



CMCS Board Meeting Minutes March 14, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society was called to order by Commodore Sandra Canning at 7:02 pm on Tuesday March 14, 2017 at the Cape Coral Yacht Club.

PRESENT: Commodore Sandra Canning, Vice Commodore Bob Duff, Vice Commodore Summerset Allen Fiske, Rear Commodore Racing James Gallagher, Rear Commodore Cruising Theresa Roake, Past Commodore Don Lawson, Fleet Purser Tom Patterson, Fleet Yeoman Kathleen Vance, Directors Elise Missall, Cathy Friedel, Ian Davis, Jim Slager, Eric Milbrandt, Bill Cook, Glenn Diedricksen, Jason Pim Guest Bob Friedel, Chowder Chatter Committee Chair

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND REMARKS: Commodore Sandra Canning thanked Vice Commodore Bob Duff for taking over the duties of Commodore in her absence.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

MOTION: Elise Missall moved to accept the minutes as distributed, Jason Pim seconded and all approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: As Fleet Purser Tom Patterson would be arriving later to the meeting, Commodore Sandra noted from the Purser's Report that items from February events had not yet been posted. She also noted that 2016 membership dues did not meet the amount budgeted, and 2017 membership revenue is now \$3500 below budget. Several suggestions were offered to increase both new membership and retention. Bob Duff suggested we table the approval of the Financial Report until next month, when February's entries including EPOL would be posted. Commodore Sandra agreed. Approval of the March Financial Report was tabled until the April Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Summerset distribution of funds: Allen Fiske reviewed the status of distribution of Funds from the 2016 Summerset Regatta, and mentioned thank-you message received from Marco Island for the \$100 contribution. Funds were also distributed to Punta Gorda, Naples, and the Ostego Bay Foundation. \$4,000 was set aside for the Edison Sailing Center Grant Fund, and an additional \$4,000 was given to Edison Sailing Center for travel expenses.

Storage Unit Cleanout: Commodore Sandra scheduled a "clean out" of the Club Storage Unit for April 8 at 10:00 am. Volunteers were solicited. The storage Unit is located at 1208 SE 9th Terrace, Unit C59, Cape Coral.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shrimp Boil: Commodore Sandra reported that Liberty Ashore was in need of help for the upcoming Shrimp Boil. Cooks are needed. Bob Duff, Bob and Cathy Friedel, and Theresa and Steve Roake volunteered.

March Organizational Planner Items:

- Allen Fiske will contact Marla Parker regarding updating the **ESC Grant Application**;
- The updated application will be **posted on the CMCS Website**, and Bob Friedel will put a link to the document on the website and in the Chowder Chatter.
- **Quarterly Sales Tax return:** Tom Patterson reported that first quarter sales tax will be filed by 4/20/2017

Year-End Financial Review: Commodore Sandra reported a suggestion from the membership that a Year-end Financial Review for 2016 should be undertaken. This helps to protect the board and the club. She stressed that this is not an official audit, but a review, and suggested that Tim Stier and Bill Cook supervise the review. The first task will be to define what is to be reviewed, and submit this to the board before the review is done

MOTION: Eric Milbrandt moved that the board authorize a Financial Review, to be completed by 2 volunteers, to review Club income and expenses, and Summerset income and expenses. Past Commodore Don Lawson seconded and all approved.

“Standing Watch” Organization: Bob Duff provided information on an organization called Standing Watch, which has solicited CMCS to become a corporate member at a cost of \$500. Standing Watch serves as a lobbyist for water quality issues. After discussion, the board decided to review available information and take up the issue at the next meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice Commodore – Bob Duff: No Report

Vice Commodore – Summerset – Allen Fiske: A deposit has been given to Diamond Head for the Dinner. There is no possibility for a Saturday event at the Pink Shell, however Allen is pursuing \$2.00/ft dockage at the Pink Shell Marina. Dockage at Moss Marine is uncertain as new management has taken over. Bootleggers will be the Saturday venue again. Silver sponsorships will no longer be posted on the website. Sponsorship forms are completed and proofed, and have been submitted to Glen Vetter for posting on the website. Larry Jack will handle the Summerset T-shirts this year. Bob Duff requested that the Commodore’s sail number be included in the T-shirt design. Distribution of the NOR should be handled exclusively via Email. For distribution to other clubs, one copy should be sent to a single contact point within that club for distribution.

Fleet Purser – Tom Patterson: Tom reported that February’s Financial Report was incomplete due to late receipt of submissions from EPOL. Tom has filed our annual report with the State, and Tom is listed as the registered agent for CMCS. The renewal date for our certification to solicit donations is May 22. Board members should expect an email from Tom regarding compliance with our Conflict of Interest statement. As an aside, Past Commodore Don Lawson presented Tom with his gift of appreciation for service in 2016.

Rear Commodore – Cruising – Theresa Roake: Theresa reported that February’s 2 cruises went well. There were 20 boats at Pelican Bay. Bob Duff will have a report on EPOL. She is still in need of a few cruise leaders, notably Santweenie.

Rear Commodore – Racing – James Gallagher: James reported that February was a busy racing month, with regattas in Punta Gorda and Naples. The Shrimp Festival Race will be held on March 25, and the Duffs have volunteered to do Committee Boat duties. James wants to convene a race captains’ meeting.

There are many members who would like to crew, but not enough captains. James will try to schedule a training session on "Emergencies at Sea" in our local area.

Fleet Yeoman – Kathleen Vance: Kathleen will be away during the month of April. Elise Missall volunteered to take the minutes.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Clubhouse Programs: Elise Missall – Elise referred to her previous report that all programs have been set for the year, with the exception of November. Ian Davis held a meeting of the AV committee. Tim Stier reviewed the speakers and Don Lawson reviewed the projector. We need more members trained in the AV equipment.

Fleet Recruiter – Bob Duff: We had 4 new members in February, for a total of 6 for 2017 thus far.

Historian: Jason Pim: - No report, other than a reminder of the Storage Unit Cleanout on April 8.

Ladies Bridge Club – Eric Milbrandt: The LBC is sponsoring a Marine Flea Market at the March General Membership Meeting. So far, 5 tables have been reserved for sellers.

Legislative – Jason Pim: Jason referred to several bulletins which inform of legislative bills being put forward. Of note was a bill in Maryland which prohibits operating a vessel while a person is riding on the gunwale. Also noted was a bill being discussed in the Florida Legislature which would limit the rights of minors to operate vessels over 10 feet without adult supervision. Jason will monitor the progress of both bills.

Liberty Ashore --- Kathleen Vance: Julie Long is in need of help at the upcoming Shrimp Boil. Future events include Grill Night (April) and Bloody Mary Brunch (May).

Public Relations -- Ron Allen: No report

StoreKeeper – Bill Cook: No report

Sunshine over the Yardarm - Glenn Diedrickson: No injuries, sicknesses or celebrations to report. Please continue to keep Glenn updated.

Website & Technology – Ian Davis: No Report

Yearbook – Jim Slager: Please continue to send pictures of events.

There being no further business to discuss, Commodore Sandra Canning adjourned the meeting at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kathleen Vance, Fleet Yeoman