



CMCS Board Meeting Minutes October 10, 2017

The October monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society was called to order by Commodore Sandra Canning at 7:04 pm on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at the Cape Coral Yacht Club.

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

EXCUSED: Directors Ian Davis, Glenn Diedricksen, Bill Cook

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND REMARKS: Commodore Sandy Canning opened the meeting and welcomed members of the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes as distributed via email. Bob Duff indicated that the minutes of the September meeting should be amended as follows:

Original: 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).

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

Motion: Elise Missall moved to accept the minutes from the September meeting as amended, Don Lawson seconded and all approved.

Financial Report as distributed via email: The Financial Report for the month of September was previously distributed via email. Purser Tom Patterson indicated that the only expenses for September were Clubhouse Rent. The report does not include final Summerset numbers. Allen Fiske indicated that all Summerset expenses should be accounted for; Sandy Canning is paying the final bills and will hand off invoices to Tom. Tom brought up an issue with Pay Pal, indicating that deposits are going in to the bank with no explanation, making it difficult to balance expenses. Sandy said that Jerry Canning can assist with identifying Summerset expenses. Elise Missall indicated there will be a need for a \$1,000 deposit to Diamond Head Resort in mid-November for Summerset 2018. She will coordinate.

Motion: Bob Duff moved to accept the September Purser's Report as distributed, Elsie Missall seconded and all approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Financial Review: Commodore Sandy reported that as Bill Cook is out of town the Financial Review is on hold.

Insurance Renewal: Tom Patterson indicated this was completed in August.

Quarterly Sales Tax: Tom Patterson indicated this will be due October 20.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nomination Forms Distributed through Chowder Chatter: Vice Commodore Bob Duff reported he has reviewed last year's forms and the format looks OK to use again. Bob will meet with the CDC (Club Development Committee) by the end of the month. This year's CDC consists of Bob Duff, Carol Pim, Jim Slager and Don Lawson.

Selection and Election Process Review: Bob Duff has reviewed the process as defined in the club By-Laws, and assured the board that the CDC is in compliance.

1st Notice of Dues in Chowder Chatter: This has been completed.

Change of Watch Notice in Chowder Chatter: Elise has prepared the notification and will submit it for publication in the November Chowder Chatter. The event will be held on January 5th, once again at the Marina at Edison-Ford. Cost will be \$30 per person. Appetizer will be eliminated, but dessert will be included.

Nominations for Good Samaritan Award: Sandy Canning will ensure that a notice is placed in the Chowder Chatter requesting nominations. Eric Milbrandt had a suggestion and volunteered to write it up.

Yearbook Calendar: Jim Slager reported that the basic calendar is formatted and standard meeting dates are filled in. He also has the preliminary race calendar, coordinated with BOTY events. Theresa Roake has tentative cruise dates assigned. It was suggested to contact Carol Pim regarding scheduling the Bloody Mary Brunch. Summerset will be on Columbus Day Weekend, October 5, 6, and 7, 2018. All dates must be firm by mid-November to ensure calendar completion. Final distribution will be on Jan. 5, 2018 at the Change of Watch.

Other New Business:

- A suggested topic for the June meeting is "Hurricane Preparedness".
- The speaker for the October Meeting has cancelled. Suggest asking Mike Kayusa to speak on his participation in the Tampa to Havana race. It was also suggested to show footage from the drone cameras at Summerset.
- Bob Duff reported that in the recent Summerset Sunday Cruisers' Race, the yacht "Tranquility" participated but had not registered for the race per the instructions in the NOR. It was Bob's feeling that this yacht should therefore not have been scored. This yacht ultimately won the race and received the *Atocha* trophy. Allen Fiske indicated that the other boats should have protested, however according to Bob, the other racers did not know this boat was in the race. Other members of the board felt that since this is supposed to be a "fun race" that the rules could be relaxed, particularly in light of the recent hurricane disruption. Jason Pim suggested that a committee be formed to handle this issue.

