

GLAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, February 22, 2014

Location: National Yacht Club, Toronto.

Present: Cathie Coultis

Gord Martin

Observers: Mark Decorte

Bill Newman

Rob Feeney

Jeff Willis

Absent: Olivia Mikhael

Phil Birkenheier

Larry Richardson

Janet McNally

David Tessier

We met at about 1300, chatted, and ordered lunch. Commodore Cathie circulated the agenda and a 50th Anniversary report. She welcomed and introduced the new executive members, Jeff and David; also Rob and Mark as observers. Phil was welcomed back after a short break from the executive. Rob and Mark had some audio visual business to do with NYC regarding the April dinner, then stayed to observe and contribute to the meeting. Full attendance; definitely a quorum.

Minutes of the last executive meeting had been circulated by e-mail. Janet made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 30, 2013 executive meeting. Seconded by Jeff. Carried.

Business arising from minutes. Budget for post card mailing; see secretary report. We discussed the success of the AGM. Cherry Street Restaurant seems to be the preferred venue, and all agreed that we did fine without a main speaker.

Commodore: Cathie expressed a renewed hope for the GLAA with new blood on the executive, and excitement for the 50th anniversary celebrations. She circulated a 50th Anniversary report indicating all events will proceed as planned. Cathie is looking for anecdotes to circulate at the NYC dinner, as well as stories for the booklet.

Secretary: Gord discussed options for mailing the post card to clubs and marinas, but decided that the simplest way was to print a message and return address on the back and send it open,

as a post card. Address sources are the EYC listing of reciprocal clubs and the Boating Ontario marina directory. All executive members took cards to post clubs in their area.

Gord moved to request a budget of \$145., to cover postage and back printing for the post card mailing. Seconded by Larry. Carried.

Treasurer: Janet presented a statement showing an error. This was corrected by email next day. Cash balance at Feb. 22, 2014 was \$3947. She also presented a budget for 50th Anniversary expenses. Janet is transferring information and assisting Phil in the treasurer role.

Membership: Larry, in the new role as membership director, presented a list indicating that only 27 people had paid as of Feb. 21. This includes 3 new members. We need to seek out every Alberg we see and invite the owners to join.

Racing: Janet changed hats, and advised that the Syronelle was set up for June 20-22 at NYC. Loaner boats are needed, and Larry and Mark said they might make their boats available. The Great Lakes Championship will probably be Aug. 23, at THSC, with dinner at ABYC. There was discussion that all Rankin Regatta crew must be GLAA members. Discussion of a race clinic has been deferred. Phil suggested that new members should be phoned and invited to crew. This could be for racing or cruising.

Cruising: Bill questioned whether the aging of members was the main reason for lower attendance at events. Bill circulated his promotional email for the RCYC Canada Day Rendezvous. Registrations and promises indicate 16-20 boats for this event.

Director at Large: Larry advised that he would continue work on the 50th booklet, and the manual. He needs stories and pictures for each.

Webmaster: Cathie reported difficulty scheduling calls with Olivia. We had further discussion of having too complex a website. Rob contributed that he had set up a business website using 'Godaddy.com', and he felt that it was easy to use. Cathie was able to contact Dave Timmins and get source codes to allow Olivia to modify the home page heading.

Newsletter: Jeff asked all directors to send in their submissions for the spring newsletter to be sent out soon.

Janet moved to accept all director's reports. Seconded by David. Carried.

Motion to adjourn; Gord. Seconded by Janet. Carried.

Gord Martin,

Secretary