

GLAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, November 26, 2016 Location: National Yacht Club.

Present: Cathie Coultis

Phil Birkenheier

Gord Martin

Richard and Margaret Mair

Marc Decorte

Jeff Willis

Rob Feeney

Regrets: Don Campbell.

The meeting was called to order at 1240 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 Jeff. Carried.

Commodore: There was discussion of membership promotion through news releases, and Cathie advised that Ontario Sailor wanted to charge for them. There will need to be further investigation of news release formats. Cathie showed the promotional flyer produced by the Mairs, and received enthusiastic consensus to continue. Cathie is organizing seminars at Wigger's, U-K Halsey, and Klacko between February and April, 2017. Cathie thanked Jeff and Gord, who are moving on, for their commitment to the GLAA and its members.

Secretary: Gord had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Phil reported a bank balance of \$2867.42, with \$245. in a holding account. The inventory of burgees, racing flags and regalia totals \$762.86. Cathie advised that there will be \$318. charge for artwork for the new regalia.

Membership: Cathie advised that we had 44 regular members at this point.

Racing: Marc reports that the 2017 Syronelle is planned for NYC, June 24-25. To be confirmed; the Welcome Pot Luck at the Kent's on Friday June 23. Marc will be looking for loaner boats for the US teams. Rankin dates to be advised. The 2017 Great

Lakes Championship is planned for August 26, at NYC. Richard and Margaret suggested a fun race with a 'wild card' such as a dart competition to give more people a chance at winning. Cathie has received a half hull model which could be used as a trophy for such a race.

LYRA 2017 has invited Albergs to their regatta at Rochester from August 1-6th. If 4 or more Albergs attend they will give us a dedicated start. There will be a feeder race from Toronto July 31, and the Freeman Cup overnight race will be Aug 2-3. Alberg skippers must be members of LYRA member clubs.

Website administration: Rob reported that corrections have been made to the payments system, and the early bird special re-instated to February 28th for full members only. The new regalia form is online in PDF form, but not yet tied to payment system. Rob was looking for a seasonal picture of an A30 in winter wrapping, and Marc directed him to several at NYC. Rob encouraged us to renew on-line to test the system. Calendar updates include the AGM and Toronto Boat Show. There was discussion of how to organize the membership data base. Mail in forms must be manually entered into the data base.

Newsletter: Jeff regretfully advised the executive that he must resign due to his election as Commodore of Aquatic Park Sailing Club. Jeff has committed to help in a smooth transition to the new Newsletter Editor. The fall newsletter is ready for distribution.

Gord moved to approve the director's reports. Seconded by Richard. Carried.

New business: Cathie gave details of the January 21 AGM at ABYC, and suggested that the GLAA should provide hors d'oeuvres.

Moved by Marc that the GLAA provide hors d'oeuvres for the AGM to a maximum of \$300., including tax. Seconded by Phil. Carried.

Cathie distributed the AGM packages and suggested surveying the membership to see who would accept it electronically. There was discussion of how to fill executive vacancies, such as multiple roles, or using associate members. Using associate members would likely require a vote at the AGM, although others thought that it should be an executive decision. Cathie and Rob are working on a new regalia order form, which will soon be connected to the on-line payment system. Richard and Margaret have developed a membership survey which will be distributed at the AGM, and electronically.

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

Gord Martin, Acting Secretary