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Board Minutes

April 11, 2007

The meeting, held at the Rock Hall Yacht Club, was called to order at 7:02 PM by Commodore Chip Lieber. Directors present were: JoAnn Fairchild, Dyer Harris, Peter Metcalf, Patrick O'Connell, Sally Powell, Jane Rogers, Maryann Ruehrmund, and Fred Welsh. Ron Mansfield, Chuck Parry and Jim Trammell were excused. Jeff Robinson was present.

The minutes of March 14, 2007, were approved as presented.

Treasurer's report - Fred Welsh's report was approved as presented. He said net income "not good," attributed to the loss of 25 members as of today, compared to 15-20 that we lost last year. On the upside we have 9 new members to offset the loss. We need to keep working on membership, he said. He reported that expenses are pretty much in line and net income is holding at about \$9,000 below where we thought it would be by this time of year. He noted the Club got a \$1,000 deposit on the hunting license.

Finance – Pater Metcalf said no official report at this time but things are in process.

Membership – Jane Rogers gave the report on behalf of Jim Trammell. The Board approved four applications: William (Bill) Brawner, Jr., David and Nancy Hill, Gerry and Rhonda Cataldo, Leonard and Elizabeth Shipley. It approved nine requests for inactive status: John Farrow, Gerry Hirshland, Bill MacIntosh, Barry and Elizabeth Montague, Dick Norton and Mary Prichard, John Silva, David and Eileen Smack, Jim and Sue Urda, Tom Weinberger. Reg Welsh sent in a letter of resignation indicating that his stored boats would be removed from the property and he is donating a dinghy to our Junior Sailing program. Other resignations were indicated verbally over the telephone during the membership calling process, but correspondence has not yet been received.

Regattas/Club Sailing –Dyer Harris said notice would be posted shortly for the first race of the season, Opening Day regatta on May 12. He's talking with the trophy and social committees. He said the Downriver Race is set for June 15 and the One-Design Regatta for June 16-17. The One-Design Regatta and Saturday evening party is our premier event of the year. He said opportunities are available for all newcomers.

Junior Sailing – On behalf of Chuck Parry, Harris reported that the Junior One-Design course in June is a good idea. Parry is in favor of a one-day event while Connie Ranney is in favor of a two-day event. The Opti class is not included in the Junior One-Design.

Communications – Remember to get newsletter items to Linda Parry by the 7th of the month.

Social – Sally Powell they are reviewing resumes and interviewing catering staff and other credentialed people. A wine tasting has been proposed for May 19 from 5:00-7:00 PM.

Buildings & Grounds – Pat O’Connell said he turns the pool system on for an hour on most days to keep things circulating; the pool will open around Memorial Day. May 5 is clean-up day. On behalf of Ron Mansfield, he reported that most everybody has paid his or her mooring and storage fees. He himself has noticed that some boats have “disappeared” or been reclaimed by their owners. The pier is shaping up – the lights are working and the water is hooked up thanks to Beau Santa Maria. He thanked Commodore Lieber for putting lime and fertilizer down around the pavilion.

Waterfront – Commodore Lieber said we have received a permit for floating dock sections.

Old Business

Maryann Ruehrmund said stock records are being reviewed, as well as the record-keeping process. She asked about errors and omissions insurance. Commodore Lieber reported that Chuck Parry was in the hospital, but that Parry is investigating our insurance policy. Lieber thinks our policy covers Maryann in her volunteer position as stock record manager, but Parry is looking into the matter as well as how the Club is protected in general. Ruehrmund said she is concerned about the issuing and transferring of stocks but is hesitant to do anything until the issue is resolved. The Commodore said the board understands her concerns. Ruehrmund said, for example, what is our policy when someone loses a stock certificate? She recommends tighter procedures between the treasurer, stock manager, and Club manager. She is communicating with Club attorney Lee Cowperthwaite on recommendations, and she offered to draft some procedures that the board could adopt and she would follow.

New Business

Fred Welsh acknowledged Jeff Robinson’s presence and said he thinks we need to clean up and simplify accounting procedures at the Club bar because we have new people working here now. Welsh offered to meet with volunteers and the Club manager so we can reconcile things, particularly on Thursday evenings now that that has become a popular night at the Club. Robinson said he has a database of all the wines and liquors and corresponding prices. He recommended that the Club review its by-laws. JoAnn Fairchild offered to chair that committee, with the understanding that the review process will take place over the next year.

As there was no further discussion, the group adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Fairchild
Secretary

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