



CMCS Board Meeting Minutes September 18, 2017

The September monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society was called to order by Commodore Sandra Canning at 6:11 pm on Monday, September 18, 2017 at the Cape Coral Yacht Club. This meeting was re-scheduled from the previously designated date due to Hurricane Irma.

PRESENT: Commodore Sandra Canning, Past Commodore Don Lawson, Vice-Commodore Bob Duff, Vice Commodore Summerset Allen Fiske, Rear Commodore Racing James Gallagher, Fleet Purser Tom Patterson, Fleet Yeoman Kathleen Vance, Directors Cathy Friedel, Eric Milbrandt, Bill Cook, Jason Pim, Elise Missall

EXCUSED: Rear Commodore Cruising Theresa Roake, Directors Ian Davis, Jim Slager, Glenn Diedricksen,

GUESTS: Committee Chairs Glen Vetter (Website and Technology) and Bob Friedel (Chowder Chatter).

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND REMARKS: Commodore Sandy Canning opened the meeting and welcomed the Board and guests at 6:11 pm. She expressed her hopes that all had fared well during the hurricane.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes as distributed via email. As there was no quorum at the August Board Meeting, there were no minutes to approve. The minutes from the July board meeting were recorded by Elise Missall in Kathleen Vance's absence.

Motion: Jason Pim moved to accept the minutes from the July meeting, Cathy Friedel seconded and all approved.

Financial Report as distributed via email: The July Pursers Report was previously distributed via email.

Motion: Eric Milbrandt moved to accept the July Purser's Report as distributed, Cathy Friedel seconded and all approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Financial Review: The Board had previously approved the undertaking of a review of the Club's Finances. CMCS Member Tim Stier and Board Member Bill Cook have been designated to conduct this review. Bill Cook reported that the financial review is currently on hold, as Tim is out of town. Bill estimates that the review should be completed by December. Bob Duff asked whether the board could at a minimum receive a simple review of our financial situation to date. Elise Missall recommended that the board establish a sub-committee to recommend policies and standards for financial management, as this is not covered in the by-laws.

NEW BUSINESS:

2018 Budget: Commodore Sandy Canning had previously distributed a “2018 Budget Worksheet”. Sandy had received membership projections from Bev Duff, Fleet Recruiter, and she based the worksheet on the annual dues remaining the same as last year. Several cost-saving measures were discussed. Rear Commodore of Racing James Gallagher proposed moving the monthly board meeting from the CC Yacht Club (annual cost to the club: \$550) to his company’s board room facility in Fort Myers (annual cost to the club = \$0). It was suggested to add a service charge for Pay Pal payments. Glen Vetter suggested that the fee should be built into the cost for each individual event. Bob Duff suggested trying to negotiate a better fee for the CC Yacht Club ballroom, however Don Lawson pointed out that the facility is in demand and this would be unlikely. James Gallagher also indicated that as the Racing Program is self-funding, there is no need for a budget allocation for racing.

MOTION: James Gallagher moved to increase annual dues by \$20 for full membership and \$10 for crew membership. (Note: this would bring the Full Membership to \$145, and the Crew Membership to \$85). Bob Duff seconded.

Discussion: The club would retain the subsidy for the Change of Watch Dinner. EPOL and the Shrimp Festival Dinner would pay for themselves. The Racing Program will be self-funding.

Vote: By a vote of 10 Yea and 2 Nay, the motion passed.

The following changes to the 2018 Budget Worksheet were proposed:

- Projected membership dues increased to \$15,700
- Clubhouse Rent for Board Meetings decreased to \$0
- Change of Watch Dinner subsidy increased to \$3000
- Racing Budget Decreased to \$0.
- Final Total increased to an operating surplus of \$650.

Tom Patterson indicated that this budget keeps the club in line with the philosophy of retaining an amount in reserve that approximates 2 times operating expenses.

MOTION: Bob Duff moved that with the above noted changes, the board approve the “2018 Budget Worksheet” as the **Proposed Budget for 2018**. Jason Pim seconded, and all approved. The Motion Passed.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice Commodore – Bob Duff: No Report

Vice Commodore – Summerset – Allen Fiske: Allen reported that the 3 shoreside activity venues are still confirmed. Sponsor invitations for the cocktail party are being sent out. We have collected \$11,500 to date in sponsorship donations. Trophies have been ordered. Registrations are slow to come in, however all noted that this is typical, especially in light of the recent weather. The September General Membership meeting will be the “Summerset Kickoff”. Deadline for registration is 10/1/17.

Treasurer’s Report – Tom Patterson: Tom reported that the club’s bank balance is \$42,721.40. Subtracting budgeted operating expenses and designated Summerset funds leaves the club with an undesignated reserve of approximately \$30,000, which is acceptable in consideration of the club’s

annual operating expenses. In the longer term, Tom suggested that the board come up with a strategy to increase membership, particularly among younger participants. Glen Vetter also offered some insights and suggestions.

Rear Commodore – Cruising – Theresa Roake: No Report.

Rear Commodore – Racing – James Gallagher: No further report.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Chowder Chatter: Cathy Friedel – No report.

Clubhouse Programs: Elise Missall – No report.

Fleet Recruiter – Bob Duff: Fleet Recruiter Bev Duff had previously submitted a summary report on membership to date via email.

Historian: Jason Pim: - No Report.

Ladies Bridge Club – Eric Milbrandt: The LBC will not be meeting in October.

Legislative – Jason Pim: Nothing new to report.

Liberty Ashore --- Kathleen Vance: Wendy Cook had reported that the CMCS Summer Picnic was a success and thanked the many volunteers. \$416.89 was spent on food and pavilion rental. There is approximately \$1,200 left in the budget for this year, and the next and final event is the Christmas Party.

Public Relations -- Allen Fiske: Summerset Press Releases are being distributed.

StoreKeeper – Bill Cook: No report

Sunshine over the Yardarm - Glenn Diedrickson: No Report.

Website & Technology – Ian Davis: Committee Chair Glen Vetter attended the meeting and provided a clarification of PayPal costs.

Yearbook – Jim Slager: No Report

MOTION: There being no further business to discuss, Commodore Sandy Canning adjourned the meeting at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kathleen Vance, Fleet Yeoman