

BLACKBEARD SAILING CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 10, 2016
930 a.m.

ATTENDEES: *Board and Officers:* Commodore Eddy Parker, Vice Commodore Richard Schott, Past Commodore Bill Green, Director Mark Brennesholtz, Director Joni Floyd, Director Gay Whitney, Secretary Sandy Drechsler, Treasurer Stephanie Davies

***Absent:* Director Bob Stevens, Director Arch Altman**

***Masters:* Bill Drechsler, Dockmaster; Mike Foster, Dry Storage**

***Committee Chairs:* None**

***Members:* Jim Floyd, Susan McCrocklin, Drew McCrocklin, Jan Green, Bruce Woods, Ken Gurganus, Doug Longhini, John Knie,**

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 Mark Brennesholtz to approve the minutes of August 13, 2016 Bill Green seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection.

Eddy Parker, Commodore stated that since all Committee Reports are to be emailed to the BOD's prior to the meeting there would be no discussion unless someone had questions.

Treasurer's Report: Stephanie Davies' emailed report: **(BSC HAS TWO CD'S THAT WILL COME DUE ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2016. BOTH CD'S ARE AT SOUNDBANK. THIS IS THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BANK SO THEY ARE OFFERING 01.15% FOR ONE-YEAR CD. SOUNDBANK DOES NOT HAVE BETTER RATES FOR LONGER TERMS. FIRST CITIZEN'S IS OFFERING 0.015% FOR ONE YEAR. LITTLE BANK IS OFFERING 0.80% FOR 12 MONTHS, 01.0% FOR 24 MONTHS AND 01.25% FOR 36 MONTHS. FIRST SOUND IS OFFERING 0.70% FOR 13 MONTHS AND 01.0% FOR 21 MONTHS.)**

BOD's approved investing the "Insurance Deductible" monies in Little Bank for 36 months. Stephanie reported that the one Member in arrears past 90 days did not get the 120-day Termination Letter. Prior to sending that letter, Stephanie made several calls with no return calls and left several messages. This Member left a check paid in full in the office last weekend. BOD agreed that extensive measures to collect due money should be made prior to sending a "Termination Letter". No letters are mailed to Members for amounts in arrears under \$10. With the increase in dues next year, the BOD will look at increasing this amount.

Finance Committee Report: No report - Bill Braun was absent. Eddy Parker stated that it would be best if Bill Braun worked on a Budget in Quick Books so all BOD's could access the information as needed. All the updated Financial information (Budget, current Capital Improvement Plan and 2015 Year End Financial Statement) will be placed into the BOD's Manual when received.

Dockmaster Report: Bill Drechsler's emailed report: **INITIAL ASSIGNMENTS: 0. REASSIGNMENTS: 0. SURRENDERED SLIPS: 1 (MULLINS A59). CURRENT SLIP STATUS: 129 SLIPS ASSIGNED; 14 SLIPS AVAILABLE (3 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).**

NOTE: THE CLUB ONLY EXPERIENCED MINOR DOCK DAMAGE DURING T.S. HERMINE ON 9-2-16. WE LOST APPROXIMATELY 20-25 DECK BOARDS AT SCATTERED LOCATIONS AROUND THE DOCKS. MOST OF THOSE OCCURRED ON THE FINGER PIERS ON B DOCK. THE WEATHER CONDITIONS COULD HAVE BEEN MUCH WORSE RESULTING IN HUNDREDS OF LOOSE DOCK BOARDS FLOATING AWAY.

Dry Storage Report: Mike Foster distributed his report at the meeting. Currently there are a total of 16 Powerboats and 70 Sailboats in Dry Storage.

Dinghy Storage Report: Chris Davies' emailed report: NO NEW LEASES GRANTED WITHIN THE LAST MONTH. CURRENTLY ALL THE DINGHIES IN THE RACKS HAVE LEGITIMATE OWNERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR STORAGE FEES. HOWEVER, IF YOU'LL REFER TO SECTION 3 OF THE DOCK POLICY, YOU'LL FIND THAT "ALL VESSELS SHALL BE KEPT IN A SEAWORTHY AND SHIP-SHAPE CONDITIONS BOTH MECHANICALLY AND VISUALLY....". THEREFORE, WES AND I WILL SURVEY THE RACKS AND NOTE WHICH DINGHIES ARE NEITHER SEAWORTHY OR IN USEFUL CONDITION. UNDER INFLATED DINGHIES MAY LOOK LIKE DERELICTS BUT MAY BE SERVICEABLE WHEN INFLATED WHICH WILL MAKE THE DETERMINATION DIFFICULT. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO CONTACT THE LISTED OWNER TO INQUIRE WHETHER THEY HAVE USED THE DINGHY WITHIN A TWO-YEAR PERIOD OR NOT. AS FOR NC REGISTRATION, AS I UNDERSTAND THE REGULATIONS, NO DINGHY, KAYAK OR CANOE IS REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED, IN AND OF ITSELF. IT IS ONLY NECESSARY WHEN AND IF THEY ARE BEING POWERED. BSC IS UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO VERIFY A MEMBER'S COMPLIANCE WITH NC LAW. WES AND I HAVE TALKED AND HAVE AGREED TO "WALK" THE RACKS AND MAKE NOTE OF DINGHY CONDITIONS. A REPORT TO THIS EXTENT WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE NEXT BOD MEETING.

