

GLAA Executive Meeting

Sunday April 22, 2018
Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club, Toronto

Present:

Cathie Coultis
Richard & Margaret Mair
Phil Birkenheier
Marc Decorte
Rob Feeney

Absent:

Observer:
John Coultis

Commodore Cathie Coultis called the meeting to order at approximately 11:35 and welcomed the other members of the Executive and John as observer.

Phil moved to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting; the motion was seconded by Marc and carried.

Report from Commodore (Cathie Coultis) (Attached):

- Cathie reported that the Blahs potluck was well attended and enjoyable and that several couples drove more than two hours to be there.
- She also reported that more members are using the Contact Us link on the website to ask for information and help from other members.
- She suggested and it was agreed that, to help develop the Executive develop strategies for future communications, a list of inquiries to the Alberg Canada email will be sent to members of the Executive Committee every few months so that they will be aware of the types of questions asked and the kinds of communications sent.
- Cathie emphasized the need to beef up the maintenance section on the website and to be able to pass on inquiries to other members with knowledge related to whatever questions are asked.

Report from Secretary (Margaret Mair):

- Margaret reported no changes.

Report from Treasurer (Phil Birkenheier):

- The balance at the start of the year was \$3942.00. To date the Association has had income of \$1570.00 and expenses of \$532.00. The current balance in the bank account is \$4976.00.
- There are two regalia sales pending due to a change in business at the suppliers.
- Cathie is waiting for a quote for a tee shirt for the 50th anniversary celebration of the Syronelle races.

Report from Membership (presented by Commodore and Treasurer):

- The Association has 33 full members, 7 crew/associate members and 2 honorary members for a total of 42.
- Cathie will follow through with giving the Keddy family their honorary membership, as previously voted.
- The Membership Director's job description will go to Mike Wilmot, who is considering volunteering for the job. There was a brief discussion of duties, busy times and how to coordinate with the Treasurer.

Report from Racing Director (Marc Decorte) (Attached):

- The 50th Anniversary Syronelle will be held on June 23rd and 24th at NYC; Marc is still awaiting confirmation that Roger Harris will be Race Officer.
- The Syronelle begins the same Saturday that the NYC open pursuit race takes place; Marc will work with NYC to find the best strategy for coordinating both races, possibly including doing a triangle race on Saturday, starting and finishing with the NYC race committee.
- There are two loaner boats to be used by the sailors from Chesapeake, and Marc is looking for another for a total of three.
- Details of the Friday night reception and possible alternatives were discussed.
- Marc will send details to Rob once they are finalized, to be put on the website. He will also reach out to all those who normally take part in the event and to those who may be interested to encourage interest and entries.
- Marc will compose a message to be sent out by eblast with details of the event.

Report from Cruising (presented by the Commodore):

- Cathie has been in contact with PCYC to arrange a Rendezvous there. They need to have an idea of how many boats will attend and anticipated arrival and departure dates soon.
- The Harbour Master wants the number within 2 boats, since docking is strictly reciprocal and dependent on number of their boats that are away.
- Plans include a lunch on Sunday, but the club cannot send out the menu until numbers are confirmed.
- We will have a race committee if we decide to do a triangle race as part of the weekend.
- Cathie will send out an eblast this week to gauge interest.
- Marc will contact PCYC about the race committee, if needed.
- Possible clinics at the Rendezvous include Flying Sails (theory and practice) and how to work with fibreglass (though the latter may also be held separately).
- Cathie will send an eblast to the membership with possible dates for a fibreglass workshop, to see which is most popular.

Report from Website Administrator/Newsletter Editor (Rob Feeney) (Attached):

- Rob appealed for articles and photos for the next newsletter (due by April 28th). He will thank Harry Black for bringing Yves Gelinis to the AGM in this newsletter.

- Regular features in upcoming newsletters will include profiles of members, for which Rob will randomly contact members by email with a set of questions, and articles about “Why I love my Alberg”.
- The Newsletter/website tone will aim to be informative and fun.
- Rob will add the 2016 AGM Minutes to the website now they have been approved.
- Rob has sent emails to all current advertisers on the website to check their status. Cathie will check changes at UK Sails.
- Rob is also researching links to share on the website, looking at anything that is boat related and relevant.

Rob moved to accept the reports; the motion was seconded by Phil and carried.

Other Business:

2017 Annual General Meeting: The number of voting members was almost the same as in 2015 and more than in 2016. Member feedback on the venue was good and most would come back. The only problem identified was a lack of response from the club to queries when arranging the meeting.

Budgets – 2018: Current budgets for racing, cruising and the upcoming celebration of the Syronelle 50th anniversary were reviewed.

Executive Committee Job Descriptions: Cathie distributed job descriptions for the Executive Committee members for each member to review. The description for the Newsletter Editor is missing; Cathie will work with Rob to develop one.

Communication and Promoting GLAA:

- The Sailing Centres and Organizations Spreadsheet Project has begun. Cathie confirmed that emails are going out to the clubs on the list in batches; she will send any resulting changes in contact person to Margaret for entry in the spreadsheet.
- Supporters – so far only one business in the Partners Programme has paid for 2018.
- We will ask in the newsletter for members to share their knowledge and expertise in different areas, e.g. engine rebuilding, electrical work, plumbing, rigging, both in seminars and in articles for the newsletter/maintenance area.
- Cathie has approached Gord Lacko to do a seminar later in the season.
- Distribution of brochures to the chandleries approached by Richard has been delayed due to problems in the printing. They will be sent as soon as possible via Cathie.
- Rob will create a designated page for the Awards & Trophies Log Book on the Website; Marc will provide any relevant information he has.

2018 Programme:

- A list of events will need to go out in the Spring newsletter, with whatever details are available.
- There will be a call for volunteers to help with events, including in the Newsletters.
- The idea of forming a Sub-Committee to work with the GLAA Racing and Cruising Directors to create an Alberg 30 Racers' Invitational/Weekend Family Fun Race open to non-GLAA and GLAA members alike, Point-to-Point Cruise/Race was brought forward for consideration.
- Marc and Rob will work to update the crew bank on the website.
- The idea of encouraging Alberg participation in LORC-IRC Open Regattas /One Design, LOSHRS and AHMEN/PHRF Series was discussed.
- Since the AGM and upcoming events are at venues that are cashless and there is a risk people will be unprepared to buy regalia Rob offered the use of Square through his account. He will collect payments and reimburse the Association.
- Rob will be reimbursed for the burgee decals he had printed when they are sold. He also suggested giving one away free to new and renewing members.

Next Meeting: June 2nd, 2018, National YC

Meeting Adjourned 13:57.