



CMCS Board Meeting Minutes April 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 7:04 PM, Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at the Cape Coral Yacht Club.

PRESENT: Commodore Don Lawson, Fleet Purser Tom Patterson, Rear Commodore Cruising Jean Blessing, Rear Commodore Racing Eric Milbrandt , Fleet Yeoman Kathleen Vance, Past Commodore Allen Fiske, Directors George Noyes, Bill Cook, Russell Vance, Larry Jack, Joe Barch, Sandy Canning.

EXCUSED: Vice Commodore Elise Missall, Director Paul Corzatt

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes as distributed via email.

Fleet Yeoman Kathleen Vance noted that the corrections to the Liaison list will be published in the April Minutes.

Purser's Report as distributed via email.

Tom Patterson discussed the new format for the monthly financial report, distributed to the board for approval. Allen Fiske suggested he add a "budgeted" column to the report in order to readily see where we stand in terms of actual vs budget. Tom also reported that the Ship's Store was "under water" due to up-front purchases, however that will self-correct, as the year progresses. Tom also made note of 3 outstanding checks that have not been cashed. Bill Cook will help him research and resolve.

MOTION: Eric Milbrandt moved to accept the minutes and financial report as distributed. Russell Vance seconded. All approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grill Night and Flare Demonstration: This event is scheduled for the next monthly membership meeting, and will be done in cooperation with the Cape Coral Sailing and Power Squadron. Commodore Don Lawson reported that the event is all arranged, and he is waiting to hear from the USCG. Don will provide a clipboard for sign-in. The rental fee for the Pavilion has been waived. Eric Milbrandt will talk to power-boaters who attend, to recruit committee boats. The Power Squadron will be invited to speak about their organization.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

2017 Calendar: Commodore Don Lawson had previously distributed a draft 2017 calendar by email for discussion at the meeting. Don reported that he had met with the Naples sailing clubs to discuss the coordination of racing schedules. Rear Commodore of Racing Eric Milbrandt advised that so far there are no conflicts with the other clubs among BOTY races, however there are some conflicts with our non-BOTY races (Edison Gulf and Santweenie). Eric suggested we publish the calendar as soon as possible to help avoid conflicts. Eric referenced the website sailplay.com which was put together by the Naples and Marco Island clubs, and contains race documents, schedules and pictures.

Jean Blessing reported she sees no racing conflicts with scheduled cruises in the draft 2017 calendar.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice Commodore - Elise Missall

Elise is putting together plans for a CDC meeting.

Fleet Purser – Tom Patterson – Reports all finances are in order. See further comments under Financial Report above.

Vice Commodore – Summerset -- Committee

Don Lawson had distributed a Summerset Committee Report by email, prior to the board meeting.

Additional discussion: Eric Milbrandt reported that he is working on the “On the Water” activities. He has a PRO in place, and will make official notification to the Coast Guard that we are having a regatta. He is also working on securing committee and mark boats. Boat name (sleeve) sponsors should be sent to Russell Vance for inclusion on the T-shirt.

Rear Commodore – Racing – Eric Milbrandt

Eric has start and finish boats in place for the Tween Waters Race, and there will be a skippers’ meeting at Tween Waters. Mark Beauvois will run the Estebel Night Race. The Ladies’ Day Race will be run by Diane Fowler in June. Gulf Coast Sailing Club had suggested a combined race with CMCS, however Eric will postpone discussion for now, as he feels our racing program needs to be better organized.

Rear Commodore – Cruising – Jean Blessing

Jean reported that EPOL was a great success and thanks the Duffs for their leadership. Upcoming cruises include Pelican Bay, Palm Island and Santweenie, and all have leaders. Danger Island (Memorial Day) has some volunteers for activities however a cruise leader is needed. There seems to be no interest in the “going south” cruise, and Jean feels it may simply be an ad hoc cruise by interested boaters. All other cruises are covered, with cruise leaders in place. Jean inquired who would enlist a cruise leader for Summerset, and members agreed it will be “self-structured”.

Committee Liaison Reports:

Chowder Chatter – Jean Blessing: No report. Don suggested we begin to look for a replacement for next year.

Clubhouse Programs – Allen Fiske: No report. Don suggested the name of a person for the May meeting to speak on Great Loop cruising.

Fleet Recruiter – Russell Vance: Russell reported that Jim Slager would like to have a board member sit at the registration/welcome table at the monthly membership meetings. Joe Barch suggested that we ensure that a board member is available to the membership chairman. Russell will suggest that a board member or officer is available, but will not sit at the table.

Historian – Jason Pim: Jason had no report, however Don reported that Carol Pim had volunteered to buy another trophy case for the club. We will need to find a spot for it at the Yacht Club. Joe Barch suggested looking into “Gully’s” in Fort Myers, who may have used display cases for sale.

Ladies Bridge Club – Larry Jack: Larry has had some difficulty getting in touch with Rose Ann. There was no turnout for the last meeting of the Ladies Bridge Club. A session on knots is being discussed for May, but not yet firmed up.

Liberty Ashore – Joe Barch: Joe had a written report from Bev Slager on the Shrimp Festival Dinner, and wished to thank all who helped. The event made a profit of \$700, and it was suggested that some of the money be used for equipment for Liberty Ashore. Several upcoming events are being worked on, in conjunction with monthly meetings, eg: Ice Cream Social, and Pizza night. No board approval is required for individual events, however try to stay within budget.

Public Relations – Eric Milbrandt: Eric is working on getting an article in the “GO Coastal” section of the *New Press*. Joan Perkett has been putting an article in the “Club News” section each month.

Legislative – Jason Pim: The anchoring bill is “sailing through the legislature”, despite all the opposition. Jason reported that water quality issues have been getting lots of attention in the news lately.

Ship’s Store – Bill Cook: No issues.

Technology – Kathleen Vance: No issues to report. The question of the necessity of having a Summerset Regatta website in addition to the CMCS website was raised. After some discussion it was agreed that the Summerset Regatta website has value, to the club and to our sponsors. Bill Cook suggested that we make sure that the Summerset website continues to reflect the CMCS identity.

Sunshine over the Yardarm – George Noyes: No issues

There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM

Respectfully submitted

Kathleen Vance, Fleet Yeoman