Membership Committee: Secretary Sandy Drechsler's emailed Membership Status Report: CURRENTLY THERE ARE 197 ACTIVE, 5 DEFERRED, 18 INACTIVE, 1 INTERMEDIATE, 7 LEGACY AND 4 LIFE MEMBERS. NO CHANGES SINCE LAST BOD MEETING. BOD approved: Jane Staveley's New Member Application; Jeff Tsai's request to move from Inactive to Active; Talbert's request for "Live Aboard" Status. BOD agreed not to charge the Talbert's a monthly fee given they paid for their dock during their extended travels and the short time they will be living aboard. With these additions to the Membership, BSC will be at 199 Members. It was cited that the Dock Policy and the By-Laws have different language with regard to "Live Aboard". Eddy Parker and Bill Drechsler to work on syncing up the two.

Social Committee: Gay Whitney's emailed report: SATURDAY NIGHT SANDY AND BILL DRECHSLER ARE HOSTING AN ITALIAN NIGHT SOCIAL FOLLOWED BY A BONFIRE ON THE BOAT RAMP TO ROAST/TOAST MARSHMALLOWS AND MAKE S'MORES. JOANNE DOUGHTY ORGANIZED BRATS AND BURGERS FOR DINNER AFTER THE ONE DESIGN. EXCELLENT FOOD WAS SERVED. PERFECT BURGERS SET A NEW STANDARD FOR LOTC. THE PICNIC SOCIAL THEME WAS WELL-RECEIVED AND HOSTED BY OLWEN JARVIS AND JONI FLOYD. OLWEN WAS OUR MC AND THE PRIZES AND POEMS WERE HILARIOUS.

Race Committee: In Bob Stevens absence, Gay Whitney's emailed report: FOOD IS ORGANIZED TO SERVE HEAVY HORSDOERVES AFTER THE CITIZENS CUP. LOTC LEADS ARE SUSAN McCROCKLIN, JAN GREEN AND GAY WHITNEY. GAY MET WITH BILL JARVIS TO DISCUSS STAFFING. PRIZES ARE COMING FROM BSC SHIP STORE. IN BOB STEVEN'S ABSENCE, GAY WILL HANDLE THE PRIZES. Eddy to put out a Blast regarding the Race.

ETYSA/Junior Sailing: No report - Arch Altman was absent.

Grounds Committee: Mark Brennesholtz reported at the meeting. The Landscaping Sub-Committee has used the money approved by the BOD and is requesting donations for extra trees etc. Checks should be mailed to Ellen Berry. The request was publicized in the latest Epitaph. They plan to publicize it in the Epitaph again. They may also send out a Blast with the information. Mark requested that members be informed not to stack rotten wood behind the dumpster - will clean this are up on Workday in October. Mark plans to get a team together to replace the lattice under the deck. Eddy recommended getting a bicycle rack to limit the number of bicycles under the clubhouse. Only bicycles fitting into the rack would be allowed.

Strategic Planning: Bill Green emailed a detailed report for BOD review. At the meeting today, Bill stated that he wants the BOD to review all the information in his emailed report in depth and return to the next meeting with questions/responses. The report recommends numerous structure changes in the way BSC functions. One change would be to move from 3 Flags Offices to 4 and from 5 Directors to 4. It was also noted that currently the Treasurer and Secretary do not vote. Discussion ensued regarding possibly giving these two Officers voting privileges in the future. This would need a vote and changes in the By-Laws.

