



CMCS Board Meeting Minutes October 11, 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 7:06 pm on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 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, Directors Russell Vance, Sandy Canning, Bill Cook, Jason Pim, Paul Corzatt, Joe Barch.
Guest Jim Slager.

EXCUSED: Rear Commodore Racing Eric Milbrandt, Directors Larry Jack, George Noyes

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND REMARKS: Commodore Don Lawson requested that Committee Liaison officers ask their respective committee chairpersons to prepare a year-end report on committee activities, issues and concerns.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes as distributed via email. Vice Commodore Elise Missall noted a correction to the minutes, The CDC is seeking to fill 5 director positions, not 6.

Pursers Report as distributed via email. Bill Cook commented that although Summerset revenue is currently included as part of the general accounting report, this will be zeroed out in the year end report.

MOTION: Jason Pim moved to approve the consent agenda, Sandy Canning seconded and all approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Online Renewal and Payment System

Commodore Don Lawson reminded the board that a motion to approve the new system pending verification had already been passed by the board at the September 2016 meeting. Don agreed that the system seems to be working fine. Jim Slager reported that he has received data from memberships entered online from a spreadsheet forwarded to him by Glen Vetter. Jim has not yet seen a report on where the money is, who has paid, and how much.

Bill Cook asked whether the PayPal fees are in line with what was expected. He calculates a fee of just over 3% per transaction. Jason Pim suggested we wait for Tom Patterson to arrive, to get an actual picture of fees charged.

Don Lawson asked for a recap of how we typically notify the membership that renewals are due. In the past, Steve Roake has mailed out paper renewal applications. Jim Slager suggested that we give the online renewal process another week, and then mail out forms to only those members who have not renewed online. Commodore Don Lawson suggested we go ahead with the online renewal system.

Summerset Recap:

Don Lawson reported that a Summerset Review meeting had been held just prior to the board meeting, and asked the board members if there was any other input on Summerset that they wished to share. Allen Fiske suggested that we could do better in getting information out on the website in a timely manner. Jason Pim indicated that there were some technical difficulties with Ian's logon, and both Glen and Ian had been out of town. It was agreed that follow-up was needed to ensure sponsor information gets the website and in the Chowder Chatter. Other comments included good prices for drinks at Bootleggers, and an unanticipated charge from Diamond Head to have the cash bar in place. Regarding the Summerset Financial Report, Bill Cook recommended we wait until next month when all the numbers are in. A financial report comparing Summerset 2016 with the two past years' events would be helpful. Tom Patterson can provide this report.

Fort Myers Boat Show: Paul Corzatt reported that 60% of the slots for booth support are full. The booth will be in the same location as last year, and Paul will request volunteers at the general membership meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election Process Review: Elise Missall reported that an article has been placed in the Chowder Chatter outlining the election process for the general membership.

Change of Watch: Elise Missall also reported on progress planning the Change of Watch dinner. It will be held at Pinchers on the river in Ft. Myers, in their downstairs facility. Elise will form a committee to handle the details. There will be no Commodore's Cup Dinner.

Good Samaritan Award: Don Lawson asked the board to consider candidates for this year's Good Samaritan award. Don offered a suggestion and asked the board to suggest others as soon as possible.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Fleet Purser: - Tom Patterson: Tom reported that a letter had been sent by the IRS indicating that our 2015 tax return was not filed. This letter was incorrect. Our tax return had indeed been filed, and Tom has sent a copy to the IRS.

Vice Commodore – Elise Missall: Elise reported on the progress made by the CDC in securing candidates for officer and director positions. Several suggestions were made for the Vice Commodore position. Elise is also working on candidates to chair Committees of the Fleet.

Vice Commodore – Summerset – Committee: Covered under previous discussion

Rear Commodore – Racing – Eric Milbrandt: Don Lawson reported that as yet there is no Committee Boat for the next race, Festival of the Islands on November 5th.

Rear Commodore – Cruising – Jean Blessing

Jean reported that the South Seas Cruise headed up by the Noyes' was a success. Summerset was an informal cruise. The Halloween Cruise to Legacy Harbor Marina will be headed up by the Longs, with Steve Romaine and Cindy Carlino. They are handling reservations at the marina. Kim Brown and Judy Anderson will command the "Rum and Illiteracy" cruise, November 11 and 12, and the Vettors will head up the Thanksgiving cruise to Pelican Bay. Cruisers need to book Thanksgiving dinner at Cabbage Key through the Vettors, not the restaurant. The Holiday Cruise to Fisherman's Village will be headed up by Dan Green and Carolyn Wilson. Jean indicated that there were no more slips available for this cruise. Rear Commodore Jean is starting to reserve for next year, to help make it easier for next year's RC of Cruising.

Committee Liaison Reports:

Chowder Chatter – Jean Blessing reported that the Boat US number for member discounts is published in the Chowder Chatter. The deadline for Chowder Chatter submissions is Oct. 23rd.

Clubhouse Programs – Don Lawson reported that Bob Macomber will speak at the October Meeting. Diane Fowler has lined up a cruising speaker from Naples for the November meeting, and the December meeting will be the Christmas Party.

Fleet Recruiter -- Russell Vance: no issues other than the online membership/PayPal system previously discussed.

Sail Mate – Elise Missall: No update.

Historian – Jason Pim: No update.

Legislative – Paul Corzatt reported that reports that Cape Coral Mayor Sawicki is seeking to restrict anchoring in Bimini Basin are thus far incorrect. Paul is communicating with local government on this issue and will keep the board apprised. Jason Pim indicated he has not seen any recent information on anchoring laws.

Liberty Ashore – Joe Barch: No report.

Technology – Kathleen Vance: Issues covered under Pay Pal Pilot discussion.

Storekeeper – Bill Cook: No issues to report.

Sunshine over the Yardarm – George Noyes: No report.

Additional: The Yearbook Committee reports that they have received pricing from several printers and will use the same printer as last year, as they offered the best price. The committee is in need of pictures of club activities. They will order the same number of extra copies of the Yearbook as were ordered last year.

There being no further business to discuss, Elise Missall moved to adjourn, Jason Pim seconded and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kathleen Vance, Fleet Yeoman