



CMCS Board Meeting Minutes December 12, 2017

The December monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society was called to order by Commodore Sandra Canning at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at the Cape Coral Yacht Club.

PRESENT: Commodore Sandra Canning, Vice Commodore Summerset Allen Fiske, Rear Commodore Cruising Theresa Roake, Fleet Yeoman Kathleen Vance, Fleet Purser Tom Patterson, Directors, Bill Cook, Jason Pim, Elise Missall, Jim Slager, Glenn Diedricksen, Cathy Friedel

EXCUSED: Vice Commodore Bob Duff, Past Commodore Don Lawson, Rear Commodore of Racing James Gallagher, Directors Eric Milbrandt, Ian Davis

GUESTS: 2018 Commodore Bev Duff, 2018 Fleet Yeoman Tami Hathaway, 2018 Directors Bev Slager, Jo Beauvois, Mark Beauvois, Chowder Chatter Editor Bob Friedel.

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND REMARKS: Commodore Sandy Canning opened the meeting and welcomed members of the Board, and guests: Flag Officers and Board Members for 2018.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes as distributed via email. Sandy Canning requested a correction to the minutes regarding insurance for the Club's participation in the Edison Parade. The minutes should read:

“...we have the insurance coverage, we would need a rider.”

MOTION: Jason Pim moved to accept the minutes from the November meeting as amended, Elise Missall seconded and all approved.

Financial Report as distributed via email: Discussion highlighted the following:

- The \$250 budget item under Dues and Subscriptions represents our US Sailing dues, which is due in December and was mailed on 12/11. The dues are now \$275 with our discount.
- The \$236 under miscellaneous expenses is for the Ft. Myers Boat Show.
- The yearbook expenses to date represent payments for the 2017 yearbook paid in January. Tom noted that the payment for the 2018 yearbook may be billed in December (of this year as well), and the board should take note for budget purposes.
- When viewing the “Total surplus” of \$11,972 (ie: the “bottom line”) the board needs to subtract \$7585 which represents Summerset designated funds, leaving a true surplus of approximately \$4400 as of 11/30/17.

MOTION: Bill cook moved to accept the Purser's reports for both October and November. Jason Pim seconded and all approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Updates on Awards and Recognitions: Commodore Sandy updated the board on the progress of annual awards and recognitions:

- Committee Chair recognitions will be presented at the first general membership meeting in January; Officers and Board Members will be recognized at the Change of Watch.
- Baumgardner and Cruising and Exploration plaques as well as name badges for next year's board will be sent to Fred's Award World for engraving.
- Theresa Roake will present the Cruising and Exploration Trophy at the Change of Watch. She is providing input to James Gallagher for the Baumgardner Trophy.
- James Gallagher was not present, however he will also be handling the racing Fleet Champion Awards.
- Sandy Canning has completed the Good Samaritan Award, and also has prepared the agenda for the Change of Watch dinner.

Election Credentials Committee: The Credentials Committee, per the CMCS By-Laws, is composed of 2 members from the General Membership. Eric Dow and Larry Jack comprise this year's committee. In the event of the need for a paper ballot, Tom Patterson has the forms that were available last year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commodore's Cup Race/Trophy: Historian Carol Pim had reported that the Commodore's Cup Trophy has not been given out in recent years. Commodore Sandy Canning also indicated that RC of Racing James Gallagher has scheduled a new time for the race (in February). Further discussion of the Commodore's Cup was postponed, as James Gallagher was not present. 2018 Commodore Bev Duff will place it on the agenda for January's Board Meeting.

Renewal Dues: Fleet Recruiter Bev Duff reported that to date 38 current members have not renewed. 4 new members joined in September. There appears to be some confusion on the part of one of the September new members as to whether a renewal payment is due for 2018. Traditionally, the full payment of members who joined in Oct., Nov., or Dec., covered membership for the current year as well as the future year (IE: 15 months.) Since there may have been some disparity in the instructions on the website vs the instructions on the paper membership form, the board agreed to honor the September membership payment as payment for the year 2018, should the question arise.

Items from the Dashboard:

- Nominations published before General Membership Meeting: Completed
- Discussion of Draft Budget: Completed. Draft Budget was also distributed via email by Commodore Sandy.
- Quarterly Sales Tax return: Per Tom Patterson, this will be due 1/20/18 for the quarter ending 12/31/17. Commodore Sandy noted that the dashboard should be changed to reflect this action item should be targeted for completion in April, July, October, and January.
- Change of Watch Plans: Sandy reported that she had tried to contact the Marina at Edison Ford but was having difficulty getting a call back. Elise Missall will get in touch to confirm arrangements. The band is confirmed, and 3 band members will be provided with dinner.
- Storekeeper/Inventory and Documentation: Bill Cook reported that there is "paid for" inventory worth approximately \$1,000 on hand, in addition to 91 burgees (at \$30 each), for approximately

\$3,800 worth of inventory on hand. The store will not be open at the Christmas Party. Russ is happy to work with the incoming Storekeeper to transition responsibilities.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice Commodore Bob Duff: No report.

