

## **Board of Governor's Meeting December 15, 2007**

**Attendance:** Commodore Paul Kowalski, Vice Commodore George Donohue, Rear Commodore Art Parsons, Fleet Captain Hank Hedges, Secretary Bill Petersen. Governors: Tom Cusick, Fred Steckler and Dave Thomas. Dock Captains: Annette and Mark Thrasher and Monica Lovell; Manager Cordell Vitkun; Barrister Ron Willoner; P/C Steve Lee; Long Range Planning Chair Denis McCarthy.

**Absent:** Treasurer Steve Shupack, Chris Colacicco

Meeting called to order at 9:05am by Paul Kowalski

Paul called for a motion to approve the Minutes from the November 10th, 2007 meeting. Motion was put forward by Tom Cusick and seconded by George Donohue. Minutes approved.

### **Commodore's Report (Paul Kowalski):**

Paul distributed a BOG Organization/Contact chart which will be re-published with updates and corrections.

Paul and Martha attended the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club Association's Commodores Ball this year. Katie Lamb, our Club Princess, was introduced to the princesses and flag officers of the other Chesapeake Bay clubs. Katie is very intent in participating in the Queen of the Bay selection process. In addition to Paul & Martha, the CYC was represented by Past Commodore Steve and Kathy Lee, Vice Commodore George and Anna Donohue, Governor Tom and Judith Cusick, Howard and Janett Gasaway, and David & Laura Lamb. It was a good opportunity to meet the flag officers from the other Chesapeake Bay clubs as well as flag officers associated with the Delaware Bay area.

The August 16, 2008 meeting of the CBYCA will be hosted at the CYC. Tom Cusick will be the alternate representative to the CBYCA; P/C Harry Seebach is the primary representative.

The CYC will participate in the Bay Bridge Boat Show, April 24-27.

In 2007 there was one new member orientation; Cordell has recommended that we alter the program to be more effective. Revisions to the orientation program will be the responsibility of the Membership Committee under Fred Steckler.

BOG officers have been invited to the Miles River Yacht Club Commodore's Ball on February 2, 2008.

### **Vice Commodore's Report (George Donohue):**

George is working on a list/calendar of action items for buildings & grounds activities.

The contract with Bayland for \$4,000 has been let.

We've received one bid on the bathroom renovation for \$38,600; considerably above the intended estimate. George recommends that we put the renovation on hold until we have a more reasonable bid and more funds available. He also noted that it is getting late in the year to begin construction that would be completed before the spring. **[SEE CYCLA REPORT, below, for more on this subject].**

George suggests that we cancel the remainder of our contract with American Pool Management and let a new contract with a local pool company, Anchor Aquatics. The American contact will first be reviewed to confirm that we have the ability to cancel based on non-performance

#### **Rear Commodore's Report (Art Parsons):**

Art reviewed the proposed social calendar for 2008 (subject to revisions)

- Summer's Coming Wine & Cheese Tasting
- A Select Vineyard Wine Tasting Dinner
- "Steak to Order" Night
- Great American Family Picnic & Olympics - July 4
- "Open Pit Barbecue" - July 5
- All Dock Hors D'Ouevres Extravaganza & Fifth Dock Clam Bake & Karaoke Night, possibly on Father's Day weekend.
- Oyster Bull Roast & Country Western Dancing (CYCLA Bazaar)
- Fall Homecoming Dinner Dance

#### **Membership (Governor Fred Steckler):**

On November 30<sup>th</sup>, Fred proposed via E-mail to BOG members that:

Art and Christine Friedman be considered for membership. Their application has been posted for the required amount of time (11/5/07) and they have been formally interviewed by Sue Sparrow and me, and have also met a number of other club members.

Art and Christine have a 37ft Island Packet (*Tralee*) which is currently located in slip 39 of West Dock as a guest of the Fleet Captain.

Formal motion:

**MOTION:** That the Board authorize the issuance of one share of the common stock of the Chesapeake Yacht Club to Arthur and Christine Friedman and accept them as members subject to the execution of a buy-sell agreement, payment of remaining initiation fees, prepaid dues and slip fees.

The motion was unanimously approved, via e-mail, by December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Transient fees incurred by the Friedmans, while a guest of the Fleet Captain waiting a membership vote were waived.

As of December 15<sup>th</sup>, membership status is:

New Member(s)	Friedmans
Slips Available:	West 6
	South 4
	Middle 2
	New 5

<u>Category</u>	<u>Count</u>
Active	116
Non-boating	5
Limited	26
Life	10
Honorary	9
Slips available	17

Fred plans on working with brokers and boat financiers recruiting new members, including sending them regular notices about activities and openings at the club.

