

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 4, 2018

ATTENDEES

Board and Officers:

Commodore: Mike Foster

Vice Commodore: Ed Doughty

Past Commodore: Bill Green

Directors: Bill Jarvis, Chesley Sugg, Gay Whitney

Secretary: Pamela Eastwood

Finance Committee: Drew McCronklin

Masters: Bill Drechsler, Dockmaster

Bookkeeper: Jan Green

Commodore Mike Foster called the meeting to order at 9:30 am and confirmed that a quorum was present. The minutes for the July meeting had been emailed to Directors prior to the meeting. One correction was needed: there are 15 rather than 12 vacant deep slips. Following this, a motion was made by Bill Jarvis and seconded by Bill Green that the minutes be approved, this passed unanimously.

Past Commodore's Reports: There were no questions on this report which was sent prior to the meeting..

Commodore's Report: Mike Foster

Mike reported that he has asked the Dockmaster to provide information on the number of unregistered boats on the docks. A discussion on "derelict" or stored boats focused on the need to maintain an appearance standard for all boats on the docks. This is a complex issue and has been tackled before with mixed results.

In addition to an appearance standard, there is a need to assure that all boats are operational (under their own power) by some kind of review by the Board. Bill Jarvis made a motion that the owner of the boat B16 be notified he is required to bring it to the minimum standard within 30 days or be asked to meet with the Board to discuss the condition of the boat. The motion was seconded by Bill Green.

In discussion, Chesley Sugg asked that the motion be amended to have a letter be sent to the four boats which have been identified as substandard rather than just one. All letters will not be identical but will address each case specifically. This will be boats in B12, 14, 16 and 18.

The amendment was accepted by Jarvis and Green. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Foster reported that he had asked Madelyn and John Knie to do some work on public relations issues to benefit the Club. They met with Paul Dale and identified several issues which need attention. Paul reported that the average age of current Club members is 68; recruitment of younger members is needed to assure continued viability. Expanding the orientation process for new members and asking sponsors to provide more guidance on activities and processes to familiarize them with the Club is also a suggestion.

It was noted that the specific requirements and costs of membership and the several membership levels available are not widely known. One step would be placing more information about the Club on the website and perhaps in a new brochure. Other ideas discussed included outreach to members of other local clubs who might wish to join BSC as well (NSA is one example). The requirement that all boats be removed from the docks before hurricanes arrive is a concern and possible disincentive to membership.

Paul Dale outlined a new communications option which would improve Club relationships and interaction; this would be a Google mail group similar to that used by Fairfield Harbour POA and Carolina Colours, among others. Paul Dale volunteered to set up this and serve as the Administrator/Monitor for its operations. After discussion, a motion was made by Bill Jarvis and seconded by Gay Whitney that the Board approve and authorize the establishment of this group. The motion passed unanimously. The Secretary will send Paul a copy of the Club membership email report so he can get started.

Rear Commodore's Report: Barb Robinson. Barbara Robinson was not present but had sent a report prior to the meeting. Gay reported that signups for the Shrimparoo are coming slowly. ETYSA last camp is next week.

Mike talked about the need to have a day-sailing person or position for the Club to offer daysailing activities which could lead to new members.

Vice Commodore's Report: Ed Doughty

This report was sent prior to the meeting. Ed will ask John Hiner to take on the committee for grounds from Paul Mills. Ed reported that the dock repairs are continuing as authorized by the Board last month. The work day was very successful. The next one has not yet been scheduled and will depend on the weather and temperature.

Past Commodore's Report: Bill Green

This report was sent prior to the meeting.

Old Business: The B dock repairs status is that finger piers are underway. Dave Ritter has washed all the dock boxes and asks that spaces between boxes be kept clear of all items as it is impossible to clean between boxes if these are not clear. The boxes are being re-labeled.

Mike Foster had requested last month that all committee chairs develop three FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) which can be uploaded to the website for content; none have been received so far.

On Long-Range Planning: Mike has asked for a report on possible impact of a severe hurricane on the Club membership. John Knie will research and report on this.

New Business: The email blast for the upcoming regatta included a statement that beer would be provided at the dinner. After discussion of whether the Club should provide beer or not, a motion to provide it failed for lack of a second. A motion which would state that the Club will not provide beer also failed for lack of a second. The Board will not issue a policy on this issue either way at this time.

A suggestion was made to reinstate periodic workshops in various seamanship skills in the future. No action was decided at this time. Chesley Sugg made a motion, seconded by Gay Whitney, that the meeting be adjourned. This passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

respectfully submitted by

Pamela Eastwood, Secretary