

COLUMBIA SAILING CLUB

ANNUAL MEETING

November 7, 2019



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

Commodore David Mosley called the meeting to order at 1835 hrs.

A motion was made by Jan Jernigan to approve the minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken – all ayes.

REPORTS

Secretary (Jowers) – There are:

- 190 Resident & Provisional Members
 - 8 Lifetime Members
 - 23 Senior Members
 - 6 Non-Resident Members
 - 4 Junior Members
 - 7 Survivor Associate Members
 - 2 Honorary Members

239 Total Members of all classifications

198 members that count towards our cap of 200

Treasurer (Rone) –

The club is in sound financial condition. Our operations at 9 months are approximately break even before transfers to the Capital Improvement Fund and this includes an operating deficit in our Sailing Program of \$34,000. This deficit is projected to be \$46,364 for the year, down from \$64,945 in 2018.

The General Fund balance as of September 30 is \$1,831 a decrease of \$80,663 at the same point in the previous year; however, this is before a transfer of

\$90,000 from Capital Improvement Fund to pay for docks, paving and renovation of our Resident Manager's house.

Restricted Funds total \$250,908 a decrease of \$9,084 and total fund balances decreased by \$89,748 which is almost exactly our capital expenditures for the year.

Our loan balance is currently \$381,611. The loan matures in November 2023, at which point, based on our Long Range Plan, the Club will be completely debt free.

My recommendation to the Board at its December meeting will be to authorize contributions of 40% of dues, slip rentals and land parking fees along with 100% of initiation and back cove entrance fees to the Capital Improvement Fund, in order to fund our Long Range Plan and retire our loan as scheduled.

Vice Commodore (Seiffert) – We have added 17 new members this year with two more up for vote next month. Of the 7 new members, 13 came from our sailing programs - the junior program, WOW program, and private lessons.

We have fulfilled our SCDOR educational requirements for the year.

Sailing (Edwards) – Jim Edwards gave the following report:

The Rear Commodore is responsible for the on-the-water activities of the club. However, the Job really starts in December with the planning of the New Year's Day activities. As is our tradition, 2019 started with the Champagne, Polar plungers, Sunfish races, and a traditional New Year's Day meal for 102 club members and their guests.

And the year was just getting started...

Dinghy sailing continued to grow with the Spring, Summer and Fall dinghy series consisting of 81 registrations and 176 races with two race days to go.

We also organized and hosted...

- A PHRF Wednesday night series
- Two Gamecock Regattas with college sailing teams from across the Southeast participating.
- The Tommy Whiteside Regatta.
- The Easter Regatta.
- The Lightning Spring Regatta.
- The Junior Lightning Regatta.
- and last weekend, The Midlands Regatta, possibly the largest regatta ever held at the club or on Lake Murray with 152 registrations, requiring a

Herculean effort by countless club members. It was quite a sight to see sails filling the lake from shore to shore.

- Our Junior programs and summer camps continued to grow and reached new levels of participation that will be detailed by our Sailing Director.

Other accomplishments this year include...

- Creation of a Regatta application form
- Creation of a skills test and check out procedure for members to use club boats.
- The Sailing committee was re constituted and will be instrumental to the development of sailing programs at CSC.

For the first three months of the year we were searching for a new Resident Manager. During that time several of the flag officers learned first-hand the fine art of hot dog preparation and beer cooler re-stocking. Fortunately, Bret Bennet and his lovely wife Dana accepted the position and as we've gotten to know each other over the past several months I think everyone will agree that they were the right choice.

Sailing Director (Van Cleef) - The Sailing Director, David Van Cleef, gave the following report:

- US Sailing Race Management Seminar
 - On January 19th, CSC hosted a US Sailing Management Seminar led by JD Rosser.
 - The 25 attendees came from all over Southeast to attend.
 - This seminar counted towards the DOR requirements.
- SAYRA Annual Meeting (January 25-26, 2019) Hilton Head, SC
 - Attended the annual meeting on behalf of CSC along with David Mosley, Jim Edwards, Bruce Seiffert, JC Moore & Robert Key (2020 SAYRA Commodore).
 - Sailing Director (SD) was part of panel discussion on how best to implement a SD into your club.
 - Submitted bid for CSC to be the final stop on the 2019 Junior Grand Prix Series. CSC bid along with 10 other clubs bids were put to a vote and CSC 2019 Midlands became the final stop on the GP series.
- US Sailing National Sailing Program (January 31 - February 2, 2019) Jacksonville, Florida
 - Sailing director attended this symposium on behalf of CSC
 - Attended breakout sessions with other Sailing and Waterfront Directors on many topics associated with year-round sailing programs. This