#### **Fleet Captain's Report (Hank Hedges):**

Hank discussed the Land Cruise possibilities, including Myrtle Beach, Washington Boat Show and the Baltimore Boat Show. The Washington Boat Show, at the Washington Convention Center, February 14-18, seems the best alternative.

As for summer club cruises, Hank is taking fuel costs into consideration in laying our destinations.

#### **Secretary's Report (Bill Petersen):**

Bill reported that George Degnon ("Irish Ayes", W34), who has been elected as Commander of the Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron (NVSPS), is in the early stages of implementing a new activity for the NVSPS. The idea is that the Squadron would organize a program for Walter Reed and Bethesda Naval Hospital vets who are in rehab, providing them with a boat ride for a day. He envisions NVSPS coordinating this program and setting up a network whereby their members, and members of area Yacht Clubs and Marinas, become part of a network volunteering to take vets for a ride on a Saturday or Sunday. They need boaters to volunteer as well as drivers to pick up the vets and their families.

The Board expressed support for the program. Rear Commodore Art Parsons has worked a similar concept with the Porsche Car Club and reported that the vets (and the volunteers) enjoyed themselves tremendously. One of the issues to be considered will be waivers to cover any incidents that may occur and, based on past history; it is believed that waivers can be obtained.

Governor Tom Cusick, who is active in the CBYCA, will bring the program to the attention of their Board.

The Board has asked Bill to be the liaison with the NVSPS on this matter.

### **Treasurer's Report (Steve Shupack, delivered by Paul Kowalski):**

The Club remains in sound financial condition.

The balances are "as of" and results are fiscal year-to-date at opening, 12/1/2007:

Total cash on hand	\$251,840.60
Net income over expenses	17,897.88
Balance in Capital Account	281,062.29
Food & Bar net income	5,779.71 (16% of Sales)
Fuel Net Revenue	5,021.66 (13% of Sales)

### **CYCLA Report (Toni Bouillette, President):**

1. Motion passed at the last CYCLA meeting regarding the renovation project.  
"To expand the ladies bathroom renovation to include the men's bathroom. The existing CYCLA renovation committee shall prepare a proposal to be submitted to the CYC BOG that details the scope of the project inclusive of project start and completion dates intended to minimize a disruption to club activities. Design details such as color, tile, fixtures, etc. can be finalized once a contractor has been engaged. Total funding of the project will be provided by CYCLA through specific fundraising events." What is the next step?
2. Christmas Party – today, December 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00am – Tree trimming; 12:00 noon Lunch; 1:00pm – Santa visits. 139 club members and 30 children; goody bags for the children are being put together. Gift cards for the Homefront are being collected at the door.
3. Gail Parsons – CYCLA VP represented Toni Bouillette at the meeting with Art Parsons and Cordell regarding next season's social calendar – as soon as that is finalized, CYCLA Board meetings and general membership meetings will be scheduled.

### **Governor's Reports:**

Tom Cusick: CBYCA is still fighting the placement of a large LNG facility in Baltimore Harbor. Tom also reviewed other CBYCA initiatives and their status. Tom also reviewed the AED requirements. Note; Cordell is certified for AED use. Paul asked that Tom and Cordell meet and review the status of our AED equipment and planning.

**Long Range Planning Committee (Denis McCarthy):**

We have the official documents regarding the extension of dredging dates.

Bayland is doing an evaluation of our Bathometric study so that we have a better idea of the costs associated with the dredging process. George Donohue will work with Denis on this area.

Denis will schedule an LRP committee meeting regarding the list of capital projects.

**Barrister's Report (Ron Willoner):**

Ron pointed out that we need to appoint the additional BOG representatives:

Chaplain	Ted Walker
Safety Officer	Steve Klein
Barrister	Ron Willoner
Medical Officer	Roberta Palestine
LRP Chair	Denis McCarthy

He also pointed out that there is the continuing need for an Assistant Secretary.

**MOTION:** Hank Hedges moved, and Art Parsons seconded the motion, that Sharon Vitkun be appointed as Assistant Secretary for 2008.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Ron also suggested that there are several By-Law corrections to be made and that we consider rewriting Rule 17. Steve Lee and Hank Hedges will work on re-drafting Rule 17.

**Dock Captains Reports:** No Reports

**Manager's Report (Cordell Vitkun):**

Cordell thanked Fred Steckler for his support of the Staff party last evening.

He also thanked P/C Steve Lee for hosting the staff on a cruise.

Cordell suggested that the BOG consider two year terms for all officers.

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A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Hank Hedges and seconded by Art Parsons. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully submitted  
By Bill Petersen, Secretary.