



## CMCS Board Meeting Minutes May 10, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society was called to order by Commodore Don Lawson, at 7:07 PM, Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at the Cape Coral Yacht Club.

**PRESENT:** Commodore Don Lawson, Vice Commodore Elise Missall, Rear Commodore Cruising Jean Blessing, Rear Commodore Racing Eric Milbrandt , Fleet Yeoman Kathleen Vance, Past Commodore Allen Fiske, Directors Bill Cook, Russell Vance, Larry Jack, Sandy Canning, Joe Barch

**EXCUSED:** Fleet Purser Tom Patterson, Directors Paul Corzatt, George Noyes

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Minutes as distributed via email.**

**MOTION:** Bill Cook moved to accept the minutes as distributed, Larry Jack seconded and all approved.

### **Purser's Report as distributed via email.**

There was no pursers report distributed.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business to discuss, however Commodore Don Lawson commented on the previous months Grill Night and Flare Demonstration. The event was a success, however there was minimal participation from Cape Coral Sailing and Power Squadron in the festivities afterward.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business to discuss.

### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Vice Commodore - Elise Missall** reported that the CDC (Club Development Committee) is in place and several promising officer/board member candidates have been identified. The Committee consists of Elise, Allen Fiske, Larry Jack, Sandy Canning, Theresa Roake and George Noyes.

**Fleet Purser – Tom Patterson** was not present.

#### **Vice Commodore – Summerset -- Committee**

Commodore Don reported that there was a Summerset Committee Meeting the on May 9<sup>th</sup>. They will add Larry Jack and Allen Fiske to the committee member distribution list. Bev Duff is working on the NOR with Eric Milbrandt. Allen Fiske is researching venues for the Cocktail Party, and Bootleggers is a good possibility. Several options for Skippers' Bags were discussed. Sponsor donation forms are available for Corporate and Boat Name sponsors. Transportation to and from the marinas and shoreside activities was discussed, with some options being the Lee Tran Trolley, hiring a school bus, and Uber. Eric is

working on a strategy for trophies which will combine some of the awards, to help pare down the number of trophies given out at the dinner. There will not be an "official" Summerset Cruise. Cruisers who are not racing will develop their own on-the-water activities. The NOR (Notice of Race) will not be sent out through the US Mail this year. Eric will work with West Florida PHRF to reach racers in other clubs and areas.

**Rear Commodore – Racing – Eric Milbrandt**

The Estebel Night Race had 4 boats, and was shortened due to windy conditions. Thanks to Mark Beauvois for manning the Race Committee. Santweenie also had 4 boats with good wind and a lot of fun for the racers. The next race is the Kayusa Cup, and Eric will try to get Mike Kayusa to run this race.

**Rear Commodore – Cruising – Jean Blessing**

The Santweenie Cruise was a rousing success. There has been minimal interest in the "Going South" cruise, which the Koenigs had volunteered to lead (typically to Panther Key and the 10,000 islands). The Memorial Day cruise (aka Danger Island) does not have a leader, but several members have volunteered to lead activities on shore. All other scheduled cruises are covered.

**Committee Liaison Reports:**

**Chowder Chatter – Jean Blessing:** Nothing to report.

**Clubhouse Programs – Allen Fiske:** A presentation on Cruising the Great Loop is scheduled for the May Meeting. Suggestions for future programs were discussed. Allen has information from Bob Diamond on someone who is sailing around the world. Candice and Rick Thiele are cruising to Cuba and may be able to do a talk. Allen also suggested contacting someone from the Lighthouse Association.

**Fleet Recruiter – Russell Vance:** Nothing to report.

**Historian – Jason Pim:** Carolyn Pim hosted a "Gathering of Ancient Mariners" at her home, which was attended by several long-time CMCS members.

**Ladies Bridge Club – Larry Jack:** The Ladies Bridge Club had a trip to Mote Marine in Sarasota. They are looking for suggestions for future meetings. A tour of the Coast Guard Station was suggested. They will organize attendance at the upcoming Coast Guard Open House.

**Liberty Ashore – Joe Barch:** Grill Night was a big success, and attendance and food was great. There was not enough heat on the grills, and more charcoal was needed.

**Public Relations – Eric Milbrandt:** Mark Beauvois had tried to get a photographer from the Fort Myers newspaper for the Estebel Night Race, however negative weather intervened.

**Technology – Kathleen Vance:** No issues to report. Glen Vetter is in the Bahamas.

**Storekeeper – Bill Cook:** Nothing to report.

**Sunshine over the Yardarm – George Noyes:** Nothing to report.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM

Respectfully submitted

Kathleen Vance, Fleet Yeoman