

BLACKBEARD SAILING CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 13, 2016 930
a.m.

ATTENDEES: Board and Officers:

Commodore Eddy Parker, Vice Commodore Richard Schott, Director Arch Altman, Director Mark Brennesholtz, Director Joni Floyd, Director Gay Whitney, Secretary Sandy Drechsler.

Masters:

Bill Drechsler, Dockmaster; Mike Foster, Dry Storage

Committee Chairs:

Bill Braun – Finance

Members:

Ken Gurganus, Doug King, Doug Longhini, Jim Floyd, Connor Atkeson, Larry Sorenson

Commodore, Eddy Parker called the meeting to order. A quorum of Directors was present.

The Board was emailed a copy of the minutes from the previous meeting. A motion was made by Joni Floyd to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2016. Arch Altman seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Stephanie Davies emailed copies of the July 31, 2016 P & L, Balance Sheet and Members in Arrears report to the BOD prior to the meeting. Before mailing the final termination letter, one member in arrears has been contacted through voice mail and email several times with no response. Several members are on the 60-day late report – all are under \$10 so no letters were sent.

Finance Committee Report: Bill Braun distributed copies of his report. Income for July 2016 was \$2071 less than planned. Operating expenses for July 2016 were \$2609 less than planned. Net income for July 2016 was \$538 less than planned. The Treasurer and Bookkeeper are on vacation. Therefore, the Income/Operating expenses should even out next month when slip dues are entered into Quick Books.

Dockmaster Report: Bill Drechsler emailed report. *Initial assignments:* 4 (Hiner A10; Currie B17; Altman A36T; Loppacher C24). *Reassignment:* 2 (Manning from A6 to A44 – bought Tom Bass' boat; Altman from C24 to A17). *Surrendered slip:* 3 (Bass A44 – sold boat to Lloyd Manning; Chesley Sugg B 21; Scott Hager B8). *Current slip status:* 130 slips assigned; 13 slips available (2 on A Dock, 10 on B Dock, 1 on C Dock); 0 slips available for temporary sublease. *Waiting for slips:* 1 initial assignment (Critser deep 45'); 5 reassignments (M. Foster, Talbert, Youngson, Gruenebaum, Parker).

- **DOCKMASTER REPORT NOTE:** We have experienced high temperatures in the upper 90's for the last five weeks. As a result, **hundreds** of dock boards have come loose or warped. The stringers in many locations are no longer able to hold nails or screws to reattach the loose dock boards. These loose boars will float away if high water levels occur. The BOD should take immediate action to hire a contractor to rebuild entire sections of existing docks. The outer end of B Dock between slips B28 – B36 only has 17 good boards and 211 bad boards that are mainly insecure at the ends, badly cracked or

rotten. The left turn on A Dock for about 45' between slips A35 and A36T needs to be completely replaced. The transient dock at the end of C Dock needs 134 new boards.

Many finger piers are also in very bad condition.

Eddy Parker referred the Board to the Dockmaster's Note and to the 2014 Dock Replacement Committee Year-End Report emailed out prior to the meeting. A lengthy discussion ensued. It was agreed that replacing Docks piece meal will take 10 – 15 years. The BOD also agreed that a formal "scope of need" is required prior to beginning the project and that the expertise of an engineer is required prior to talking to contractors. As a first step, **Mark Brennessoltz made a motion for Bill Drechsler and Bill Braun to create a task force to develop a "Scope of Need" to be approved by the Board of Directors.** The motion was seconded by Arch Altman and passed by the Board without objection.

Dry Storage Report: Mike Foster emailed report. In July there were 11 powerboats on BSC property. Five are BOD approved. #1 - Dean Knight, as a safety boat has the key in it and fuel. Dean does not want us to put fuel in it. Dean pays his slip fees. #2 - #4 Ken Gurganus, Ed Doughty and Doug Longhini for general safety, hurricane, race and activity support. They all pay their slip fees. #5 – Allen Hills was approved to have a boat at BSC for ETYSA duties. Allen paid his slip fee. Allen sold that boat to Arch Altman, and retains his dry slip for a sailboat. Beyond this, ETYSA currently has 3 free slips to store their Camp boats. I (Mark) always anticipate that more ETYSA support boats will arrive during Camp weeks. Therefore, I have attempted to keep 2 courtesy slips available for temporary use. Sometimes that works, sometime they get used for other BSC needs. Currently Arch Altman has a temporary slip for ETYSA use. In July there were no DS openings. Arch Altman has one Dry Slip now and is on the list for a second slip although one boat is ahead of him.

