



Minutes of GLAA Executive Meeting

Saturday, November 24, 2018
National Yacht Club, Toronto

Present:

Margaret & Richard Mair
Phil Birkenheier
Marc Decorte
Rob Feeney

Absentee:

Cathie Coultis

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:19

Welcome Statement

Margaret welcomed everyone there on behalf of the Commodore, Cathie Coultis.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The Minutes were approved without additions or corrections. Motion to approve was made by Marc, seconded by Rob and carried.

There was no business arising specifically from the Minutes.

Report from Commodore (notes emailed):

- Cathie is waiting to hear back from the ABYC Manager to finally confirm all the arrangements for this year's AGM. She will provide Margaret with the contact info so that she can follow up on the arrangements.
- Cathie has already reached out to PCYC to initiate discussions about holding the 2019 GLAA AGM there.
- She is updating the AGM and Dinner Notice for 2018, and will send a draft to the Executive members to be approved so that they can be sent out to the members as soon as possible.

- Unless the Canada Post strike is over in the next few days she proposed that the AGM Notice be sent to the members digitally. If the Strike is over by December 7th, she will make the necessary number of copies of the Notice, purchase stamps and snailmail it out, as she has done in the past.
- She proposed all the membership fees, and rates for 2019 remain the same as for 2018, as well as the deadline for renewing (and being included in the current year's Roster).
- She is sorting out the regalia supplier issue, and is confident that our existing supplier will be better organized to handle our group's requirements going forward. There is a new owner.

Report from Secretary:

Margaret had no new business to report.

Report from Treasurer:

- Phil reported there is more than \$4,500 in the Association's bank account
- He will distribute budget forms to Executive Members in mid-December.

Report from Membership (Cathie, notes emailed):

- Membership fees will remain the same as for 2018.
- The Early-bird price is to be posted on the website.

Report from Racing Director (attached):

Marc reported that:

- The Syronelle Cup for 2019 has been confirmed at NYC for June 21-23, 2019.
- The Great Lakes Championship has been confirmed at NYC for August 24, 2019.
- The race officer and equipment for both races are still to be announced.
- Rankin Memorial Regatta in Chesapeake still TBA.

Report from Cruising (letter, attached):

Cathie requested comments on a letter to members interested in cruising to be included in the next newsletter. Phil offered suggestions, which are to be forwarded to Cathie.

Report from Website Administrator/Newsletter Editor:

- Rob reported that he would be postponing publication of the Winter Newsletter until late December/early January due to need for more content.
- He will be submitting invoice for security certificate for website to Phil for payment.

- He will change the membership price on the website to the Early Bird Registration price.

Phil put forward the motion to accept the Executive Reports; seconded by Marc and carried.

New Business:

Discussion of benefits to being a GLAA member (see document attached) led to the following suggestions:

- There should be more get-togethers during the year (currently main get-togethers are the Blahs and the AGM).
- These should include informal gatherings without boats throughout the year to build a sense of camaraderie.
- We need to find good ways to attract members to these gatherings.

Privacy:

Suggestion:

- Send an eblast to all members asking them to email if they do not want their information publicly available.

GLAA Partners Program:

Suggestion:

- Businesses taking part in the Program should be approached about offering discounts or prizes as payment for their advertisement on the website. This would have the benefit of bringing customers into their businesses.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be by email, to be held during the weekend of December 14/16 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 13:15.