

GLAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, September 20, 2014

Location: Ashbridges Bay Yacht Club.

Present: Cathie Coultis

Gord Martin

David Tessier

Jeff Willis

Phil Birkenheier

Larry Richardson

Regrets: Rob Feeney, Bill Newman, Janet McNally, Don Campbell.

The secretary arrived late after an impossible traffic jam, and assumes most were there for 12:30 start. Cathie's welcoming comments encouraged us to come up with new ideas to grow membership and participation. 2010 was a peak year for membership. She mentioned that the 'Partners Program' would be just \$50. for the year. The November meeting will be focused mostly on AGM preparation.

Minutes of the May 31 meeting were sent by e-mail, and a few copies were available at the meeting. Moved by Gord to accept the minutes of the May 31 meeting. Seconded by Jeff. Carried.

Business arising: Jeff questioned whether we needed 4 newsletters per year as the workload is excessive. We questioned whether the number was in the bylaws, and agreed to discuss the issue at the November meeting.

Commodore: Rob will be contacting partnership/advertisers, and Phil will do a letter and invoice for the 2015 contribution. Cathie advised that Sail Canada membership will benefit the racing program and legitimize our status as a class association. Discussion of giving surplus 50th booklets and rosters to potential members as an incentive to join. Larry distributed copies to the executive. Discussion of whether we need two directors at large; consensus said no. Discussion of 'do we need the blog to continue after the website is up'. Consensus was no.

Secretary: Gord wrote a story for the newsletter and did minutes of the last meeting. The post card mailing did not produce a rush of new members, but should be a good tool for personal contacts.

Treasurer: Phil submitted a budget request for 2015, but emphasized that each director must submit a budget. He indicated that we should finish the year with a bank balance of approximately \$450. The expected income for 2015 will be ~\$3000. Sponsorships will be \$50.

Membership: Larry submitted a report indicating 66 members in the roster for 2014. There are 8 new members, but 7 old members did not renew. He detailed membership materials on hand, and submitted a budget request of \$450 for 2015. Work on the A30 manual will be taken over by David. Membership form will be changed to delete 50th donation request, and to get input from members as to their interests, also where did they hear of GLAA. Renewal deadline is to be the end of February.

Phil moved to eliminate the 'early bird' discount, and that all memberships should be \$45. Seconded by Gord. Carried.

Moved by Gord to make Doris Hansen an honorary member. Seconded by Phil. Carried.

Racing: Janet submitted her report by email, detailing the year's activity. Syronelle at NYC; 9 boats, won by Jazz/Gemini. Bob and Mandy Townsend Memorial Race at RCYC; 7 boats, won by The Answer V. The Great Lakes Championship at THSC; 4 boats, won by Gemini. The Rankin Regatta, Chesapeake; 2 Canadian teams, details to be reported in the next newsletter.

Newsletter: Jeff reported that he had obtained and studied the same program as Elizabeth Munro had been using, so we should expect improved graphics. The next newsletter, about 15 pages, will go out next week.

Director at Large: David is working on getting links from other sailing sites to connect to Alberg.ca. He also provided a script for the phone committee to use to remind people of GLAA events. Phone committee for GTA would be Phil, Jeff, and possibly Rick Kent. Cathie volunteered to do East, Gord volunteered to do the North, and David to do West.

Webmaster: Rob sent an email report on website progress. The 'Cockpit Forum' and 'Contact us' are not working at present, but will be fixed soon, and he will be adding new information as soon as possible.

Cruising: Bill reported by email, expressing frustration at the poor turnout at events, in view of the effort that went into organizing and promoting them. He suggests the possibility of less formal promotion of events, or asking for registration fees for events. We discussed fewer events such as having East and West rendezvous on alternate years.

New business: Cathie asked if anyone had received any cruising logs for the Gordon M Proctor Memorial Trophy. Cathie hopes to organize 'on the hard' seminars at Wiggers and Klacko, and to hold a member driven seminar. We discussed ways to get younger people interested in the great value of Alberg yachts.

Phil moved to accept all directors' reports. Seconded by Jeff. Carried.

Next meeting, tentative, 1230, November 29, 2014. Location TBA.

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

Gord Martin,

Secretary