Dinghy Storage Report: Chris Davies emailed report. One new request for dinghy slips was received from Lloyd Manning through email. Chris responded by giving Lloyd a list of available slips and requested that he pick one and let Chris know if he had chosen one or not. Lloyd has not yet responded. No report from Wes Jorgensen. Therefore, the dinghy rack report is the same as the last report. There are seven (7) open slips: D41, I03, I05, J03, J20, J23, K03.

Membership Committee: Secretary's emailed Membership Status Report shows 197 Active, 5 Deferred, 18 Inactive, 1 Intermediate, 7 Legacy and 4 Life members. BOD were also emailed a current Membership List for their records.

David Whitney emailed report: the Robinson Membership Applicant is still being held. They will be brought in as soon as they return. Jane Staveley submitted an application this past weekend and will need a wet slip as well.

Social Committee: Gay Whitney emailed report. Our summer events have been well attended, however, I haven't seen a list for this weekend's Open Boat or the indoor picnic yet. Next social in September is an Italian theme asking members to bring pizza or salad. There will be a campfire after dinner.

Race Committee: Bob Stevens, Chair, email report. Making outstanding headway regarding the One Design Regatta scheduled August 20 – 21, 2016. Presently there are 18 boats officially registered with additional ones expected over the next two weeks. Joanne Doughty is coordinating dinner of brats and burgers. Gay has three power boats and still needs another safety boat, two more if many sign up. There are plans for Opti race in the river, however they handle their own logistics. Bill Jarvis is mentoring a PRO-in-training so he will be part of Piccolo staff and not PRO for this race.

ETYSA/Junior Sailing: Arch Altman email report. ETYSA has completed a five camp series this summer with the results being similar to last year's efforts. Through a combination of stellar volunteer effort by many, an average of 22 students per session were again exposed and educated

in the sport we all cherish. The paid instructors again were wonderful in getting newbies started and loving sailing. In addition, a Racing Team was added, under the direction of Branin and Leanna Thorn. This Racing Team, part of a newly developed Regatta Series involving sites here and in Manteo and Duck, had great success, basically running over the competition. The kids from the other clubs are now heartily motivated to improve. Most likely, this Series will be held again next summer. Again, as always, thanks to the Board and Membership for the use of the facility. It would be hard to do this without y'all.

Arch would like to request that the Board allow one Dry storage space for ETYSA without fee to park one motorboat, the 17ft Aquasport, owned by himself and used as a safety boat with sufficient access to allow easier maneuvering for parking. This boat is also used as a safety/mark boat for BSC/NYRA racing events. Note: Arch withdrew his request after email discussion with the BOD.

Grounds Committee: Mark Brennesholtz emailed report: The plantings and pots created in the spring are being well maintained by shifts of dedicated gardeners, despite the heat. The budget is shot, but we are seeking some donations to put in some dogwoods, redbuds or myrtles in at the October Workday. I would also propose that we install some white lattice work under the clubhouse to partially mask the work/bicycle area and the lumber storage area (has shabby wooden lattice now). It would be at modest cost, self-installed, and out of budget. NOT addressed at this meeting.

Strategic Planning: Bill Green emailed report. The Task Force completed its analysis of the information collected in the membership survey and has formulated a Vision Statement and Strategic Goals for the Club. The vision and goals, together with a range of actions that could be undertaken to pursue the goals was presented to the Board in a working session on July 23rd. There was general agreement by all on the vision and goals. It is anticipated - and the Task Force requests - that the vision and goals be adopted by Board resolution at the August 13th meeting – **not addressed at this meeting**. At the working session, it was agreed that the Task Force would like to begin work on a revised officer, board, committee and reporting structure to facilitate the pursuit of our vision and goals. The Task Force has begun this work.

Nominating: Gay Whitney emailed report: No candidates for Commodore. Bill Braun is considering but no definite commitment. I've made quite a few queries. If anyone else is approached by a possible candidate, let me know as soon as you can. We need to encourage any possible interested candidates in the future to start attending BOD meetings and try to find candidates who plan to be available to attend meetings... which has knocked out some well qualified cruisers in the past. Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice Commodore are willing to serve another year.

Old Business before the Board:

- **Driveway Paving – parking lot and beyond:** Arch Altman emailed one proposal from a grading contractor to repair and gravel the driveway inside the gate only to the BOD's prior to the meeting. Extensive discussion ensued. The pros and cons for either Gravel or Asphalt depends on the viewpoints of the person presenting them. Also, the proposal presented did not include the cost of the entire project. Therefore, the BOD did not have the information to compare apples to apples. Currently, there are three possible scenarios: All Asphalt; All Gravel; Asphalt from the road to 15' inside the gate plus Gravel around the circle. Discussion resulted in several continued issues/needs. 1. Arch Altman was requested to get 2 more bids, including Gravel to the road. 2. Bill Drechsler was requested to talk to the Asphalt contractor to see if they would do just the part from the road to 15' inside the gate and if so get a bid. Then the Asphalt road to inside gate bid will need to be added to the inside the gate Gravel Bid. 3. Doug Longhini and Eddy Parker to address the drainage issue at the ramp and put together a Workday crew to fix

the problem. The BOD were presented the All Asphalt bid from the lowest contractor in June 2016 from Bill Drechsler, Doug Longhini and Mark Brennesholtz. **All involved were directed that requests are to be completed by the September 10, 2016 BOD meeting so the Board can make a final decision.**

- **Website:** Joni Floyd provided John Knie and Jeremy LeRay's snapshot of the progress they have made.