Fleet Purser Tom Patterson: Tom had 2 suggestions for the incoming Fleet Purser:

- CMCS is a “Not for Profit” organization, not a charity. If sponsors wish to claim a charitable deduction they need to make their checks payable to the Edison Sailing Center, not to CMCS.
- Regarding payments and receipts, details need to be spelled out clearly, to avoid mis-identification for budgeting purposes, and/or duplication of payments. Tom also indicated that there are still some issues with PayPal reporting that need to be corrected.

Vice Commodore Summerset Allen Fiske: Allen reported on the proposed distribution of funds from the Summerset Regatta proceeds, in proportion to the amount of participation and sponsorship from each of the local areas involved. This year approximately 90% came from the Fort Myers area and 10% from Punta Gorda area.

MOTION: Allen Fiske moved that the board withdraw enough money from the Board Designated Youth Sailing Fund to increase the amount available for distribution to a total of \$8,900. Theresa Roake seconded. After discussion a vote was taken and all approved.

MOTION: Allen Fiske moved that the following distribution of Summerset Funds be made:

- \$8,000 distributed locally (Greater Ft. Myers Area): \$1,000 to Ostego Bay Foundation, \$3,000 to Edison Sailing Center for Travel Grants, \$4,000 for Learn to Sail grants at Edison Sailing Center
- \$900 to be distributed to Punta Gorda Area: \$300 for Charlotte Harbor Community Sailing Center, \$300 for Learn to Sail Inc., \$300 for Charlotte Harbor Youth Sailing

Jason Pim Seconded. After discussion the motion passed.

Rear Commodore of Cruising Theresa Roake: Theresa reported that we had 50 boats involved in cruising this year, and over 300 days of cruising logged. Theresa is excited about next year’s cruising program.

Rear Commodore of Racing James Gallagher: James was not present; however he had submitted a written report to the board which Commodore Sandy Canning read to the group. Highlighted were the following items: The recent BOTY Fort Myers to Naples Offshore Race had excellent participation from CMCS and was a successful event. The 2018 racing calendar is complete with several changes designed to increase participation in the program. Regarding budgeting, we have received a check from BOTY for \$1,400. James will work with the club Historian to ensure plans are developed for utilizing all of our trophies.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Chowder Chatter: Cathy Friedel – No report

Clubhouse Programs: Elise Missall – No report

Fleet Recruiter: Bob Duff – Bev Duff reported that she has sent out several reminder emails to members whom she expected to renew, and has gotten several responses.

Historian: Jason Pim – Trophies already discussed, nothing further

Ladies Bridge Club: Eric Milbrandt – No report

Legislative: Jason Pim – Be aware during the next few months of action (or lack thereof) on SB10, and plans from Southwest Florida Water Management.

Liberty Ashore: Kathleen Vance – We need to cancel the reservation of the CCYC Pavilion on May 6. Sandy will handle. After much analysis, CMCS participation in the 2018 EPOL is not feasible. The Bloody Mary Brunch will now be associated with a race and cruise event held at the Pink Shell, so it should be moved from Liberty Ashore to the Cruising Calendar.

Public Relations: Allen Fiske – Allen will provide a press release on the distribution of Summerset Funds, and forward it to PR Chair Ron Allen. Jason Pim suggested that the PR chair should also promote the new Winter Racing Series.

Sailmate: Elise Missall – no report

StoreKeeper: Bill Cook – There is \$50 in petty cash, which will be passed on to the 2018 StoreKeeper.

Sunshine over the Yardarm: Glen Diedrickson – Glen conveyed regards from Sig, and listed several members who had recently received Sunshine greetings, and one former member (“T-Bone Whatley”) who has passed away.

Website & Technology: Ian Davis – Sandy Canning will contact Glen Vetter regarding PayPal issues.

Yearbook: Jim Slager – The yearbook is finalized with the exception of Fleet Champions, Rosters, and the Commodore’s Picture. A final copy will be ready by December 18th. Jim will send out an email blast of the rosters to the membership so that any required corrections can be made.

There being no further business to discuss, Commodore Sandy Canning adjourned the meeting at 8:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen Vance, Fleet Yeoman