



CMCS Board Meeting Minutes February 14, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society was called to order by Vice Commodore Bob Duff at 7:03 pm on Tuesday February 14, 2017 at the Cape Coral Yacht Club.

PRESENT: Vice Commodore Bob Duff, Vice Commodore Summerset Allen Fiske, Rear Commodore Racing James Gallagher, Rear Commodore Cruising Theresa Roake, Fleet Purser Tom Patterson, Fleet Yeoman Kathleen Vance, Directors Elise Missall, Cathy Friedel, Ian Davis, Jim Slager, Eric Milbrandt Guest Glen Vetter, Technology Committee Chair

EXCUSED: Commodore Sandy Canning, Past Commodore Don Lawson, Directors Bill Cook, Glen Diedrickson, Jason Pim

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND REMARKS: Vice Commodore Bob Duff opened the meeting, proceeding to approval of the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

MOTION: Theresa Roake moved to accept the minutes as distributed, Eric Milbrandt seconded and all approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Jim Slager pointed out that the negative figure under the Ship Store account was due to a large order placed for merchandise in 2016, and we have approximately 2 – 3 years to offset this number. Tom Patterson noted that we did not hit our dues revenue budget number in 2016. Mention was also made regarding EPOL – the price of oysters is up, and the reservation numbers are down.

MOTION: Elise Missall moved to accept the Purser's Report, Jim Slager seconded and all approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Board Liaison change: Kathleen Vance requested that her board liaison be changed. As Bob Friedel is now the Chowder Chatter Editor and Cathy Fridel sits on the board, it makes sense to have Cathy serve as the Chowder Chatter Liaison. Cathy and Kathleen Vance agreed to switch assignments. Cathy Friedel is now liaison to the Chowder Chatter, and Kathleen Vance is now liaison to Liberty Ashore.

NEW BUSINESS:

Danny Rodriguez's Google Group: Several Board members and Club members expressed concern that new member Danny Rodriguez had enrolled all CMCS members in a new Google Group called CMCS Sailing, without prior notice or permission. Danny was notified that his action was not in accordance with the CMCS By-laws. Danny has since changed the name of the group to Southwest Florida Sailing Group. Danny will also provide assistance to remove any member that does not wish to participate in the group. Glen Vetter offered that this group could be attached to our website, however it would need a moderator. Bob Duff suggested that we need to put a notice in the Chowder Chatter outlining the

correct procedure for members to communicate with the club at large. James Gallagher suggested that racing communications cross sailing clubs and hopes to build a database going forward. Eric Milbrandt volunteered to draft this procedure for publication.

MOTION: Eric Milbrandt moved that the club present a procedure for communication with club membership. Cathy Friedel seconded and all approved.

CMCS Website: Technology Chairperson Glen Vetter distributed a “cheat sheet” for committee chairperson and event organizers. Board Liaisons were encouraged to share Glen’s list with their respective Committee Chairs. Bob Friedel will put a reminder in the Chowder Chatter to send pictures and information to Glen for the website.

Reinstatement of January Membership Meeting: James Gallagher requested that the club reinstate the January Membership Meeting. Racing needs this venue to communicate the year’s new racing program to new members. Tom Patterson indicated that the cost involved would not be significant. Bob Duff will look into scheduling for 2018.

MOTION: James Gallagher moved to reinstate the January General Membership Meeting. Eric Milbrandt seconded and all approved.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice Commodore – Bob Duff: No Report

Vice Commodore – Summerset – Allen Fiske: Allen needs to update the Summerset Website. Glen Vetter will discuss this with Ian Davis. Allen has scheduled distribution of youth sailing funds from Summerset 2016. Allen has placed a deposit on Diamond Head Resort and has verbal commitments for Bonita Bills and Bootleggers. He is preparing updated sponsorship forms. There will be an artist contest for the T-shirt design. Glen Vetter will investigate online registration for Summerset 2017.

Rear Commodore – Cruising – Theresa Roake: Theresa asked if the gifts of \$25 West Marine Gift Certificates to cruise leaders was still OK with the Board. Bob Duff suggested she look into Tervis Tumblers. Theresa will check on the price. Theresa is working on opportunities for Inter-club cruises. Some difficulties arise, particularly when the destination is a marina and slips are limited. She suggested we re-think our cruising calendar to try to join up with other SWFL club cruises. Bob Diamond has been active in promoting inter-club cruising. Theresa indicated that marina reservations have been made for the year and is still working on leaders for a few cruises. She will be looking at alternative venues for the New Year’s cruise.

Rear Commodore – Racing – James Gallagher: James reported that the racing program is “all good”. He has committee boats secured, and has many members who want to crew – he would like to see more boats accept crew. Eric has enrolled CMCS in FGCU Connect, in the hopes of attracting students to serve on the race committee in order to fulfill their “service hours”. He also suggested we reach out to Edison Sailing Center for Race Committee assistance, as we provide ongoing support to that organization. Other suggestions – establish a crew training program, review the membership spreadsheet for those interested in crewing

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Clubhouse Programs: Elise Missall – Elise distributed a written report from Chairperson Tim Stier. Listing the scheduled programs for the year. She also made note of the fact that Tim has established an AV support group to assist with equipment needed at meetings.

Historian: Jason Pim: - No report

Legislative: Jason Pim: Kathleen Vance distributed Jason's report via email. Of note was Jason's report on Senate Bill 10 regarding purchase of land south of Lake O for water storage. Eric Milbrandt noted, however, that a House Bill is also needed or this issue will not go forward, as the governor is not in favor. Eric suggested we ask members to write to their state representatives in support of this bill. Tom Patterson cautioned that "lobbying" is not permitted under our not-for-profit status.

Liberty Ashore: Cathy Friedel reported on a successful Chili Cookoff event, with 115 members and 11 Chili presenters in attendance. We need a better PA system in the Pavillion, and a better table organization for next year.

There being no further business to discuss Elise Missall moved to adjourn, Tom Patterson seconded and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Kathleen Vance, Fleet Yeoman