

Red Eye Yacht Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 13, 2020

I. Call to order

Commodore Stephanie Gaff called to order the regular meeting of the General Membership at 7:36 pm on Friday, November 13, 2020 at Red Eye Yacht Club with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Membership – PC Ken Zeisloft

- Current Social Members, Tony and Katie Campetelli, have applied for Full Membership starting the 1st of the year.
- Five Social Membership Applications.
 - Charles “Luke” & Michelle Lukoski. Luke is a Quality Control Manager. Luke is friends with Jeannie and Chip Peters.
 - Angela Bannick & Christopher Ambrose. Angela is a Bar Manager at Laidback Lenny’s.
 - F.J. Stetson. Communications/Electronics person.
 - Chris & Susie ???? Plumbing/Heating/Air.
 - David & Cathy Collin. Works at Macy’s Dept Store.

**Everyone except Luke & Michelle, were brought to the Club by the Gubernat’s*

Ned motioned to accept the applications of the new applicants to become Members of Red Eye Yacht Club. Seconded by John G. MOTION PASSED.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

- Rec Sec PC Michael Gaff emailed the minutes.

Erni motioned to suspend the reading of the minutes. Seconded by PC Jerry. MOTION PASSED.

- PC Steve asked if there were any possibility to get the minutes out earlier. Rec Sec stated yes, he was just caught up with a lot on his plate. Rec Sec apologized and stated he would have them out earlier. Commodore stated she would like to have the minutes published in or at the same time of the distribution of the Newsletter.

IV. Treasurer – PC Karen Frey

- One side is everything that has been written from or deposited into the Checking Account since last meeting. If there are any questions, Treasurer will explain.

- The other side is our Year-To-Date activity. We were behind due to being shut down because of the Pandemic. Looks like later in the year, we are starting to come back a little. Fees are pretty good for the year, bar income is looking good, affairs are down. We are currently showing a \$6,000 loss. Treasurer is not concerned a lot about the loss, she can do some “Creative Accounting”. DNR still has not reimbursed us for the Pump-out. She has already reconciled it for the year, but we have not physically received the reimbursement. DNR typically reimburses in 45 days, but it has been 120 days. DNR is currently running behind, but acknowledges they are intending to reimburse. PC Ken stated the problem isn’t with DNR, but with the Comptroller of Maryland.

PC Jerry motioned to accept the Treasurer’s Report pending audit. Seconded by VC Wayne. MOTION PASSED.

V. Corresponding Secretary – PC Cheryl Phelps

- New members, please stop by and give correct contact information. PC Ken stated that he would send over an updated Roster List.
- If anyone is having trouble with their email addresses or receiving notices from REYC, please get with the Corresponding Secretary.
- John G stated that a member, Todd Liddick, made the Board aware that he had an issue receiving notices from the club. Commodore stated that she did check his information and was not in the system, so the Commodore did add him.
- FOR SALE section is still available to anyone who wants to sell anything.

VI. Fleet Captain – VACANT

VII. Rear Commodore – Scarlett Corso

- Absent because not feeling well, but she did send in a report.
- Thank you to everyone who came out and helped with the winterization work party. All ice-eaters have been placed in the water, but the pump-out station and water lines have not been winterized yet. This is to allow those who could not pump out time to do so and fill their tanks in preparation for winter. PC Terry with the help of Bruce Rhine has agreed to winterize prior to November 21. Anyone needing work hours who would like to lend a hand, please contact the Rear Commodore or PC Terry.
- Thanks to outgoing Rear Commodore PC Jerry for guidance and support and continued help in the future. Rear Commodore has a

working list for repairs and maintenance for the future. Any suggestions or concerns should reach out to her directly.

- VC Wayne had suggested that we hold off winterizing the pump-out and water lines until after the Lighted Boat Parade for those who would like to participate in the parade. It was suggested that he speak with the Rear Commodore and those involved in the winterization and decide from there.
- PC Terry asked PC Ken, who is asking the membership if they know where the valve attachment for the compressor to the water lines might be. It is needed to blow out the lines for winterization. Mike D stated that it should be in the basement stored near the shut-off valve. PC Steve stated that he should take a look in the stairwell where we store the ice-eaters. PC Terry will take another look.
- PC Jerry mentioned that this new pump-out works differently than the old one. You need to be patient with it. Pressing the green button too many times will cause it to go into safety mode. The buttons have delays built into it to extend its life. Especially if the unit has been sitting unused for a little while, press the green button and wait approximately 1-3 minutes for it to warm up and begin to run. If you get button happy, just hit the red button and wait approximately 1-3 minutes for it to reset itself. We need to have signs made up and posted at the pump-outs, not just for our members but also the public that may stop by a use the system. The instructions should also be posted in the newsletter. However, when we post the instructions it may be better to state “5 minutes” just to be safe.
- The pedestals need to be finished next year. It is something that becomes permanently affixed to the piers and therefore should be paid for by the Holding Company. We need to get approval from the membership to take this to the Holding Company at the Stockholder’s Meeting in February. PC Jerry stated with to complete the necessary items to the piers, we would need to ask the Holding Company for \$5,000. PC Steve stated that he believes PC Jerry should get an estimate prior to going to the Holding Company so that we know what expenditure we are actually looking at. PC Ken stated that we are not approving the project tonight, we are only approving to take it to the Holding Company.

