

**GLAA Executive Meeting**  
**Sunday September 30, 2018, 1100 hrs**  
**National Yacht Club, Toronto**

**AGENDA**

Present:

Cathie Coultis

Richard & Margaret Mair

Phil Birkenheier

Marc Decorte

Rob Feeney

Absentee:

Margaret called the meeting to order on the Commodore's behalf at 11:10. She then welcomed everyone on behalf of Cathie and chaired the meeting for a short time until Cathie arrived.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved without additions or corrections. The motion to approve was moved by Rob, seconded by Phil and carried. There was no business arising from the Minutes.

**Report from Commodore:**

- Most questions fielded have to do with maintenance. We need to focus on beefing up the maintenance section of the website and on using the "whodunnit" feature of the newsletter to encourage more articles. We also need to encourage people to take pictures of the processes they have used for inclusion in the repair/maintenance articles.
- We need to encourage members to become part of the Executive by advertising vacancies in the Newsletter and referring people to the website for job descriptions. As they are currently only available in print Cathie is typing the job descriptions. She will send them to Rob in digital format so they can be put on the website.
- We need a volunteer to coordinate the Association's Facebook page.
- Cathie is working on strengthening the Partners Program and on seminars of interest to the Association's membership.
- She is arranging to speak to UK/Halsey Sailmakers following changes there and will follow up on a payment from Stainless Outfitters which should have been received already.
- She will provide Richard with brochures and stands for chandleries that already agreed to have them in Spring.
- The Association may use the same material at the boat show where we may be able to have a presence in a booth already booked to be there.
- She requested that a tentative schedule of all 2019 activities be developed by the end of this year so they can be posted on the website, in the newsletter and at the AGM.

- Cathie also suggested that clinics for racing members should be arranged separately from cruising events.
- She asked that our fourth meeting of the year be an email meeting to be held before the end of the year.
- The AGM for this year will be held at PCYC in January next year, subject to arrangements being made.

**Report from Secretary:**

- Margaret had nothing new to report.

**Report from Treasurer:**

- The Association currently has approximately \$4200.00 in the bank.
- Phil will be sending out budget forms to Executive Members shortly, in order to develop next year's budget.
- There has been only one payment from participants in the Partner's Program, from UK/Halsey.
- Phil asked he be notified when there is money for memberships in the Paypal account that needs to be transferred to the bank account.

**Report from Racing Director:**

- The Association had a good racing season which, unlike last year, included all three annual races, the Syronelle, the Great Lakes Championship and the Rankin.
- Two teams, nine people altogether, traveled to Chesapeake for the Rankin. They enjoyed good, tight racing and everyone had a very good time.
- Marc recapped the Syronelle including standings and scoring.
- As the NYC Race Committee will no longer accept entrance fees for regattas it was proposed the Syronelle fees collected will go as donation to AbleSail instead. The proposal was moved by Phil, seconded by Marc, and carried.

**Report from Membership:**

- It was proposed that Mike work as a volunteer Membership Committee member under Cathie.
- His work could include developing a more automated system for tracking and reporting people joining/rejoining/paying online and making sure that everyone joining and rejoining the Association each year is in the list of members used by Phil in his role as Treasurer and to create the printed roster.
- A very important part of the role would be coordinating with the Commodore and the Treasurer.

**Report from Cruising:**

- Cathie will approach PCYC again about holding a cruise there.

**Report from Website Administrator/Newsletter Editor:**

- There are more individual visitors visiting more pages and we are on track to have the volume up by a third this year. The visitors are mostly from the United States and Canada. There will be a full report with statistics for the AGM.
- The website has not yet been updated with the racing results; these will go up when the newsletter, which includes the race report from Marc, goes out sometime between tonight and Monday.
- The newsletter will include a welcome for new members, with a bio if possible.
- Cathie will try to get permission to post pictures of Peter Hayes boat that were submitted by a member of the Association.
- Rob is looking for input, as always.

The motion to accept the Directors' Reports was proposed by Rob, seconded by Phil and carried.

**New Business:**

- We will continue to mention NYC in our racing report in the newsletter.
- Marc will explore ways we can help the club while organizing events.
- Rob moved that we purchase security for the website available from McAfee. It tells people the site is secure and encrypted and scans for malware and provides solutions. Total cost is approximately \$91.01 Canadian for 9 years. The motion was seconded by Cathie and passed with one (Phil) opposed.
- We will explore having a bank for delivery crew set up on the website, making sure that we have no liability and all arrangements and agreements are between the parties involved in the delivery.

The meeting was adjourned at 13:10

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Saturday November 24, 2018, at NYC.