



CMCS Board Meeting Minutes September 13, 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 7:01 pm on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at the Cape Coral Yacht Club.

PRESENT: Commodore Don Lawson, Vice Commodore Elise Missall, Rear Commodore Racing Eric Milbrandt, Rear Commodore Cruising Jean Blessing, Fleet Purser Tom Patterson, Fleet Yeoman Kathleen Vance, Directors Russell Vance, George Noyes, Sandy Canning, Larry Jack, Jason Pim, Paul Corzatt. Guest Jim Slager.

EXCUSED: Past Commodore Allen Fiske, Directors, Bill Cook, Joe Barch

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes as distributed via email.

Pursers Report as distributed via email.

MOTION: Russell Vance moved to approve the consent agenda, Elise Missall seconded and all approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Non-Profit Status:

Tom Patterson reported that our Solicitation Permit as a non-profit has been reinstated.

Use of Pay Pal for Race registration, membership dues:

A pilot program was instituted last month to process membership renewals through the CMCS website, using PayPal to collect funds. The online portion seems to work well with some cosmetic issues. Tom Patterson reported that he has not received any money collected thus far by PayPal. Tom also found that there were errors in processing the cost of crew membership. Jason Pim suggested various actions that need to be taken by Glen Vetter to ensure that the money reaches the CMCS checking account. Jim Slager, Membership Committee Chairman, presented several options for the final process (eg: Pay with PayPal, print renewal form and pay by Check). Jim also indicated that the ability to capture registration and renewal data online will reduce or eliminate the need to manually enter data into the membership spreadsheet. Tom Patterson indicated that wording should be included to instruct that checks be made payable to CMCS. Commodore Don Lawson summarized the pilot stating that the input side seems to work well, however there are issues with the payment side.

In the event that we settle on PayPal, Tom Patterson suggested that we should shut down Event Brite as they have access to our bank account. Jason Pim indicated that Event Brite serves a different purpose, and we should bring Joe Barch into this discussion. Don Lawson recommended this issue be referred to the Technology Committee.

MOTION: Eric Milbrandt moved that the Board approve online registration pending confirmation that the money collected by PayPal reaches the Tom Patterson and the CMCS checking account, and that the membership data collected reaches Jim Slager. Sandy Canning seconded. The board discussed the requirement that relevant notifications need to be shared among the various affected committees. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership Dues Rate for 2017

Commodore Don Lawson reminded the board that the dues for a full membership were increased to \$125 last year, with the intention of keeping that same rate for the next few years. Tom Patterson presented a rough budget worksheet based on the membership census, and the goal of maintaining a reserve that is roughly 2 times operating expenses. Tom recommended that, based on his initial cost analysis, we can safely adopt the current 2016 budget for the 2017 operating year.

MOTION: Jason Pim moved that we maintain annual membership dues at the same rates as last year. George Noyes seconded and all approved.

Fort Myers Boat Show: Paul Corzatt will manage the Boat Show booth and staffing this year. The Boat Show is November 17 – 20, 2016. Paul will contact Bill Misenheimer for his volunteer spreadsheet.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice Commodore - Elise Missall reported that the CDC has recently secured candidates for Commodore, Fleet Purser, and **5 Directors**.

Vice Commodore – Summerset – Committee, reported by Don Lawson and Elise Missall: Next Committee meeting will be Sept. 22. Sept. 16th is the last day for sponsorships. Russell Vance requested a list from Tom Patterson of all sponsorship monies collected so far. In turn, Russell will forward his tracking list to Tom. Eric Milbrandt has the invoice for trophies. Eric also reported that we have a signal boat (Jo Beauvois' trawler, captained by Mark Beauvois) and a PRO (Joe Periard). Russell and Kathleen Vance will work on the Committee Boat. Eric will work on the Mark Boat and Paul Corzatt volunteered to provide "shuttle" service for members of the press.

Rear Commodore – Racing – Eric Milbrandt

Eric has received inquiries from new racers asking if they can race without a PHRF rating. He is working with Ian Davis on scratch sheets for the Kayusa Cup race to South Seas.

Rear Commodore – Cruising – Jean Blessing

Jean reported that the August *Parrothead* cruise to Tween Waters had 12 boats, good weather and great fun. The September 3-5 *Gypsies in Paradise* cruise was postponed a day due to weather, but she heard that all went well. The September 16-17 *South Seas Cruise* is being headed up by George and Pixie Noyes, in conjunction with the *Kayusa Cup* race. Summerset will not be a formal cruise. October's *Halloween Cruise* to Legacy Harbor Marina is being headed up by the Longs and Steve Romaine/Cindy Carlino, and is scheduled for October 28-29. November's cruises included "*Rum and Illiteracy*" cruise to York Island, headed up by Kim Brown and Judy Anderson, and the Annual *Thanksgiving Cruise to Pelican Bay*, headed up by the Veters. Finally, the *holiday cruise to Fisherman's Village* is under the direction of Dan Green and Carolyn Wilson.

Rear Commodore Jean plans to start reserving marinas this month for next year, to help make it easier for next year's RC of Cruising.

Committee Liaison Reports:

Chowder Chatter – no new information. Deadline is Sept. 23rd

Clubhouse Programs – The September Meeting will be our Summerset Kickoff, and Bob Macomber is on the agenda for the October Meeting.

Fleet Recruiter – no issues other than the online membership pilot previously discussed.

Sail Mate – Elise Missall: No update.

Historian – Jason Pim: Carolyn Pim will present a Trivia Contest at the Summerset Kickoff Meeting

Ladies Bridge Club – Larry Jack: LBC is still on hiatus for the summer.

Legislative – Paul Corzatt suggested looking into the Bimini Basin Project in Cape Coral, and the possibility of anchoring restrictions suggested by Mayor Sawicki.

Liberty Ashore – Joe Barch: No report.

Public Relations – Eric Milbrandt reported that Steve Romaine is no longer the head of the Public Relations Committee. Eric suggested that the club invite newly elected public officials to a General Membership Meeting, after the November elections. Eric also reported that Bill Cook had put an article on Summerset in the *Southwinds Magazine*. Also, Eric will look into getting a photographer from *Florida Weekly* at the Summerset Skippers' Meeting at Bonita Bills.

Technology – Kathleen Vance: Issues covered under Pay Pal Pilot discussion.

Storekeeper – Bill Cook: Nothing to report.

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

Additional: Larry Jack reported that CMCS members who are renewing their BOATUS membership should use our Affiliate Membership Code to get half-price discount. Larry suggested publishing the code on our website.

There being no further business to discuss, Elise Missall moved to adjourn, Jason Pim seconded and all approved.

Respectfully submitted

Kathleen Vance, Fleet Yeoman