

**COLUMBIA SAILING CLUB**  
**BOARD OF STEWARDS MEETING**



*Minutes: September 5th, 2018*

Board Attendance: Jan Jernigan, David Mosley, Bruce Seiffert, Curt Rone, Jerry Jowers, Dan Robinson, Tommy Tapp, Tommy Tapp, Brion Kenline, John Young, Jim Edwards, Charles Bumgardner, Robby Garfield

**Commodore Jernigan** called the meeting to order at 1831 hrs.

The August meeting minutes were submitted for approval. Dan Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken - all Ayes. The minutes were approved as submitted.

## **REPORTS**

Treasurer (Rone) – Financial statements have been emailed to the Board and are available for posting to the Club website. Alicia Milling provided an update on credit card payments for club invoices and submitted a handout showing an example of fees and charges for credit card payments.

Tommy Tapp made motion to adopt the plan as presented - to charge the actual service charge to the members paying invoices with credit cards. The motion was seconded - a vote was taken - all Ayes

Secretary (Jowers) - We have 181 members that count toward our cap of 200.

Vice Commodore (Mosley) - We have more members now than we've had in some time. The New Member Happy Hour is next Friday, September 14th - all are encouraged to attend. We have six new provisional member prospects in the process now.

Rear Commodore (Seiffert) - The Summer Series is over; participation was excellent. Congratulations to Jim Edwards and John Young. Thank you to Johnny Dotterer and Mark Alexander for serving as race committee. The Fall Series starts on October 7th. We expect a good turnout. Interest and participation in dinghy racing has been strong.

Sailing Director - David Van Cleef - High School Program update- there has been some interest and sign-ups, but not enough to have a practice. So, we've postponed the program until Spring. The main reason for the low number of sign-ups is that we have

to be vetted by the schools and that takes time. We do have interest from seven schools and they've been invited to the Gamecock Sailing regatta on September 29. We have 13 youth signed up for the Fall Youth Program. Ten of the participants are non-members. The program begins this Sunday. Gamecock Sailing update - 18 members came last week for keelboat sailing. One J24 is not enough so we'll add my J22. The Gamecock Sailing Club currently has 34 members. Our goal is to get the membership up to 64 members. Fees for Gamecock sailors have increased and will continue increasing incrementally. A discussion followed about potential date conflicts between the Gamecock dinghy sailors, the youth program, and the dinghy Fall Classic races. WOW Program update - for the fall program there is lots of interest in keelboats so we're going to use a J22. First Sail program update: we had 8-10 people go through the first sail program in the last month. Easter Regatta - Of the J-Boat classes, the fleet that seems most interested in coming here is the J70 fleet and a proposed date for it would be March 10th. Boat check out program: the specifics for how this program will work are in the works, Sea Scouts: I reached out to Stan Adkins on that and we may commit to providing meeting space twice a month for a fee. Communications: I am planning for a monthly newsletter to members and, importantly, non-members on the mailing list (about 1200).

Back Cove – Mike Mayfield - The back cove is in good shape. We have seven empty 22-24 foot slips and one large slip available for a 30-32 foot boat. SCE&G recently announced a lake drawdown that has already begun. As the waters come down a group of us will disconnect some of the dock sections that will be on the ground and anchor them to the posts with chains. This will not impact boats that are in slips but will protect the docks and hinges. Eventually, some boats will be grounded. So, it's a good time to take your boat out for bottom work. If not, boats will be rearranged as space permits. Mike provided several impressive handouts that will be emailed to the membership.

Boat Master – Langdon Warner/Ryan Lavisky - Bruce Seiffert presented a handout summary of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc CSC Power Boat Committee. We sold the Wellcraft for \$5,000 (a profit), and the skiff for \$6,600. They recommend that the Club put the proceeds of these sales toward the purchase of two power boats for sailing programs - a 17ft boat for a purchase price not to exceed \$15,000, and a 13ft boat for a purchase price not to exceed \$8,000. They also have recommendations for the long range planning committee to consider (construct a boat storage shed and purchase an 18-20 ft center console similar to the Privateer).

Charles Bumgardner made a motion to purchase two boats, at 17ft boat costing up to \$15,000 and a 13ft boat costing up to \$8,000 using the proceeds of the sales of the Skiff and Wellcraft and additional funds from the general fund. The motion was seconded. A vote was held - all Ayes. The motion carried.

