

COLUMBIA SAILING CLUB  
BOARD OF STEWARDS MEETING



*May 1, 2019*

Board Attendance: David Mosley, Bruce Seiffert, Jim Edwards, Margaret Clarkson, Michael Kapp, Robby Garfield, Stanley Hassinger, Wayne Smith, Johnny Dotterer, Charles Bumgardner, and David Oliver

Commodore David Mosley called the meeting to order at 1830 hrs.

**The April minutes were submitted for approval. Wayne Smith made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken - All Ayes.**

**REPORTS**

**Secretary** (Jowers) – David Mosley gave the report:

Membership by classes:

Honorary: 2  
Lifetime: 9  
Junior: 3  
Senior: 23  
Nonresident: 6  
Resident: 159  
Provisional: 21  
Survivor's Associate: 7

Total membership: 228

Total that counts toward the cap of 200: 189

**Treasurer** (Curt Rone) – David Mosley gave the following report: Club financials for April have been distributed and are on the website.

**Membership & Education** (Bruce Seiffert) – We have two new provisional member candidates up for a vote tonight.

**Sailing** (Jim Edwards) – April was an extremely busy sailing month at CSC with 3 regattas, the spring dinghy series, Gamecock sailing, and junior team sailing.

We are thankful for all of our fantastic volunteers without whom these regattas would not happen. The competitors left the regattas happy and vowing to return. That's the good news.

And now the bad.

Unfortunately, it seems like the same same people are always the volunteers doing the dirty work. This needs to change.

Of the three regattas last month, only one, the Tommy Whiteside, made a profit and raised over \$1000 for our junior program.

The Easter Regatta and the Lightning Regatta lost money. The Regattas were poorly attended with only 13 J24s and only 8 Lightings. We are not in the business to make money, but we are also not in a position to lose as we did on both of these regattas. We all want to support sailing but this doesn't seem to me the way do do it. For the Lightning Regatta the Sailing Director's attempt to encourage participation by setting a minimum number of registrations was good, but we need to go a little further.

In the future I propose we adopt these minimum requirements for regatta planning and participation. We should not host a regatta unless these preconditions are met.

1. A regatta chair who is a member of the regatta fleet or interested club member accepts responsibility for forming a committee to run all aspects of the regatta in consultation with the Sailing Director.
2. The Regatta Chair formulates an estimated budget based on the expected number of boats and presents to the BOS for approval.
3. A "break even" number of boats for the regatta to be financially successful should be established.
4. The NOR states that this "break even" number of boats must have a **paid** registration prior to a cut off date, and that if this number is not reached, the regatta will be cancelled.

In addition, it should be our policy to have a bar tender, preferably a club member, and restricted access to the bar when we have visitors.

Columbia Sailing Club has a reputation of hospitality and hosting great regattas. We all want that tradition to continue, but it will require increased commitment and membership participation.

We have been offered the opportunity to host the Y-Flyer Nationals in July 20-24, 2020. They would like us to submit a bid by 5/31.

**Back Cove** (Mike Mayfield) - some discussion was had concerning pontoons in the back cove. The back cove initiation fee can be spread out over a year.

**Boat Master** (Langdon Warner/Ryan Lavisky) – all is good.

**Canteen** – All is good.

**Communication** (Andrew Clarkson) - Good news - the internet appears to be running faster.

**CSCA** (Hilarie Brush) – no report

**Docks** (Billy Ray Davis) – The contract to fix the front docks has been signed and down payment has been made. The two pilings from the front T-dock can be re-used for the EZ docks.

**Entertainment** (Beth Ann Rocheleau and Emery Clark) - Barbeque for July 4th is in question because Dave Phillips will not be here this year.

**Grounds** (Dan Clayton) - no report

**House** (Tommy Tapp) – The dishwasher has been having problems again, but is working now. There is a broken fan on the porch.

**Land Parking** (Bruce Seiffert) – Request was made for crush and run around boats in the back circle near pipes.

**LMYRA** (Ron Loring) –

**Recycling** (John Hudson) – no report.

**Safety** (Dennis Anderson)– no report

**SAYRA** (JC Moore) – no report.

**Telltale** – (Margery Ballowe) - no report.

**Telephone/Email/Yearbook** (Will Haltiwanger/ Curt Rone) – no report.

**Youth Sailing** (David Van Cleef) - We have 94 kids registered for summer camp so far. We are looking to get 140-150 total. The PB&J program is open for registration. Some discussion regarding getting money from/through Regatta Network.

**Webmaster** (Pete Gindhart/ David Van Cleef) – all is good.

**Commodore's Report** (David Mosley) – Lots of sailing, racing, and events this month, thanks to all the volunteers who have supported these events. I received a phone call from SCE&G about a fence we had below the 360 waterline which needed to be removed. They gave us 30 days to remove it. Billy Ray Davis and Jim Edwards met to remove it, SCE&G has been informed of the removal.

David Phillips will be away at the Y Flyer nationals for the 4th of July celebration so we will need a new pitmaster or we will have it catered. No volunteers raised their hands, Beth Ann Rocheleau will get event catered.

We have a member who wants to donate a wifi compatible weatherstation to the club (brand new). We will get with Andrew Clarkson about compatibility.

I would like to ask the board for money to complete the renovations of the caretaker's house. The flag officers had put \$5000 in the budget for remodel purposes, but it needs more work than originally thought. We looked back at expenditures for the house and there really were no upgrades or yearly budget for keeping it up to date. With Brett and Dana moving in and willing to do the work, the design, and coordination of contractors, this is a perfect time for us to bring the house up to date. I ask you today for an additional \$15,000 to get this done. This is a club asset and it will help attract and keep our current and any future resident managers. Bruce added that the house is around 30 years old, so dividing this by 30 gives us around \$670 a year in maintenance and upgrades.

Lastly, thanks goes to Braxton Sorg who did 8 vessel safety along with the blessing of the fleet.

## **New Business**

David Oliver made a motion to allocate \$15,000 from the capital improvement fund for renovations to the resident manager's house. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken. All Ayes. The motion carried.

The Board voted to waive the parking fee for the Sailing Director's J22.

ADJOURNMENT AT 1930 HRS.

Executive Session followed.