MOTION: Allen Fiske moved that James Gallagher assemble a protest committee to make the final decision. Don Lawson seconded and all approved.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice Commodore – Bob Duff: Nothing Further to Report

Vice Commodore – Summerset – Allen Fiske: Allen reported he was pleased with the overall results of the Summerset Regatta. He indicated that having job descriptions for Summerset Committee members would have been helpful. Allen expects proceeds to be approximately \$10,000, and expressed his thanks to Steve Romaine for his efforts in securing sponsors. There were 91 attendees at the cocktail party and 50 lbs. of shrimp were consumed. Allen felt that some improvements were needed in communication. Raffle tickets should be priced at 1 for \$5, 3 for \$20, and 7 for \$20, to facilitate making change. Elise suggested a post-mortem meeting to review suggestions. Allen also expressed his thanks to James and Amy Gallagher for the beautiful bags. Sandy Canning indicated there were many t-shirts left, and ways of marketing them were discussed.

Treasurer’s Report – Tom Patterson: No further report.

Rear Commodore – Cruising – Theresa Roake: The Halloween Cruise to South Seas will be led by the Longs, and the Thanksgiving Cruise and feast at Cabbage Key will be hosted by the Reekies.

Rear Commodore – Racing – James Gallagher: The Festival of the Islands Regatta will be held on November 11th, not as indicated in the calendar.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Chowder Chatter: Cathy Friedel – A notice of 2018 dues has been posted in the Chowder Chatter. Information on the Change of Watch is needed. Bob Friedel will need a “heads up” when Nomination Forms need to be published.

Clubhouse Programs: Elise Missall – Need a speaker for next week’s meeting. Bob Duff will contact Mike Kayusa.

Fleet Recruiter – Bob Duff: No report.

Historian: Jason Pim: - No Report.

Ladies Bridge Club – Eric Milbrandt: The LBC has been on summer hiatus. An informal luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, 10/11.

Legislative – Jason Pim: Jason continues to follow issues with water quality and reports that Lake “O” is at 17’, the highest it has been since 1975. Although SB10 was passed, a model for sending the water south has yet to be produced. Jason suggests further pressure on legislators to address this issue.

Liberty Ashore --- Kathleen Vance: Wendy Cook is away on vacation. She will contact the City of Cape Coral when she returns to further investigate participation in the “Cape Coral Night Parade” and will firm up dates for Liberty Ashore events for next year.

Public Relations -- Allen Fiske: Allen will look into a follow-up article on Summerset in the “Breeze”, as their reporters were on the water. He mentioned an article on CMCS in the publication “Boating on the Gulf”.

Sail-Mate -- Elise Missall: Commodore Sandy asked whether Diane Fowler was still in charge of the Sail Mate program. Sandy feels that this is a worthwhile program and should be continued. Elise will contact Diane Fowler.

StoreKeeper – Bill Cook: Bill was not present, however Sandy Canning indicated there were many extra Summerset T-shirts, and asked for suggestions as to how to sell them. Allen Fiske indicated that they should not be discounted, as this would discourage people from purchasing them before the regatta. It was suggested that last year’s shirts should be given out at the parade, and that this year’s shirts should be sold for full price. A shirt should be given to new members free of charge.

Sunshine over the Yardarm - Glenn Diedrickson: No Report.

Yearbook – Jim Slager: Nothing further.

Website & Technology – Ian Davis: Ian Davis has resigned from the board for medical reasons. At this late stage in the year, the board felt that a replacement was not needed. During further discussion, it was noted that there was a significant language difference between the Summerset NOR that was

mailed out, and the Summerset Notice of Race that was posted on the Summerset Website, particularly in the description of the Sunday Cruisers' Race between both platforms. This led to further discussion of the purpose of this race as a "fun race" event, pursuant to Bob Duff's concerns previously reported under New Business. In light of the conflicting information, Bob indicated that it should be up to the Rear Commodore of Racing to "make this call", and thus withdrew his concern over the race results.

There being no further business to discuss, Commodore Sandy Canning adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Kathleen Vance, Fleet Yeoman