



CMCS Board Meeting Minutes December 13, 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 7:01 pm on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at the Cape Coral Yacht Club.

PRESENT: Commodore Don Lawson, Vice Commodore Elise Missall, Past Commodore Allen Fiske, Rear Commodore Racing Eric Milbrandt, Rear Commodore Cruising Jean Blessing, Fleet Purser Tom Patterson, Fleet Yeoman Kathleen Vance, Directors Russell Vance, Sandy Canning, Bill Cook, Joe Barch, Larry Jack; Nominated 2017 Board Members: Glen Diedrickson, Cathy Friedel, Ian Davis, Jim Slager
Guest: Bob Friedel

EXCUSED: Directors Paul Corzatt, Jason Pim, George Noyes.

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND REMARKS: Commodore Don Lawson requested that all present introduce themselves, as members of the new 2017 Board were in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes as distributed via email. There were no corrections to the minutes.

MOTION: Russell Vance moved to approve the minutes as distributed. Elise Missall seconded and all approved. Approval of the Treasurers report was suspended until Tom Patterson's arrival.

OLD BUSINESS:

Summerset Recap: Don Lawson reported that net proceeds from Summerset totaled \$10,411. At the beginning the 2016 fiscal year the board projected that Summerset would net approximately half of the 2015 proceeds of \$17,379, due to the fact that last year was the 50th Anniversary Regatta. By this measure, Summerset 2016 exceeded expectations. Bill Cook reminded the board that Summerset proceeds that appear as revenue in the financial report will be "zeroed" out at the end of the year. As a requirement of our Not for Profit status, this money must be identified as "designated" for Youth Sailing Support, or placed in the Scholarship Reserve Fund.

Allen Fiske will meet with Steve Romaine to determine a formula for distributing Summerset funds to local youth sailing organizations, based on sponsorship support and regatta participation from respective communities. Bill Cook suggested that checks should be cut prior to year end for accounting purposes.

New Brochures: The CMCS brochure has been updated and printed by Bob Friedel. Eric Milbrandt suggested sending a copy to Glen for the website.

Boat Show Recap: Jim Slager reported that Mary Periard will contact guests who visited our booth at the Boat Show, prior to the February membership meeting.

Change of Watch Dinner: Elise reported that 6 people had signed up so far. She will prepare an email blast reminder. People can register by mail or via the website. We will have the same band as last year.

CONSENT AGENDA (cont.): Financial Report as distributed via email: Tom Patterson reported that \$10,411 is the final number that we have to distribute for Youth Sailing support. Tom explained that money from the reserve “designated” youth sailing fund can be applied to expenses for the upcoming Summerset (as “working capital”). Jim Slager reported that membership renewals are currently in line with where we were last year. He noted that 2016 renewals were down slightly from 2015.

MOTION: Russell Vance moved to accept the Financial Report as distributed via email. Elise Missall seconded and all approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

December 20th Membership Meeting: Don Lawson will send out an email blast to remind members of the Food and Toy Drive for the Cape Coral Caring Center.

Election of 2017 Board: Elise Missall reported that the election will be held at the December 20th Membership meeting. According to the Club By-Laws, a credential committee was appointed consisting of Glen Diedrickson and Cathy Friedel. Their responsibility is to oversee a paper ballot vote in the event that additional nominations are received from the floor. Tom Patterson volunteered to provide paper ballots.

Committee Assignments: Julie Long and Wendy Cook will manage Liberty Ashore. There is an opening for the Chowder Chatter. Steve Roake will continue for a few months but we must find a replacement.

Inter-club events: Sandy Canning and Allen Fiske have attended meetings of other sailing clubs in the area. Bob Diamond from Naples is spearheading an effort to promote interaction among clubs, with an emphasis on cruising. Sandy has added notations of some other clubs’ cruises to our calendar. Bill Cook noted that if there is a cost involved, we need to collect money from outside clubs as the CMCS budget does provide funds for cruising.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice Commodore – Elise Missall: Nothing further.

Vice Commodore – Summerset – Committee: Diamond Head resort has been secured for next year. Bootleggers and/or Pink Shell are also under consideration. Joe Barch will speak with Dave O’Connor at Pink Shell Marina.

Rear Commodore – Cruising – Jean Blessing

The Thanksgiving Cruise was well-attended. There a 1 or 2 slips available at Fishermans Village for the Holiday Cruise. Jean is working to transition Cruising to Theresa Roake for 2017.

Rear Commodore – Racing – Eric Milbrandt: The Commodore’s Cup race was cancelled due to weather. There will be no changes to series scoring. Eric has determined the 2016 Fleet Champions and was given the OK to order trophies at \$33 each. All marks, flags and other racing equipment are in the storage unit and Eric will hand off the keys to Don or Sandy Canning. The next race is scheduled for 1/21/17. Eric will work with Jim Gallagher to hand off the racing program. Allen Fiske asked about the “100 Race” award.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Chowder Chatter – Already discussed. No further report.

Clubhouse Programs – Don has potential program information from the Boat Show and will get it to Tim Stier.

Fleet Recruiter -- Russell Vance: Jim Slager was in attendance and reported that he will turn over the membership function to Bev Duff. He has checks for Tom Patterson. We had approximately 50% participation in the online renewal system. Part of the renewal process is to solicit volunteers to help with club activities. Not much response – we need to develop a better process.

Sail Mate – Elise Missall: No updates.

Historian – Jason Pim: No Report

Ladies Bridge Club – Larry Jack: The LBC Christmas Party was held at the home of Cathy Friedel; 19 members participated.

Legislative – No Report

Liberty Ashore – Joe Barch: Joe acknowledged Bev Slager for her contribution and high level of organization.

Technology – Kathleen Vance: Glen Vetter reports that website issues caused by WordPress software have been resolved. Glen has only received 1 update to Job Descriptions this year (from Membership Chair). Glen would like to make a presentation on the website at an upcoming membership meeting. The board agreed this is a good idea. Bob Friedel suggested we get member feedback on the website. Eric Milbrandt suggested using “google stats” to identify which website pages are being used. Other suggestions included an ongoing feature in the Chowder Chatter, Eg: “Did you know...?”, highlighting features of the website.

Storekeeper – Bill Cook: No issues to report.

Sunshine over the Yardarm – George Noyes: No report.

Yearbook: Bill Cook reported that the yearbook has gone to the printer as of today.

There being no further business to discuss, Joe Barch moved to adjourn, Jim Slager seconded and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kathleen Vance, Fleet Yeoman