PC Jerry motioned in order to keep with the upgrade of the piers and have them uniform, that we pursue that through the Holding Company to make those modifications this year. Seconded by PC Mike G. MOTION PASSED with 4 opposed.

VIII. Vice Commodore – Wayne Orem

- PC Terry called Wayne to inform him that the basement was flooding out again. The sump pump is non-functional and now filled with mud and basement floor is dirty, muddy, and wet. Mike D believes the sand is washing into the basement from the parking lot side during heavy rains. We would benefit from having a dehumidifier to help with the dampness. Commodore stated that she believes the dehumidifier to be in the old meeting room. VC should take a look and move it to the basement. For work hours, we need someone to clean up the basement floor in the meantime. For a long-term fix we should look into replacing the sump pump and maybe putting in a French Drain system. It was not installed during the renovation because they didn't feel the need at the time and because of expense.
- Chip stated that the water filter that is downstairs under the ice maker is extremely filthy and needs to be changed. Chip took pictures of it and should send them onto Wayne to purchase a replacement.

IX. Commodore – Stephanie Gaff

- Thank you to everyone for being so respectful and she hopes the meeting can continue like this. The membership stated that the Commodore has just jinxed herself.
- Governor Hogan has called another Press Conference addressing the recent trending of the COVID-19 virus. He has implemented some restrictions.
 - Masks are to be worn at all times indoors and outdoors when social distancing cannot be maintained.
 - Capacity for the Clubhouse is 50%, which means 40 people.
 - There is no congregating at the bar. Seating at the bar is to be spaced appropriately for social distancing. That is why you will see covering ovetop of the barstools, please do not remove them, and do not move the stools around.
 - Bartenders must fill out the COVID Questionnaire and must wear a mask at all times behind the bar. Bartenders should also regularly wipe down the bar top and bottles to sanitize them.
 - Masks can only be removed while seated and either eating or drinking. Masks must be worn at all other times. This includes playing Shuffleboard, pool, or moving about the Clubhouse. You may no longer stand with a mask off while holding a drink in your hand; you must be seated.

- There is a maximum of 2 people that may stand at the end of the shuffleboard, with a total of 4 people. The same goes for the pool table.
- Tables are set up to accommodate 6 people. This is the maximum allowed to be seated at a table. Tables should also regularly be wiped down, especially in between customers.
- The newest restriction is that the Clubhouse must close down at 12am. This means, by bar hours, everyone should be out of the Clubhouse (with the exception of those cleaning up) should be out of the Clubhouse by 11:45pm. This does not mean you can take your drink outside and remain on the deck. Even though we have a Carry-out permit, any alcohol purchased for carry-out must be consumed off property.
- These rules also apply to our second floor. The only exception is when PC Karen is in her office working by herself, she does not need to wear her mask but needs to keep the door shut.
- These rules are not my doing, these are put into place by the Governor of Maryland. Any violations can result in loss of our licenses and not only fines for the Club, but fines for those whose name is listed on the licenses. If people do not comply, the Commodore will ask PC Ken to turn our entry cards off between certain hours.

X. Health & Welfare – Cathy DeLorenzo

- *Condolences:* to Mark V on the passing of his mother. In addition, the Commodore did want to make mention of the passing of Commodore-elect Dan Killeen from CBYCA.
- *Get Wells:*
- Remind everyone that if you have any health or welfare to please pass the information along so she can get cards out.

XI. Display Case – PC Steve Rockel

- If you need any special orders before the Holidays, please get them to PC Steve this week. He needs to have turnaround time from both the production and mail system.
- Had some REYC made. They are white with REYC embroidered on them. They are \$5.00 each. Wear Your Damn Mask.

