

COLUMBIA SAILING CLUB

ANNUAL MEETING

November 10, 2016

Board Attendance: Andrew Clarkson, Dan Robinson, Jan Jernigan, Tommy Tapp, Robert Key, JC Moore, Rich Boyle, Michael Smith, Alan Zwart, Meyer Moore, Crawford Milling, Ralph Pearson, John Young, Brion Kenline and Sarah Weiss.

Commodore Clarkson called the 60th Annual Meeting of CSC to order at 1830 hrs.

A motion was made (Wayne Hale) and seconded (Bruce Seiffert) to approve the minutes of the 2015 Annual Meetings. Vote – all ayes.

REPORTS

Secretary (Tapp) – There are 165 members that count against the limit of 200.

Treasurer (Key) – The Treasurer reported the club is in sound financial condition. The General Fund balance as of September 30 is \$98,483, an increase from \$66,450 at the same point in the previous year. Various Restricted Funds total \$172,465, an increase from \$120,455 due primarily to our savings for and focus on the new beach house project. On November 7th, the Club successfully closed on a \$484,103 loan with TD Bank, which paid off the existing loan and provided an additional \$154,000 for the beach house project. As part of our refinancing, we were able to reduce the interest rate on the loan from 4.85% to 3.93% and also gained the ability to prepay the loan if future Boards of Stewards choose to do so. Under one very realistic forecast, we would be able to pay off the loan in December of 2022, which is only two years further down the road that our previous amortization structure indicated. My recommendation to the Board at the December meeting will be to continue to contribute 45.5% of the dues, slip rentals and land parking fees along with 100% of initiation and back cove entrance fees to the Capital Improvement Fund. The Audit Report is being conducted by Crawford Milling and will be presented at the December Board of Stewards Meeting.

Education/DOR plus Membership (Robinson) – The Junior Program did a good job in meeting CSC’s requirements with the DOR for 2016. We met our requirements for both open houses (four) and educational events (five) in 2016. Membership has been up and down for the year, but overall, we have added five resident and one junior member in 2016. Jim Holland led a mark boat orientation program for new members and hopefully all new members going forward will be required to take such a class. We also took several measures to increase our safety on the water that includes first aid protocol, communications instruction, emergency landing locations and required first aid & safety equipment for the club’s boats. The scholarship will be awarded to USC in December. (See report)

Sailing (Jernigan) – CSC hosted several major regattas in 2016 to include the New Year’s Day regatta, the J24 Easter Regatta, the Laser South Eastern Championships, Lightning Regatta, The Outback Cup and the 55th Midlands Regatta. The Junior Program is gaining momentum and we need to continue to support this effort in any way we can. The Summer Sailing Camps were a success with this year’s camp run by Zoe Dommel with help from Dick Dommel, Bob Beauregard and junior campers from the past. We also had an enthusiastic Summer Dingy Series with a large number of Sunfish and Lasers registered. In addition, CSC also hosted LMYRA’s Spring and Fall Series. (See report)

Commodore (Clarkson) – The Commodore expressed his sincere appreciation to the membership for allowing him to serve the past three years as a Flag Officer. The year has flown by and the job of Commodore has been both enjoyable and fulfilling. We are like a family, and like most families we’re not always going to agree, but at the end of the day we always seem to end up on the front porch with a good beer and an even better story. He is pleased to report that in our 60th year the Club finances are strong, membership is growing and our facilities are unmatched. Dan Robinson and Jan Jernigan both had a superb year and were great team members to work with. In addition, he thanked the Board of Stewards and committee chairs for their hard work and support. He and Caroline have enjoyed their tenure immensely and serving such a fine group of members has made it a pleasure. Thanks go to everyone that has helped along the way, but very special thanks are reserved for Caroline Clarkson and her support. Caroline received a standing ovation from the membership.

Long Range Plan Committee – Charlie Calhoun presented a handout of the 2017 Long Range Plan as information for the membership.

Gamecock Sailing Committee – Gamecock Sailing Commodore Jack Gonzales gave an overview of their activities for the year, the third of competition, with 35 active team members for 2016. They thanked CSC and Roger Dougal for supporting their efforts.

Boatmaster Committee – Jerry Jowers reported that he, Langston Moore, Hammond Edwards and Dan Clayton researched, purchased and had a new Yamaha outboard installed on the Privateer during the year.

There were written reports submitted from the various other committee chairmen.

OLD BUSINESS

Johnny Johnson gave a brief update on the status of beach house for the building committee. Construction will start in 2017.

A proposed motion was made (John Dotterer) and seconded (Bruce Seiffert) to approve the actions of the Board of Stewards since the last Annual Meeting. Vote – all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the Membership.

ELECTIONS

Representing the nominating committee, JC Moore reported Board of Stewards approved at their October meeting putting the proposed slate before the Membership for their consideration:

FLAG OFFICERS

Commodore – Dan Robinson
Vice Commodore – Jan Jernigan
Rear Commodore – David Mosely
Secretary – Tommy Tapp
Treasurer – Curt Rone

BOARD OF STEWARDS

Charles Bumgardner – 3 yrs.
Jim Edwards – 3 yrs.
Craig Milling – 3 yrs.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Pete Korn – 3 yrs.

Wayne Smith – 3 yrs.

Robbie Garfield – 1 yr. term to fill vacancy

A motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. Vote – all ayes.

A motion was made (John Dotterer) and seconded (John Young) to accept the entire slate as presented by acclamation. Vote – all ayes.

The installation of the new flag officers followed.

Adjournment was at 1950 hrs.