- programs. This included Industry professionals along with demo days of the different types of boats available for sailing programs.
 - Sailing Director also completed a REACH Training Course that allows STEM classes to be offered at CSC
- Jim & Bev Holland Presentation on “The Great American Loop” (February 16, 2019)
 - The 75 + attendees were a mix of both members and non-members.
 - CSC Auxiliary used the presentations as a fund raiser and offered an Italian dinner complete with wine.
 - This presentation counted towards the DOR requirements.
- Junior Race Team Spring 2019
 - Ten-week Sunday afternoon practice from 1pm-5pm
 - Ten-member team traveled to Atlanta for JR Olympic Regatta along with CSC coaches and parents.
 - Team parents supported events by towing coach boats and the team trailer of Optimis, Open Bic’s and lasers to away regattas.
- Junior Race Team Summer 2019
 - Race Team had two designated weeks of camps culminating in Beaufort Yacht Club & Sailing Club and Carolina Open Regattas. CSC coaches and team parents supported both events.
- Junior Race Team Fall 2019
 - Ten-week Sunday afternoon practice from 1pm-5pm

 - Team competed at the Pluff Mudd Regatta hosted by Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club, the Halloween Regatta hosted by Augusta Sailing Clubs and the Midlands this past weekend.
 - Returning race team members have all purchased boats to participate year-round.
 - Eight new junior team members joined the fall junior program from the Summer Camps.
- Gamecock Sailing
 - CSC hosted 94 practices (52 spring, 35 fall) for GSC Sailing in 2019.
 - GSC Fall participation (88) grew 87% from the Spring (47). Fall attendance has historically been higher.
 - CSC hosted two GSC college regattas this year. Ten teams attended both events and USC finished second in both. Thank you to Kim Milling, Pat Freeman, Hilarie Brush and the auxiliary for breakfast and lunch at both events. Also, thank you to Crawford Milling who helped with Race Committee in both events.

- GSC keelboat team competed in Charleston, Chicago, Annapolis and the LMYRA series this year.
 - Thank you to Robert Key, Wayne Smith, George Bailey, Charles Bumgardner and David and Allison Van Cleef for loaning their boats to the keelboat team to prepare for the larger keelboat events.
- Summer Camps 2019
 - Partnered with both Hammond and Heathwood Summer programs to advertise and promote our offering among their own.
 - Increased attendance from 2018 by 70%. (86 in 2018 to 146 in 2019). Of the 146 campers, 32% (47) were members and 68% (99) were non-members.
 - Big thank you to all our members for sharing the summer program with friends and family.
 - Thank you to both Margaret Clarkson and Stephanie Copple for your never-ending support. I'm very grateful for your friendship and your endless amount of energy.
 - Thank you to Walter Everette, for the tremendous effort he put into restoring CSC Eight-boat 420 fleet. The boats look amazing!
 - Thank you to Michael Kapp, for the use of his 13ft Boston Whaler as a backup safety boat for the entire summer program.
 - Thank you to my wife Allison Van Cleef for allowing us to host two junior this summer. Charles Connor loved having the girls stay with us.
 - Summer camp registration will go live for members and alumni on January 1st.
- Adult Sailing
 - CSC experienced significant growth from 7 registrants in 2018 to 47 registrants in 2019.
 - Along with traditional Learn to Sail classes, CSC offered private lessons to both kids and adults at all skill levels for the first time. The response was positive.
 - Boats used in these Learn to Sail classes are privately owned by David & Alison Van Cleef.
 - Provided J22 to both the CSC and LMSC SAYRA Club Championship Teams to prepare for the SAYAR Club Championships Regatta. CSC finished 8th and LMSC 13th.
- Club-Owned Boat Check Out Program
 - This program was put into place in May 2019 to allow club members access to club-owned 420's, Open Bic's and Sunfish. The check-out process includes a skills assessment and orientation to each type of boat. To date, we have 23 club members who have completed the check-out

- Woman on Water
 - Offered three four-week sessions in summer months. (May, June & July)
 - Attendance for 2019 was 27 ladies. 15 members and 12 non-members.
 - Looking at expanding program outside the summer months and to include bigger boats.

- Girl Scouts
 - CSC hosted 18 Girls Scouts on September 7th. The activities included a classroom activity on buoyancy and a short sail on Otis (O'Day 34).
 - Thank you to both Mary Frances and Jerry Jowers for introducing this group to CSC.

- High School Sailing
 - Met with local area Athletic Directors regarding High School Sailing at CSC.
 - High School Sailing will begin in the Fall 2020.

Commodore (Mosley) – The Commodore, David Mosley, reported that

We began 2019 with 188 members counting towards the cap of 200, a balanced budget, and a good plan for more sailing than ever at CSC.

2019 started out with the departure of longtime resident manager Mike Lambert. A search was started and several people were interviewed but one stood out, and it has been a good fit for the club, welcome Brett and Dana Bennett!

Brett started in late April, and began work on the Rm house. The BOS had budgeted \$5K for the remodel, but after working on it at workday it was determined much more work was needed. Keep in mind we had replaced appliances and roof over the last 30 years, but no other money has been spent on the house. The BOS gave an additional \$15,000 towards the remodel and in August Brett and Dana had an open house which we were able to see all the effort they had put into the remodel. Thank you for all of your personal time and effort on this project.