XII. Entertainment / Kitchen – PC Erni Heiser

- Thank you to Dino for providing dinner tonight.
- Started taking reservations for next year for Hall Rentals with the understanding that we are allowed to accommodate them.

- Wedding wanting to come in September. They are penciled in.
- Currently, all food is being served as well as what can be packaged individually will be. Thank you, Maryanne for taking the time to package the utensils and all.
- Thank you to everyone who has been helping Erni out.

XIII. Bar – Mark Vahlkamp

- Thank you to Dana F for stepping up and handling the bar tonight.
- Anyone looking for extra hours, we need someone to stock the bar.
- Don't forget the mask behind the bar and filling out the COVID Questionnaire.

XIV. Finance Committee

NO REPORT

XV. Webmaster – PC Ken Zeisloft

- Website is up to date with the exception of the minutes because he did not get them in time.
- The lease with the host is getting ready to expire. Last time we renewed was \$324 for 3 years. Do not know what the current renewal rate is. It is currently not budgeted to pay for this expense. PC Ken does not think he has the expertise to change hosts. He would gladly pass this over to someone who would have knowledge of web building and maintenance. Are we going to continue the website? Commodore asked about the Domain Name and when it is renewed. He stated that it is renewed annually for \$25. Commodore inquired about switching to a platform like GoDaddy that is much easier to operate. Commodore will do some rate comparisons between PowWeb and GoDaddy and present to the membership at the next meeting.
- New Wi-fi password is **Reycpirate**.
- Website password is **goboating**

XVI. Facilities

- The sump pump in the basement has been broken for many years. Some minor things drain into it. The AC condensers also drain into it. Under normal circumstances, the water does drain. Most of the water coming into the building is from the parking lot. Mike D does not feel that we should spend the money on a French Drain at this time. He stated that we shouldn't put anything onto the floor, especially since we are not supposed to be using the basement for storage. Even if you spend \$150 on the sump pump, it is not going to

stop the water on the floor that is coming into the foundation from the parking lot side.

- PC Ken addressed the thermostat. The thermostat is currently set to industry standards. Below 70 degrees the heat comes on, above 75 degrees the AC comes on. It does not help by having windows and doors open, we end up just heating/cooling the outdoors.

XVII. Holding Company

NO REPORT

XVIII. Board of Governors

The Commodore stated, that before she starts to give the BOG report there a few courtesies she would like everyone to follow:

1. If you have something to say, please raise your hand and the Commodore will acknowledge you. We do not want anyone speaking overtop of anyone else.
 2. No private conversations going on because it makes it difficult to hear what others are saying.
- The Finance Committee addressed the Board of Governors and informed them that they are projecting a \$10,000-\$12,000 shortfall for the 2021 budget.
 - The Board is proposing a one-time assessment up to \$200 to be assessed at mid-year billing should it still be necessary only after reviewing the budget at that time. It may or may not be necessary depending on how well the Club is doing at that time.
 - PC Jerry just wants to make it clear that it is an assessment UP TO \$200 to be re-evaluated prior to mid-year billing.
 - Another option, that the Board would like to avoid, is raising the slip fees. However, this would not be a one-time transaction. This increase would remain in affect every subsequent year.
 - PC Ken suggested we do a “Bare Bones” (Austerity) budget and then cross the “Assessment” bridge when we come to it. Erni stated that they have already cut everything they can from the budget and cannot have a “zeroed-out” budget without a line item stating Assessment or Increase in Fees.
 - PC Steve would like to know how the Finance Committee came up with the figure of a \$10-12K shortfall, can someone please explain? PC Jerry explained that the Finance Committee looked at all the expected expenses for next year and it appears that we most likely could have this shortfall. The Commodore and PC Jerry explained that the purpose of informing the membership of an Assessment possibility at this meeting was for information purposes only. We are

not making any motions at this time, nor are we voting on anything this meeting. The Board would vote at their next BOG meeting whether or not to increase slip fees in order to have them available to PC Ken for new year billing. The Assessment option can be looked at after the new year for a possible vote in May should it be determined that we still have a shortfall, and an assessment is necessary. At the time of re-evaluation, the membership would be properly notified according to our By-laws.