Old Business before the Board:

- **Driveway Paving – parking lot and beyond:** In Arch Altman's absence, Mark Brennesholtz lead the discussion on gravel. Mark went to look at the driveway at the condos in Bridgeton on Arch's request and brought a sample to the meeting. Mark reported that the gravel pieces were fairly large (sample confirmed this) and all the same size. The driveway material was very loose, made ruts and ridges, and will pothole. Mark stated, although he would prefer all Asphalt, Mark made a motion to Gravel the inside of the driveway and Asphalt from the Gate to the Road. Prior to continuing with this motion, much discussion ensued. The BOD reviewed the cost of the two options: 1. Gravel inside = \$30,000 plus Asphalt outside = \$25,000 for a total of \$55,000; 2. Asphalt inside and outside for a total of \$75,000. There was question on maintenance requirements and cost for the two options with no consensus. Bill Green then made a *motion to amend Mark Brennesholtz's motion to include Asphalt both inside the gate and from the gate to the road at the cost of \$75,000*. The motion to amend was seconded by Mark Brennesholtz. The motion was opposed by Richard Schott, Gay Whitney and Joni Floyd. **The motion to amend failed.** Mark Brennesholtz's original *motion to Gravel the driveway inside the gate and Asphalt just inside the gate across Fairfield Harbour property to the road at the cost of \$55,000* stood and was seconded by Joni Floyd. **The original motion passed unanimously.** Arch Altman and Mark Brennesholtz to lead the Driveway Project from this date forward. The ramp drainage and surface needs to be addressed. This will be a Workday project with an estimated cost of \$1,500.
- **Website – Joni Floyd:** Joni reminded the BOD that John Knie and Jeremy LeRay would conduct a 1 ½ hour review/training session on the Website they have designed immediately following this meeting.
- **Engineer assessment of docks – Bill Drechsler:** Bill reported that he and Bill Green met with Robert Chiles Associates. Chiles and his associates do not think that BSC needs an extensive engineering assessment for this project. In Chiles' opinion, there are good dock builders out there who know what to do. The engineers can do a master plan after BSC has decided on design and material to be used. Bill Drechsler stated that it would be a good idea to use the engineers as consultants throughout the project, especially prior to each payment to the dock builder. BOD recommended that Bill Drechsler and Bill Green talk to a couple dock builders in the area to gather information on wood and/or concrete docks. It was stated that the new process of treating wood has reduced the lifetime to 5 years, therefore, concrete may be the way to go.
- **Stored Boats – Joni Floyd:** Eddy requested that the list compiled by Joni and her committee be emailed to the BOD. Eddy then tabled this topic until next meeting.

New Business before the Board:

- **Workday – Richard Schott:** Richard is organizing outside jobs for Workday October 15th. Susan McCrocklin will organize jobs for the Clubhouse. Joni Floyd will organize jobs for the Bath Houses.
- **Nominations – Gay Whitney:** Currently, Bill Green has agreed to run for Commodore. Richard Schott and Mark Hallquist have agreed to run for Vice Commodore. Two Board of Director positions will be open. Gay Whitney and Bob Stevens are running again for their two open positions. There are no other BOD nominees at this time. Stephanie

Davies has agreed to continue as Treasurer and Sandy Drechsler has agreed to continue as Secretary. Bill Green to send out a Blast requesting other nominations.

- **By-Law change – Bill Green:** BSC By-Laws regarding **Payment of Dues** need to be revised to accommodate the change in billing for Active Members. Bill Green made a motion to make the following change in Payment of Dues: *“Dues for Members with Active status shall be payable quarterly in advance, on or before the first day of each year calendar quarter. Dues for Members with all other statuses shall be payable in advance on or before the first day of January in each year. Dues for a new Member shall begin in the calendar quarter in which they join”*. The motion was seconded by Richard Schott and passed without objection.
- **Vision Statement/Strategic Initiatives – Bill Green, Strategic Planning Committee Chair:** Prior to this meeting Bill Green emailed the BOD the Vision Statement and Strategic Goals developed by the Strategic Planning Committee based on the results of the recent Membership Survey: **VISION STATEMENT: AN EXCEPTIONAL CLUB THAT SETS THE STANDARD FOR SAILING ACTIVITIES, MEMBERSHIP ENJOYMENT, FACILITIES AND VALUE. STRATEGIC GOALS: 1. MAINTAIN OUR FRIENDLY, CASUAL ATMOSPHERE; 2. EXPAND CLUB SAILING ACTIVITIES; 3. OPERATE THE CLUB EFFECTIVELY; 4. ENHANCE CLUB AESTHETICS; 5. INCREASE MEMBER INVOLVEMENT; 6. IMPROVE COLLABORATION WITH ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE INTERESTS OVERLAP WITH OURS’ 7. ENHANCE AND MAINTAIN CLUB INFRASTRUCTURE; 8. MAINTAIN FULL MEMBERSHIP.** Bill Green made the motion: *I move that Blackbeard Sailing Club adopt the presented Vision Statement and Strategic Goals effective immediately.* The Board approved unanimously.

Calendar & Schedule:

- 9/10 LOTC Italian Social
- 9/24 First Citizens
- 10/7 – 8 San Juan 21 Intergalactic Championships
- 10/15 Workday

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Drechsler

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Secretary