee. Ian is working with the Racing Committee, as there is no Rear Commodore of Racing. The committee's objectives are to keep the racing program going and to plan for the future of the program. Issues to be addressed include promoting the program among club members, and procuring committee boats, mark boats and PRO's , in particular since Summerset is already in the planning stages. Eric Milbrandt had many helpful suggestions and will assist in March as Ian will not be available. The board thanked Ian and members of the committee for their ongoing progress.

Ian is also researching a new laptop for the club and has found a good option at Best Buy. The Board agreed he should go ahead with purchase.

NEW BUSINESS:

Member Appreciation Night – For the February 16 General Membership Meeting the club will set up tables for several committee members in order to generate interest in membership volunteering and

involvement. The speaker will be Chief Randall Keller of the US Coast Guard. Don will look into placing a notice of the meeting in the News Press.

Change of Watch: By consensus the board agreed to combine the Change of Watch Dinner with the Commodore’s Cup Dinner. It was also noted that the COW Dinner will be on Jan 6th, 2017, which is different from the date posted in the Calendar. We also need to take a look at how points are calculated for the Baumgardner Trophy, as descriptions in the Yearbook are ambiguous.

Committee Liaison Assignments

Based on prior discussion which changed some of the liaison assignments, the following were agreed upon:

Committee	Chairperson	Board Liaison
Chowder Chatter	Steve Roake	Jean Blessing
Clubhouse Programs	Diane Fowler	Alan Fiske
Fleet Recruiter	Jim Slager	Russell Vance
Sailmate	Diane Fowler	Elise Missall
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

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice Commodore - Elise Missall

Elise will chair the CDC (Club Development Committee) this year. Members will include a Past Commodore, 2 directors and 2 club members at large.

Rear Commodore – Racing - Committee

Covered by Ian Davis. Chili Cookoff Race was planned but cancelled due to weather. Edison Gulf Regatta should have at least 8 boats. A table will be set up at the Membership Appreciation Meeting. Racing forms will be available and Ian will be there to answer questions.

Vice Commodore – Summerset -- Committee

Don Lawson reported on the first Summerset Committee Meeting, which was held to de-brief past committee members. Venue for the Sunday Awards Banquet is set. Locations are being discussed for the other onshore events. The event will likely be scaled back from previous years. Several committee members also reported on ongoing tasks.

Rear Commodore – Cruising – Jean Blessing

Cruise leaders are needed for cruises after the first 3 scheduled for the year. Jean will put an article in the Chowder Chatter and also try to recruit at the Membership Appreciation Night. EPOL will be

handled by the Duffs, Kim Brown will lead Pelican Bay, Steve & Theresa Roake will head up Palm Island. Russell Vance provided suggestions for cruise activities.

Fleet Yeoman – Kathleen Vance: Kathleen will not be able to attend the March Board meeting. Paul Corzatt volunteered to take the minutes.

Committee Liaison Reports:

Clubhouse Programs – Allen Fiske: Allen has contacts at the Lighthouse Association and the Great Loop Association, and will pass this information on to Diane Fowler. Ray Gherardini has also suggested we try again to do a signal flare demonstration.

Fleet Recruiter – Russell Vance: Russell reported that per Jim Slager, all is good.

Ladies Bridge Club – Larry Jack: Larry contacted Rose Ann Hoffman who reported that there was a Ladies' Day Sail on Feb. 2, and another one was planned for the first Tuesday in March.

Liberty Ashore – Joe Barch: Joe is getting ready to go live with registration information for the Shrimp Festival on Event Brite. He will look into the 10% fee charged for COW registrations.

Public Relations – Eric Milbrandt: Eric had nothing new to report, however he will check with Steve Romaine on possible stories in the *News-Press* (eg: Amy Bennett Williams' column).

Legislative -- Paul Corzatt: The recently discussed anchoring bill passed one sub-committee and is up for consideration by another sub-committee. The Bill is "sailing" through the legislature in spite of the opposition. No one has received any responses to letters and emails sent to the state legislators. Paul suggested we set up a section on the Website for legislative issues, and look into trying to publish a "Guest Opinion" in the *News-Press*, or a Letter to the Editor from the Commodore. Paul also reported that another new bill is being developed, concerning boardings by FWC officers for probable cause.

Ship's Store – Bill Cook: No issues. New CMCS Burgees are in, and the quality is excellent. They will be for sale at the next membership meeting.

Technology – Kathleen Vance: When sending out email blasts, all are encouraged to utilize links to the CMCS Website for information on events, instead of replicating the details in the body of the email.

Sunshine over the Yardarm – George Noyes: Sigrid Diedricksen reports no issues. Sigrid will keep track of expenses and report them at the end of the year.

There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted

Kathleen Vance, Fleet Yeoman