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Board Minutes

March 14, 2007

The meeting, held at the Rock Hall Yacht Club, was called to order at 7:00 PM by Commodore Chip Lieber. Those present were: JoAnn Fairchild, Jennifer Lieber, Ron Mansfield, Peter Metcalf, Patrick O'Connell, Chuck Parry, Sally Powell, Jane Rogers, and Fred Welsh. Dyer Harris and Jim Trammell were excused.

The minutes of December 13, 2006, and February 14, 2007, were approved.

Treasurer's report - Fred Welsh gave a report, which was approved as presented. He said most members (about 2/3) have paid their 2007 dues. In March we will mail another statement, indicating outstanding balance, to those who haven't paid; after April 1, we will start calling people asking them to please pay their dues. The Board thanked and commended Welsh for his excellent work throughout the membership process.

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

Membership – Jane Rogers gave the report on behalf of Jim Trammell. The Board approved single applications from Steve Barrett and David McCullough, and it approved requests for inactive status by Bruce Rushton and Dean Edwards. Lee Faucett resigned.

Regattas/Club Sailing – On behalf of Dyer Harris, JoAnn Fairchild said 24 people attended the US Sailing Race Management seminar in February and the club was on budget with that event. She said committees are forming: Club Racing headed by Joe Manley, Scoring with Connie Ranney, Registration undecided, Mark Boat likely with Tom Tontarski, Trophies by Fairchild, and Chairs will be appointed for each Regatta. Fairchild said RHYC is home to Windmill Fleet #82 (with six boats and counting), and a Lightning class is applying for fleet designation. She said the September schedule is shaping up with the Davis Creek event (money going towards the Sailing School) and Atlantic Coast Laser Masters Championship, with PRO Bill Adams and committee (Harris, Grieb and Lewis), anticipating 80 boats.

Junior Sailing – Chuck Parry said he's getting the boats ready. The season kicks off on June 18, with regattas slated for July 26 (Green Fleet) and September 15 (Apple Cart Regatta / junior one-design) among others. Parry said RHYC is hosting an instructor course, scheduled for June 6-10, to train level one small boat instructors.

Communications – Chuck Parry reminded everybody to get newsletter items to Linda as early as possible, usually by the 7th of the month. He commended Mike Dickinson for the carpentry work he did on the steps (nice photo in the newsletter).

Social – Sally Powell and Jennifer Lieber are following through with Linda's idea to celebrate the Club's 70th Anniversary with a festive window decal like the one Washington College gives to members of its 1782 Society. A graphic designer is working on the design.

Lieber said all money raised through decal donations will go toward general improvements at the Club. Welsh suggested donations in multiples of 7, i.e., \$70, \$140, \$210 and so on. Lieber said there will be a big party with a cook-out and band, as part of the One-Design Regatta, to celebrate our 70th Anniversary.

Lieber said we are running an ad for caterers and we have received four responses so far. She said dinner prices will likely increase to \$21 from \$19. Discussion ensued on the merits of raising prices if we are still not satisfied with the level of food service provided by our current caterer. Commodore Lieber reported that George Hardy did a thorough review of food service profits and loss. He said rates have not gone up extensively in four years (\$17 to \$19 to proposed \$21). Welsh suggested we wait a month to see where we stand on this issue. He said food service income to date is \$13,000 compared to \$5,600 from last year. Parry said he thinks a price increase is a bad idea. He suggested doing away with appetizers in order to keep costs down. Jennifer Lieber said the Social Committee would take things under advisement.

Jennifer Lieber and JoAnn Fairchild reported that Sara and Briggs Cunningham would like help in raising money for a Rock Hall boy who has leukemia. They suggest a “Crabs for Craig” picnic in July, actually the Club’s annual crab feast, only charge extra with the understanding that the money goes toward helping the family cover medical expenses.

Sally Powell said Margie Tomasetti has donated \$500 toward remodeling and decorating the kids’ room on the second floor. Fairchild said Dyer Harris offered to help insulate the walls.

Buildings & Grounds – Pat O’Connell said we now have a defibrillator on Club premises and we’ll be able to use it once we receive training and obtain a permit as a non-medical facility. He stated that Clean-up Day is May 5. Welsh suggested placing a sign-up list at the bar to promote the event and to encourage people to come out to the Club that day. O’Connell reported that two truckloads of gravel were received, and there are new steps in the front and back of the Clubhouse. He also acknowledged Mike Dickinson for his fine work.

Waterfront – Ron Mansfield read a draft letter of support to John Macielag from the Club regarding the shoreline erosion control project at Long Point. The Board approved the letter. Mansfield said they are tightening up operations on the waterfront, noting that stickers are in process of being applied (even on Sailing School vessels) and “storing and mooring” revenue to date is \$6,300 compared to \$1,600 last year. He plans to put a notice in the newsletter that there is a waiting list for the moorings. Commodore Lieber gratefully acknowledged Mansfield and the Waterfront Committee for all their work. Mansfield said he will be out of the country in April so Parry and O’Connell have offered to cover things in his absence.

Commodore Lieber reported that the Club is approaching a really good year.

No old business or new business was introduced. There being no further discussion, the group adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Fairchild
Secretary

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