

GLAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, March 4, 2017 Location: National Yacht Club

Present:

Margaret Mair

Richard Mair

Phil Birkenheier

Marc Decorte

Cathie Coultis

Regrets Rob Feeney, Don Campbell

Guests: Gord Martin

Jeff Willis

The meeting was called to order at 12:13, welcoming comments by Commodore Cathie Coultis, who noted that this was a transitional meeting. She thanked Gord and Jeff, who are leaving their positions, for their work and Thanked Margaret for taking on the responsibilities of Secretary.

Minutes of the last meeting had been sent by email on Wednesday. Marc moved that the minutes of the last Executive Meeting be accepted. Seconded by Phil. Carried.

Commodores Report: (Attached) Cathie discussed the state of the Association, the dip in membership and expected upswing as previous members are reminded to rejoin, summer events are scheduled and advertised and an increase in the Association's visibility attracts new members.

2017 is the 50th anniversary of the Alberg 37, and she has reached out to A37 owners to join the Association and the celebration. A special page on the web site will be devoted to the A37, with stories, photos and archived articles from Canadian Yachting Magazine. GAM, Ontario Sailor and Canadian Yachting have all expressed an interest in carrying GLAA events and race results.

Secretary: Margaret had nothing new to report. She requested a small amount be set aside in the budget for supplies she would need.

Treasurer: Phil presented the summary of 2016 accounts (attached). Year end balance was \$2622.10, including 6 prepaid memberships for 2017. Current bank balance is \$3966.19, with \$200.00 allocated to a holding account.

Cathie and Marc will do an inventory of flags, regalia and membership material on hand.

Membership: The Association currently has 27 regular, 7 associate and 2 honorary members. The deadline for entry into the Association roster will remain the same (Feb. 28th). A motion was put forward that September 1st be the cutoff date for applying the membership fee to the current year; for members joining after that the membership fee would apply to the following year. Moved by Richard, seconded by Phil, carried.

Cathie discussed methods used by Chesapeake group to encourage membership and agreed to find out how many GLAA members are interested in purchasing a copy of the Chesapeake Association's 50th Anniversary book. She also presented the letter sent by GLAA to new members.

Cathie proposed that the Kedey family be offered honorary membership in recognition of their role in creating the Great Lakes Alberg Association. So moved by Margaret, seconded by Phil, carried.

Racing: The dates for the Rankin Cup have been finalized: racing Sep 23rd and 24th, potluck dinner on the 22nd. Marc will be lending his boat, Sam, to the Americans and will inquire whether Rob will do so as well. There are no registration dates or deadlines yet for LYRA, though registration usually starts in April or May. Racing and related events will take place between July 31st and August 2nd.

Marc will compose a note to be sent by eblast and to be posted on the home page of the GLAA website; Cathie will contact members across the lake and see how to contact other Albergs not in the Association.

Website: Report to come.

Margaret moved that reports be accepted. Marc seconded the motion; carried.

New business: Cathie reported that there had been a slight decline in attendance at the AGM compared to last year. Comments from attendees indicated that they liked the venue, food, service and seating. She will discuss holding the AGM there next year with ABYC, using the same menu, and possibly another event. It was suggested members who go down regularly and take part in events should consider joining the Chesapeake association, if they have not already done so. Annual dues are \$65 in US funds and they can be contacted at membership@alberg30.org.

- An open house for Alberg enthusiasts will be held in conjunction with the Syronelle. Cathie will speak with Alejandro at the National YC about providing a small selection of appetizers as part of the Open House which will be held just prior to the Saturday evening Syronelle Dinner. She is asking GAM and Ontario Sailor to carry notifications of the Open House. There may be associated costs.

Rob will be doing the newsletter as well as website starting in May. A Flash is to go out earlier than the next newsletter with summer events.

Suggested Budget for Expenses:

Racing: \$1250 (largest expenditure, Syronelle)

Commodore: To be determined

Secretary: \$50

Membership: \$187.50 (Mailing to yacht clubs and marinas)

Website: (no renewal this year)

Other expenses:

Open House for Alberg owners/enthusiasts in conjunction with Syronelle, \$250

Phil will create budget based on these figures. Motion to accept budget as discussed was put forward by Marc, seconded by Margaret, carried.

Rendezvous: As 40% of current membership is in the GTA there will be a one day rendezvous in the Toronto area. Phil will approach Toronto Hydroplane Club about space on July 21 (arrival day), 22 (rendezvous and fun race), and 23 (departure day).

If members in the East are interested, Cathie will plan another close by her. Members will be encouraged to come by whatever means they wish. UKHalsey has offered sponsorship; Cathie will contact other partners to see if they are interested. Ideas for encouraging commitment to rendezvous attendance should be sent to Cathie.

Seminars: Cathie has been in touch with companies who have offered seminars in the past. Two have expressed interest:

UK Halsey at Gerrard and Woodbine will offer a seminar, on April 8th, noon to 3, on topics including sailcloth, sail selection, and a sailmaker's eye on inventory. There will be a \$5 charge. Cathie will send an eblast to members.

Wiggers in Port Darlington will offer a seminar on fibreglass, date and time to be determined.

Phil will send invoices for the current year to members of the partners program; Cathie will send the list of partners to Phil.

More lead time for notices: Calendar should be decided and a notice of all events sent February 1st. For each event there should be reminders at six weeks, one month and then two weeks before. If not enough people have committed to participate by two weeks before the Association may cancel the event.

Race rules committee: committee for this year will be Marc, Phil and John Kitchener. Names of committee members will be posted on racing page of website. Marc will talk to Rob about setting up a crew bank on the website.

Trophies: Don mentioned the Bent Fork Trophy, previously given for mishaps like running aground or falling overboard; it will be resurrected as a fun award. Tim Martens and Shirley Jones have been asked to submit their log for the Proctor Trophy.

Cathie will send out the cruising log parameters for the Proctor Trophy.

Margaret and Cathie will follow up on the current membership drive. Motion to adjourn was put forward by Marc and seconded by Richard.

Meeting adjourned 15:00.