Canteen – Mike Lambert - all is good.

Communications (Phone/TV/Internet) –Andrew Clarkson - submitted the following written report in advance: No issues with TV, phone or network have been reported to me.

Looking ahead to upcoming Midlands Regattas and club events, I'm interested in any feedback from last year's Easter Regatta committee and club members regarding additional network improvements.

CSCA – Diane Augsburger - Allie Hassinger - The first CSCA meeting is next Tuesday (Sept 11th). This Friday, September 7th we are having a Grill Your Own. The wine and cheese party will be on October 19th.

Docks – Billy Ray Davis - Agnew has already finished the work that needed to be done on the docks. We've already spent \$12,000 - \$13,000 on dock repairs this year. There are some additional projects that we should do, but, we can consider those at a later date in light of the money already spent this year.

Entertainment – Beth Ann Rocheleau / Emery Clark - The date for the Oyster roast has changed to November 17th.

Grounds – Dan Clayton - no report

House – Tommy Tapp - Tommy has continued looking at the AC system in the clubhouse and calculating our needs. If, we need extra air conditioning it will be less expensive to add a split system. He'll report back as he gets more information.

Land Parking – Bruce Seiffert - We need to make sure that the folks who have assigned slips return their boats to their assigned slips.

LMYRA – Bruce Seiffert - The first LMYRA race is this Saturday. The race starts at noon.

Recycling – Scott Leamy - All is good.

Safety – Dennis Anderson - no report

SAYRA – JC Moore - no report

Tell Tale – Margery and Gary Ballowe - no report

Telephone/Email/Yearbook – Will Haltiwanger - no report

Webmaster – Pete Gindhart - no report

Youth Sailing – Charlie Brooks - no report.

**Commodore's Report:** Jan Jernigan reports David Parshall has been invited to the Championship of Champions.

Since Steve Szymanski moved and can no longer serve on the Board we put together a nominating committee to recommend a new Board member. The committee recommended Wayne Smith to take Steve's place on the Board for the remainder of the year. Wayne has agreed to serve.

Dan Robinson made a motion to add Wayne Smith to the Board of Stewards to complete Steve's term for the remainder of the year. The motion was seconded. A vote was held - all Ayes. The motion carried.

Jan also announced that the Nominating Committee will consist of the following members: Jane Jernigan, Dan Robinson, Andrew Clarkson, and Robby Garfield.

### OLD BUSINESS

501(C)(3) update:

Dan Robinson reported that the non-profit Board met and had an organizational meeting. We will be looking for commitment from the club for startup funds and this will be discussed further as the process develops.

Jerry Jowers gave an update on the process of obtaining IRS approval for our 501(C)(3) and made a motion, as amended, to hire tax specialist attorney Bert Brannon of the Callison Tighe firm to assist with the preparation of the documents necessary for IRS approval and a budget of up to \$5,000 for filing fees and legal services. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken - all Ayes. The motion carried.

Margaret Clarkson gave a presentation regarding the name of the proposed 501(C)(3). The CSCSF Board would prefer to change the name to Columbia Sailing Club Foundation in order to take advantage of our branding and burgee.

Discussion was held about the name, fundraising, and mission of the new organization. There was widespread agreement that if there are no legal impediments to changing the name to Columbia Sailing Club Foundation, we should do so.

Security cameras - This is an issue that we want to address and we will continue looking into this and address the subject again at a future meeting.

Check out process for club boats - A discussion was held about a system for member use of club-owned sailboats. No action was taken at this time and we will continue to explore how such a process would operate.

Curt Rone raised the possibility of allowing temporary use of back cove slips during the drawdown period. Discussion was held about what such a program should cost. Dan Robinson made a motion to charge \$150 per month for temporary slip rentals. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken. All Ayes. The motion carried.

Billy Ray Davis and Margaret Clarkson - Billy Ray has a friend who is in the business of using drones to make video footage which we could use for our website. He presented a video of the Clubhouse and grounds to demonstrate. Billy Ray will look further into the services what it will cost. Margaret shared some ideas on using members stories in videos to market the club. Both will come back to us with more ideas and details.

### New Business

The Christmas party at Forest Lake Club will be December 21st.

**ADJOURNMENT AT HRS 2039.**

Executive Session followed