

GLAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, November 30, 2013

Location: Janet McNally's home, 333 Finch Ave., Burlington.

Present: Cathie Coultis

Clare Mathews

Janet McNally

Gord Martin

Bill Newman

Larry Richardson

Kris Coward

Don Campbell

Regrets: John Johnston

Olivia Mikhael

Observer: Brian Mathews

John Coultis

We met at about 1200 and Janet hosted a lovely lunch with plenty of socializing, tea, coffee and dessert. I believe thanks go to Don for the soup. Cathie called the meeting to order at 1320, and it was determined that we had a quorum. Cathie thanked the executive for their hard work, and special thanks to Kris and Clare who will not be continuing.

Gord made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 28, 2013 meeting as sent by e-mail this Monday. Seconded by Bill. Carried.

Business arising from minutes. Don initiated some discussion about the seriousness of making bylaw changes, unless we were planning to change the character of the organization. Cathie suggested we table the discussion and form a committee with the new executive to study the bylaw issues.

Commodore: Cathie submitted a written report. Highlights: The organization is financially sound. A new member has just been added for 2014. Cathie suggested that we should try to organize our rendezvous' at the same place for two years rather than looking for a new location each year. Cathie presented samples of the new 50th letterhead, member survey, draft of Bill Newman's GAM story, and AGM notice. GAM magazine has joined the partners program. Phil Birkenheier is working on a fundraising letter to GLAA supporters looking for donations for a silent auction to be held at the NYC dinner in April. The new 2014 events calendar will be on the website shortly, and hopefully information on the 'CrewBank'.

Secretary: Gord initiated and produced the GLAA promotional postcard sample, with graphic design cost donated to the GLAA. The card is to be mailed to all clubs and marinas in the great lakes area, and made available to members to post in their clubs and give to potential members. Postcards will be available at the AGM, and are to be included in the roster mailing. Gord also served on the nominating committee, presented the committee report and produced the minutes of the last meeting.

Moved by Gord to print 250 postcards at \$75., plus taxes. Seconded by Larry. Carried.

Treasurer: Janet submitted a report showing the 50th anniversary fund standing at \$2044., and the operating balance at \$2044 on Nov. 30, 2013. Janet provided a draft budget for the 50th anniversary year, showing a net cost of \$2517.50 covering calendars, burgees, caps and booklets.

Membership: Clare submitted a report showing 67 paid up and honorary members. A new member, Lorne Mitchell, of EYC had just joined, with the encouragement of the secretary.

Racing: Kris submitted a review of the years racing in the fall newsletter. The Syronelle trophy goes to Don Campbell on White Opal and John Kitchener on Jazz. The Triangle race was not run this year. It was determined that Larry's registration brings the Great Lakes Championship to the required three boats, so the trophy goes to John Ball on Eventide.

We discussed using the same club for several years to simplify the organization of races. This seemed agreeable to most.

Cruising: Bill reported that RCYC had agreed to Sunday June 29 to July 2 for the Western L/O Rendezvous. The dinner would be on the Monday. Suppliers/partners will be invited. There was some discussion as to why RCYC had supposedly turned down 100+ Nonesuch's for the same weekend. Bill will check further. There will be a historical harbour tour on a large boat offered. It was emphasized that pre-registration is mandatory at RCYC. A realistic estimate is that 15 boats will come.

Director at Large: Larry has been working on the 50th booklet text and is looking for good photographs.

Webmaster: Cathie presented a 5 page report on website items completed or being worked on by her and Olivia.

Newsletter: Cathie reported that a brief newsletter will go out soon, covering mostly announcements.

New Business: Gord submitted a report for the nominating committee indicating that Larry will take on membership, Jeff Willis newsletter, and David Tessier director at large. The treasurer's position is open, but Janet has agreed to carry on until a new volunteer can be found.

Discussion of AGM dinner arrangements; \$35. buffet with better drink prices. Don will be doing trophy tags. All AGM mailing materials were on hand. A bylaw committee will be set up in the new year to review out of date wording and consider possible amendments.

Kris moved to accept all director's reports. Seconded by Clare. Carried.

Motion to adjourn; Clare. Seconded by Kris. Carried.

Gord Martin,

Secretary