

GLAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, December 5, 2015

Location: National Yacht Club.

Present: Cathie Coultis

Gord Martin

Birkenheier Phil

Larry Richardson

Janet McNally

Jeff Willis

Rob Feeney

Regrets: David Tessier, Don Campbell.

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Cathie at 1140, with welcoming comments. She advised that so far the only volunteer for an Executive position was Marc DeCorte.

Moved by Rob to approve the minutes of the last meeting as sent by email. Seconded by Gord. Carried.

Commodore: Cathie suggested that we need to bring out more 'one design' racers, as an old boat can be just as competitive as a newer boat. She would like to have a tune-up/clinic race to encourage new racers. Janet will not be continuing as Racing Director, but she has advised that most plans for 2016 are well under way. Larry is also stepping down as Membership Director. Cathie will stand for Commodore for the 2016-17 term. Executive vacancies are membership, director at large, and cruising. David is stepping down as Director at Large, and Rob will continue in the dual roles as website administrator and Director at Large. Jeff will continue as Newsletter Director, Gord as Secretary, and Phil as Treasurer.

Secretary: Gord prepared minutes for the e-meeting, wrote some lies for the newsletter, and edited AGM materials.

Treasurer: Phil advised that the GLAA has a bank balance of \$2075.00, with \$205.00 on hold for prepaid memberships, burgees and race flags, leaving an available balance

of \$1870.00. He asked directors for their 2016 budgets. Phil also listed the inventory of flags and burgees.

We discussed the effectiveness of the \$40. 'early bird discount'. Moved by Phil to drop the 'early bird discount'. Seconded by Gord. Carried.

Membership: Larry made some comments on the membership job, stating that the mechanics of the job are not too bad, but that 'hounding' people for money was very difficult. He will help out with the transition to a new director. Larry's report shows 46 paid memberships and a new US member for 2016. He also listed the stock of burgees on hand. Phil and Cathie have volunteered to assist with membership duties until a new director is available.

Racing: Janet reported that although she will not be continuing on the executive, the 2016 racing plans are well underway. The Syronelle race will be June 24-26 at NYC, and the Great Lakes Championship Aug 27, also at NYC. Negotiations for Rankin dates have been initiated.

Website administration: Rob reported 2211 hits on the website for 2015, mostly from Canada and the US, but some from many other countries. He detailed many improvements completed and challenges for later. He is looking for more content from members, and better quality photos. Rob is recommending we set up a PayPal account which costs 2.9% plus \$0.30 per transaction.

Moved by Janet that we set up a PayPal account to be credited to the GLAA bank account. Seconded by Gord. Carried.

Newsletter: Jeff advised that Don Campbell wished to retire from writing a regular tech column. Jeff is having a struggle getting cruising stories.

New business: Cathie advised that there has been only one volunteer, Marc DeCorte, to stand for executive. Cathie brought samples of the AGM package for review. We agreed to use the Cherry Street Restaurant again; buffet to be \$35., plus tax and gratuity.

Gord moved to approve the AGM package as submitted by Cathie. Seconded by Phil. Carried.

Awards were discussed, and there will be no presentations at the AGM. Janet will attempt to get a video from the Chesapeake group for the AGM.

Sailing Program: Cathie mentioned the possibility of a cruise to PEYC or Prinyers Cove, and a seminar at Wigger's.

The next executive meeting is tentative for Feb. 6 at NYC.

Gord moved to accept all director's reports. Seconded by Larry. Carried.

Jeff moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Phil. Carried.

Gord Martin

Secretary