

## GLAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, September 24, 2016

Location: National Yacht Club.

Present: Cathie Coultis

Gord Martin

Richard and Margaret Mair

Marc Decorte

Jeff Willis

Rob Feeney

Regrets: Don Campbell. Phil Birkenheier

The meeting was called to order at 1140 with welcoming comments by Commodore Cathie. Minutes of the last meeting had been sent by email on Monday.

Moved by Marc to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded by Rob. Carried.

**Commodore:** Cathie submitted a report noting that the association is 'stalled', and encourages executive members to help get new people involved. She thanked the executive for their hard work, and advised that in spite of dropping membership the bank account is in good shape due to careful budgeting. Cathie is looking for more businesses to join the Partners Programme. The membership portfolio needs to be overhauled, and we need to address privacy laws in our newsletter and other email 'blasts'. Cathie is hoping to set up a seminar at Wigger's Custom Yachts.

**Secretary:** In view of his Albergless status, Gord cannot be the secretary under the association bylaws. He will carry on as 'acting secretary' until the end of the year, or until a replacement is found. Gord will check if Larry Richardson would be interested.

**Treasurer:** Phil did not submit a report, but had indicated to Cathie that the yearend statement would be very close to what was budgeted.

**Membership:** Cathie suggested re-introducing the 'early bird' discount. There was some discussion of the discount, and problems with PayPal money coming in without

completed membership forms, and Rob advised that this occurred before the form was on line. Rob will add method of payment on the form, and also spaces to check off 'Info update, New, or Renewal'. Moved by Marc to re-introduce the 'early bird' discount on full membership only. Seconded by Jeff. Carried.

There was discussion of combining GLAA promotion with yacht clubs at the Toronto Boat Show. Also discussed; we need to comply with privacy laws in our distribution of newsletters and other email communications. Rob and Jeff will be investigating this.

**Racing:** Marc reports that he is actively encouraging crew to take out membership, especially if they are attending the Rankin. He would like to try a spinnaker race, perhaps as part of next year's Syronelle. The 2017 Syronelle is planned for NYC on June 24-25, with the Kents hosting a party on June 23. There was discussion of whether we need to look for other race venues. Marc was very positive that NYC likes to host the GLAA races. Gord suggested that we should consistently send event information and race reports to Gam, Ontario Sailor, and Canadian Yachting. The Rankin dates are not yet firm, and the Great Lakes Championship will be at NYC on August 26, 2017.

**Website administration:** Rob reported that the membership form is now working well for all forms of payment and membership categories. A member can update their contact information at any time, and simply re-submit the form without payment. Rob is encouraging everyone to submit information to keep the site current. The 'contact us' will now go to Cathie.

**Newsletter:** Jeff advised that the deadline for the fall newsletter will be October 16, for distribution end of October. He is looking for more submissions.

It appears that we (secretary) forgot to approve the director's reports.

**New business:** Cathie mentioned finding a new source for regalia items; caps, bags, throws.

Motion to adjourn, Jeff. Seconded by Richard. Carried.

Gord Martin

Acting Secretary