As of 08-06-2016, we have accomplished the following:

1. Updated the BOD minutes, Epitaphs, posts, some pictures etc.
2. Conducted a scrub of menu titles and rearranged some in order to follow a more logical flow.
3. Conducted functionality testing of the forms that we paid for the contractor to produce
 - a) changed some of the naming conventions to ease in use
 - b) modified some of the forms to either add or delete various data fields
 - c) thought through the "member" input and security side of the website as well as permissions and reports required of the stakeholders
4. Determined the following next steps to be arranged for in August
 - a) testing of use by the stakeholders to determine missing or required modifications to what we have now
 - b) input of database items (either manually or if possible, by transfer)
 - c) re-testing by stakeholders with actual club data

The project remains a work in progress but we are optimistic that it's going very well so far. If I were to point to one item we are challenged with, it would be the data transfer. We might be looking at a good deal of it requiring manual input, i.e. typing it in. We should know this soon enough to not make it a rush job.

- **Dues Increase:** Dues Increase passed with yes votes from 2/3 of those voting. The increase will start January 1, 2017 along with the quarterly billing. Eddy will write a note thanking the membership in the next Epitaph.
- **Investments:** tabled until next month.

New Business before the Board:

- **Stored Boats:** Prior to the meeting Joni Floyd emailed the BOD: a proposed definition of "Stored Boats"; and a proposal for determining and resolving issues of "Stored Boats" at BSC. Joni and the Dockmaster (Bill Drechsler) had walked the docks and compiled a list of boats that met the proposed definition of "Stored Boats". Much discussion ensued regarding fairness, loss of revenue, due process and North Carolina's recently enacted law requiring NC Registration for all boats. Joni Floyd **made a motion to approve the stored boats procedure as presented, on a trial basis, to confirm the four boats on the stored boat list and begin the 60-day initial notification process.** Gay Whitney seconded. The motion passed.

- Joni Floyd and Bill Drechsler will form the committee that brings a comprehensive list of stored boats in wet slips and stored items in dry slips to the BOD for review/action as outlined in Proposal for determining and resolving issues of “Stored Boats” at BSC.
- Eddy will put a note in the next Epitaph regarding current insurance and current North Carolina Registration for all boats in wet slips. All BSC requirements must be met so as not to be determined a stored boat. Bill Braun stated that his boat is documented so he does not need NC Registration. Documentation no longer negates the need for North Carolina Registration as of approximately 2 years ago.
- **Designated Agent:** The previous BSC Designated Agent is deceased. Paperwork has been filed in the North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State designating Frank E. Parker (Eddy) Blackbeard Sailing Club, Ltd. Registered Agent effective August 4, 2016.
 - Joni Floyd presented information/rationale regarding the need to register other assumed names for legal protection. Discussion ensued regarding the actual need. Joni Floyd **made a motion to register BSC and Blackbeard Sailing Club as assumed names with the Craven County Register of Deeds at the cost of \$52 total.** Gay Whitney seconded. The motion passed.
- **Visitor Log and Gate Cards:** Eddy Parker recommended that the visitor log be kept outside the office. However, someone will still need to get into the office to get the gate cards if/when needed. Eddy stressed the need to get a copy of the visitor’s insurance to legally protect BSC. Seven (7) gate cards were given to Fairfield Harbour Volunteer Fire Department through Marshall Smith volunteer fireman and former BSC member. Jerry Harwood, volunteer fireman and current BSC member, requested nine (9) more gate cards. Eddy will follow up with Marshall and Jerry to determine who the cards went to and/or if they were distributed. Ken Gurganus reported that the Gate is having a battery drainage issue due to leaving the Gate open all day. Ken will work on the Gate.
- **Miscellaneous New Business:** Eddy Parker stated the need for BSC to check into a new insurance company due to our current insurance company requiring “Pump-Out” insurance @ \$5,000 per year.

Calendar & Schedule:

- 8/13 Open Boat – cancelled, to be rescheduled Spring 2017
- 8/13 LOTC Social
- 8/20 BSC One Design
- 8/27 Fourth Saturday Race

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Gay Whitney and seconded by Mark Brennesholtz, the BOD approved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Drechsler

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Secretary