The BOS and especially our in-house counsel and secretary did extensive research on creating a 501c3 for tax deductions on donations to CSC. After researching options, it was determined to be too risky to pursue related to our agreement with the DOR, in March we ended the search.

BOS meetings were filled with talks about Regattas, sail camp planning, dock fixes, pavement contracts, and many small and large expenditures for repairs.

Urinals, so we spent some money on urinal repairs with plumbers but then our Rear Commodore watched some YouTube videos, and bang, were back in business.

Our sailing director David Van Cleef was busy with much help from Margaret Clarkson and Stephanie Cople to market the sailing programs, private lessons, negotiating with the GSC, and work with the local schools to get 146 kids through our sail camps this summer. Women on the water also took off with multiple sessions over the summer, and lots of ladies on water as a result.

Junior sailing team competed at several events, the Junior Olympic event in Atlanta in spring, Charleston harbor at Carolina Yacht Club this summer, and Beaufort twice, Pluff Mud and Low-country regattas, and then the Halloween regatta in Augusta this fall. We travel a good group of kids and families to these events, and although Charleston harbor was tough, the kids had a blast and the parents enjoyed themselves as well.

A second junior team sprouted from summer campers, and some competed in their first event here at the Midlands. Many new families have joined our club as a direct result of junior sailing, and the turnout for events like the Midlands just exemplifies the need for a robust junior sailing program. I would like to thank the membership and the boards over my three years for supporting this venture, and hope this will be key for this club to thrive with active sailing for many years to come.

I would also like to thank the BOS for helping sponsor a disadvantaged kid who wanted to go to sailcamp. I reached out to the BOS and within 15 minutes the money was raised to send this kid to camp, thank you BOS.

Dinghy racing began its first spring, summer, and fall series! Spring had 24 registered boats, summer had 29 registered, and Fall had 21 registered sailors.

Along with the almost year round sailing we began a boat checkout program for our sunfish and 420's. Many sunfish and 420's were sailed during the dinghy series on club boats, a first for us at CSC.

Braxton Sorg held vessel safety checks and also donated our new weather station, thank you Braxton. Mike Mayfield organized a boating yard sale which raised \$250 towards the youth program. Some of the monies raised help the team buy a nice 6 boat trailer for transporting the junior's boats to regattas. The other money was raised and donated through the Tommy Whiteside memorial Regatta.

PHRF summer series sailed with about 6 boats all summer, lots of fun, short courses, easy starts, was fun to watch. I am anxious and excited for CSC and LMYRA to work with the big boats to get these fleets back up and running.

I would like to personally thank Jim, Curt, Bruce and Jerry for all the work they have done this year. Another shout out to Hillarie Brush and Allie Hassinger, as well as Pat Freeman and all of the CSCA for all of their hard work this year. On a personal note I would like to thank Alecia Milling for her guidance on protocol and tradition, not only is she invaluable as the CSC bookkeeper, but her institutional knowledge is very much appreciated.

Lastly I want to thank my wife Erin Mosley for all the hard work she has put in this year. No one but mommadores know what it takes to pull off many of the parties, and events, and she has worked extremely hard on many things, and is compiling her mommadore book for the next generation. So thank you Erin!

It's been a pleasure and an honor to be your commodore, long live CSC!

Committee Reports:

There were written reports submitted from the various committee chairs.

Long Range Planing - JC Moore presented the Long Range Plan and provided a handout for those in attendance. Over the next 3 years, the priorities are 1) taking care of the remaining areas that need to be repaved; 2) upgrades/replacement of the docks, and 3) upgrades to the campground. That will take us into 2023, and with the rest of the debt service and payoff that will bring the capital improvement fund down to \$13k. Because we will be debt free, that number will climb steadily - by 2029 it is projected to be over \$550,000. This plan was designed without anticipating any changes in membership dues or initiation fees.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was brought before the membership.

NEW BUSINESS

Tommy Tapp made a motion that that membership approve the actions of the Board of Stewards from the last annual meeting to present. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken. All Ayes. The motion carried.

A change to the Bylaws Section VII-4, as described in the Notice of the Annual Meeting was raised for discussion.

Tommy Tapp made a motion not adopt the change as presented in the Notice of Meeting. The motion was seconded. A voter was taken. All Ayes- the motion carried.

ELECTIONS

Representing the nominating committee, David Mosley reported the proposed slate:

FLAG OFFICERS

Commodore – Bruce Seiffert
Vice Commodore – Jim Edwards
Rear Commodore – Crawford Milling
Secretary – Jerry Jowers
Treasurer – Curt Rone

BOARD OF STEWARDS

Bradley Anderson– 3 yrs.
Michele Davis – 3 yrs.
Rich Horton – 3 yrs.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chuck Henderson – 1 yr. to fill vacancy

A motion was made by Johnny Dotterer to accept the complete proposed slate by acclamation. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken – all ayes.

The installation of the new flag officers followed.

Adjournment was at 1927 hrs.