



CMCS Board Meeting Minutes May 9, 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 May 9, 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, Past Commodore Don Lawson, Fleet Purser Tom Patterson, Fleet Yeoman Kathleen Vance, Directors Cathy Friedel, Ian Davis, Jim Slager, Eric Milbrandt, Bill Cook, Glenn Diedricksen, Jason Pim

EXCUSED: Commodore Sandra Canning, Directors Elise Missall

GUEST: Larry Jack

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND REMARKS: Vice Commodore Bob Duff opened the meeting and welcomed the Board and guest at 7:03 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

MOTION: Don Lawson moved to accept the minutes as distributed, Cathy Friedel seconded and all approved.

Financial Report as distributed via email: Fleet Purser Tom Patterson highlighted several items on the May Financial Report: The ship store showed a negative income for the month of April. Tom indicated that we should make sure that item prices cover both taxes and credit card fees in addition to merchandise cost. Liberty ashore receipts were received from Sandy Canning and reimbursements are in process. The \$2,000 deposit paid to Diamond Head is listed as an asset, not yet shown as an expense. All Conflict of Interest Compliance Agreements have been acknowledged by board members.

MOTION: Theresa Roake moved to accept the Financial Report as distributed, Jason Pim seconded and all approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Financial Review Proposal: A proposal has been made to conduct a review of the Club's finances. Past Fleet Pursers Tim Stier and Bill Cook (current Director) will be working on the review. They plan to meet with Commodore Sandy Canning to finalize expectations and requirements. Further discussion was tabled until Sandy returns.

NEW BUSINESS:

Boat US Pilot Program: Larry Jack provided an overview presentation of a new Boat US program which can provide money to CMCS based on the percentage of our club members who are enrolled in Boat US.

Amounts range from \$250 to \$1,000. Several issues were discussed related to the task of compiling a list of CMCS members who belong to Boat US. A number of board members indicated that they had difficulty using our Club code number ("G-Number") when renewing membership online. Larry will look into this and will also put an article in the Chowder Chatter to alert the membership.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice Commodore – Bob Duff: No Report

Vice Commodore – Summerset – Allen Fiske: Allen reported that the Summerset Committee is planning on Bonita Bills, Bootleggers and Diamond Head for the three shoreside venues. Bootleggers has closed and is supposed to re-open in time for Summerset. He is working with Moss Marine and Salty Sams to secure \$1.50/foot dockage. A T-shirt design has been selected from entries from the Cape Coral Art League. Allen will submit a digital picture to Luca at Applestitch. Eric Milbrandt requested a Summerset press release to provide to the Sanibel press. Theresa Roake suggested sending it to Amy Williams at the News-Press. Allen is working with Steve Romaine on sponsorship solicitation. Eric will provide information to Allen on proper notification of the race to the Coast Guard. The next meeting of the Summerset Committee will be June 6, 2017

Rear Commodore – Cruising – Theresa Roake: Theresa is working on a short (10-question) survey on cruising, for CMCS members. Upcoming cruises include Panther Key, Danger Island. Additionally, the Fishermans Village cruise will be headed up by the Duffs and dockage is set at \$1.00/foot. The July 4th cruise will again be the "innie-outie" format, at the Cape Coral Yacht Basin and anchorage in the River for the fireworks. There will be a cruise in September to South Seas. Theresa still needs a leader for the Thanksgiving Cruise.

Rear Commodore – Racing – James Gallagher: James is researching availability of slips for racers in the Fort Myers Beach vicinity. Boardwalk Caper may not be viable as residents have a rule against lending slips. James is also looking in to ways to promote racing among other area clubs. Theresa suggested publishing inter-club races in all newsletters. Eric Milbrandt suggested looking into website "SailPlay". Bill Cook urged caution when sharing club members' email addresses. James is putting together a racing committee; so far Eric Milbrandt, Ian Davis and Jason Pim have volunteered.

Fleet Purser – Tom Patterson: Tom clarified CMCS's "not for profit" status: we are a501C7 (Social Club) organization. This means we are not classified as a charity organization. One important aspect of this is that sponsors cannot take a tax write-off for donations made to the club. Sponsors wishing to take a charitable contribution write-off must make their check payable directly to a charitable organization (eg: Edison Sailing Center). Tom also requested that if a committee collects entry fees for an event in cash, the committee chairperson should keep the cash and forward a check to him.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Clubhouse Programs: Elise Missall – Absent.

Fleet Recruiter – Bob Duff: No report.

Historian: Jason Pim: - Jason reported on the recent effort to clean out the club storage unit: Several trophies were discarded, (however the "Spar Buster" trophy was given to John Finnegan at the Bloody Mary Brunch); pots and pans will be donated to the Yacht Club kitchen; feather flags were saved. We still have the same unit and we are on the list to downsize to a smaller unit when one becomes available.

Ladies Bridge Club – Eric Milbrandt: The LBC is forwarding information on upcoming events to Glen Vetter.

Legislative – Jason Pim: Jason reported the SB10 (legislation to buy land south of Lake O for water management) has passed and was signed by the governor. It is important to stay involved in this issue.

Liberty Ashore --- Kathleen Vance: Kathleen reported that the Bloody Mary Brunch was a success thanks to the efforts of Wendy and Julie, and came in \$222 under budget. Julie had submitted expenses for previous events to Sandy Canning, and Tom Patterson reports that reimbursements are in progress.

Public Relations -- Allen Fiske: Ron Allen is not aware of any new information. Allen will provide him with information on the Cape Coral Art League.

StoreKeeper – Bill Cook: No report

Sunshine over the Yardarm - Glenn Diedrickson: Glen reported on several club members recovering from medical issues.

Website & Technology – Ian Davis: Glen Vetter is working on linking the PayPal payment system into the Summerset Website.

Yearbook – Jim Slager: Jim is pleased that people are submitting pictures of events to Shutterfly. He suggested that we make sure we compile schedules of other clubs' events for next year's Yearbook.

MOTION: There being no further business to discuss, Theresa Roake moved to adjourn, Don Lawson seconded, and all approved.

Vice Commodore Bob Duff adjourned the meeting at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Kathleen Vance, Fleet Yeoman