

MINUTES FROM MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 7, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Commodore at: 6:32 PM

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

1. **COMMODORE:** Peter Burg thanked all the volunteers that have been working to take care of the many projects being completed. Small boats have been getting repaired in preparation for training classes; security cameras and lights have been installed. He also thanked Nancy Parker for providing information on applying for funding grants and a sample of an application.
2. **FIRST VC:** Gerald Krupp, Absent.
3. **FLEET VC:** Bill Field, Absent.
4. **MEMBERSHIP VC:** Jake Morgan reported that we have lost some older members and gained some new members and are averaging about 150 family memberships registered.
5. **EDUCATION AND TRAINING VC:** Ernst Matheus reported that our first Sunfish class for the year started last Saturday. We have full Sunfish Classes for April and June and students are already signing up for August. The Intermediate Classes (Capri boats) are full for May and July. We have to keep the classes restricted to about 15 students per class due to numbers of boats and instructors. Ernst will give a short presentation at the end of each class about HSA membership benefits and invite all graduates to join.
6. **EVENTS VICE COMMODORE:** Woody Sessoms reported that all is ready for the Big Boys Race on Sunday, 10 April and preparations for the May 28th Gary Gordon Memorial Regatta are underway.
7. **SECRETARY:** Rick DiGioia was absent due to visiting Audrey Knerler in the hospital after she was in an automobile accident. Peter Burg announced that she had some minor injuries which are not life threatening. Everyone sent best wishes for Audrey to get well soon.
8. **TREASURER:** Dewey Beliech reported on the cost of regattas and other race events. Most of the costs are for food and prizes. The HSA Board of Directors voted last week to have hamburgers and hot dogs versus catered food; and to eliminate prizes (other than the winners' names being added to the ongoing trophy) in exchange for eliminating any registration fees for participating in the races. It is hoped that this will help more people be able to participate in the race events. Dewey also gave the Treasurer's Report for Year-to-Date as of 30 March. Our net operating income is very positive for the first quarter due to collecting Membership Fees and fees for training classes for the year; but it is expected that the earnings will decline significantly as we continue through the year with steady expenses but lower incomes.
9. **HYS:** Steve Caron, Absent

10. ERAU SAILING CLUB: Chris Herbster , Absent.

11. HOBIE FLEET 80: Dave Dunn, Absent (participating in Thursday night race).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. There was discussion about people arriving late for Big Boys Races (BBZ) and expecting to be able to get onto a boat. This causes problems because the boats are often already underway to get ready for the race start. It was stated that it would really help if people arrived by 11:30 (when the Captains' Meeting is held) but we will still try to do everything we can to get everyone that wants to participate onto a boat.
2. The Commodore handed out copies of quotes for repairs/replacement of the floating concrete dock. He explained the project to apply for a funding grant to cover the costs for replacing the wooden dock and floating concrete dock. The BoD has approved a back-up plan to pay to repair the floating dock now in order to save it. Dewey Beliech will contact the Representative from Bellingham Marine, Jacksonville to see if cost estimates are available yet. These are needed to be part of the grant application package as well as to know the cost of repairing now..

NEW BUSINESS:

1. An instructor and nine students from ERAU visited HSA for a day and were taken sailing to introduce them to the sport and benefits available to members. It is not yet known if they will opt to join as individual students or plan to create another student sailing club and join HSA as an affiliate club.
2. Commodore will be discussing with Vicki Duckett the success of Halifax Youth Sailing in getting announcements and articles into the News Journal to see if we can do better in getting more events announcements into the paper.
3. A reporter from the News Journal has indicated an interest in taking a sailing class and then describing the experience in a series of articles . The Commodore is discussing this with her.
4. Last week the BoD approved a trial procedure to try to improve the process of getting meeting minutes approved by the BoD so they can be posted on the web site for members to read. They agreed that the performance has been poor in this area and needs improvement.
5. Ron Kainz stated that the water cooler does not appear to be functioning properly and needs to be checked out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Big Boys Race will be held Sunday, April 10, 2016. Captains' Meeting will be at 11:30 and the Small Boats class will have their race start at 12:30; followed by starts for Multi-hulls and then "Big Boys" (boats over 18'). A hamburger and hot dog cook-out will follow completion of the races. All members are invited to join in as crew or "sightseers" on a boat or just to relax and observe.
2. The Gary Gordon Memorial Regatta is scheduled for May 28, 2016. Please ignore the incorrect date and info regarding registration fees for this event on the web page calendar. This info will be updated soon. There will be no registration fees to participate in this Regatta. The official Notice of Race (NOR) will be posted soon on the web page and an email notice sent to all members that have provided e-mail addresses.
3. Periodically informational e-mails and announcements are sent out to all members that have provided their e-mail address. This is a great way to keep abreast of happenings at your sail club. If you wish to be included in these announcements, please provide your current e-mail address to Jake Morgan, our Membership Vice-Commodore or Peter Burg, our Commodore.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.