- PC Ken pointed out that we do not need to make a decision to do an assessment this early when we don't know what 2021 holds for us. We have made out very well by being "good stewards" of our treasury. We also have a reserve in the Holding Company. The Holding Company is not going to let this Club sink.
- PC Terry suggested that we ask the Holding Company to cut our rent. It was explained by PC Ken that we can ask the Board of Directors to meet as we need them. Additionally, we have had them pay for things in the past when we've come up short.
- Andy C stated that we could make up revenue by having a bunch of smaller affairs and Happy Hours to draw revenue into the Club. He doesn't appreciate being given an ultimatum that we either do the assessment or slip fees will be raised.
- PC Steve reiterated the fact that the Board should not be threatening membership with doing an assessment or a slip fee increase is coming. The Board did the same thing several years back when membership dipped, and the Board panicked by raising slip fees.
- VC Wayne commented on the reduction of rent and he stated that he was told we could not reduce the rent any further because of some formula used to calculate it based on square footage. He wants to know whether that is true or not. Additionally, he believes we do need to visit the By-law regarding Assessments and include ALL members to bear the burden, not just slip holders.
- PC Ken stated that we don't want to reduce the rent because we want to maintain the "fence" that divides REYC I and REYC II from one another. Pay the rent as its already agreed upon amount, our benevolent Holding Company is not going to let us fail. The budget may need to cut out maintenance and repairs just to get a balanced budget. We can always ask the Holding Company for money if we absolutely need it.

- PC Jerry stated that whatever monies that we ask for from the Holding Company is less money we have for major improvements such as the pier projects or Phase II on the building.
- Commodore thanked everyone for a good discussion. Some other options were presented that the Board had not otherwise thought of. Again, this discussion was for information purposes only. We just need to wait for the Finance Committee to meet again and present us with a budget at December's meeting.

XIX. YCM – PC Mike Gaff/Alt PC Steve Rockel

- A special meeting will be taking place on Monday to discuss other options for the Holiday Party. It looks like we will not be able to do Laurel Racetrack this year.

XX. CBYCA – Robert Tuck/Alt PC Mike Gaff

- There will be a service for Commodore-elect Dan Killeen in Virginia on Tuesday 2pm-6pm.

XXI. CCC – PC Jerry Selig

- Ocean City Ball is cancelled. January 16 there will be a regular Ball at Eastern Yacht Club. NO Princesses allowed. Tickets are \$95.

XXII. By-Law Committee

NO REPORT

XXIII. Old Business

- PC Steve last month there was a motion on the floor and the Commodore called the meeting. That motion is still on the floor. The motion was that no member shall place their personal food into the Red Eye refrigerators. An attachment was attempted to be placed upon the motion as made. However, it was not approved by the person who had originally made the motion therefore it cannot be attached to the motion. We must first vote on the motion that was made and seconded as it was presented. Since we had a lengthy discussion at October's meeting on the topic, we are not going to rediscuss. At this point we will simply take a vote. We spend over 30 minutes discussing this at last meeting to the point that people left the meeting and we no longer had a quorum. We currently have a quorum and will now take a vote on the motion. 10 votes FOR, 5 votes OPPOSED, 9 people who did not vote, ***MOTION PASSED***

XXIV. New Business

NO REPORT

XXV. Good of the Club

- Mark V asked if we are going to allow Chits to be carried over to the next year especially, for those who are not drinkers and do not spend

all their Chits on alcohol. Commodore stated that this is something we would look into at a later meeting only because the deadline to use your Chits is January 31st.

- PC Karen stated that next month our meeting is on December 11th. Her retirement party is on December 12th. Food and Bar is on her.
- Commodore, First Gent, and Princess Katie attended Riverside's Ball last weekend. Our Princess was asked to sing National Anthem and was mentioned/thanked several times for choosing Maryland Waterways Foundation as her charity. They are so appreciative that she and Red Eye has taken on the foundation and opted to support them. Be on the lookout for some clean-ups she is going to help organize as well as a dinner to benefit the charity.
- When will we be holding the raffle from Opening Day? Commodore stated that she will talk with IPC Randy and we will hold the raffle next membership meeting.
- Due to COVID restrictions, we are not doing a Children's Christmas party. We cannot allow individual pictures/interactions with Santa. Trying to get little ones to comply with the current guidelines will be near impossible. It just is not feasible at this time.
- This year's Christmas meeting Pitch-in needs to be discussed. Instead of a pitch-in we would like to do a dinner. The Commodore is looking for volunteers who are willing to handle the dinner for that night. If no one steps up for the dinner, Erni and Jerry will do Flank Steak and Crab Cakes.
- Maryland Waterways Foundation is offering oysters for sale and all proceeds go to the Foundation. The oysters will be provided by Conga Oyster Association. \$35 for 50 oysters or \$65 for 100 oysters. Orders need to be in by Sunday, November 22 and pick up is November 24 or 25. The flyer is currently posted on Princess Katie's Facebook page.

XXVI. Nominations/Elections

- PC Mike stated that an email went October 25th out announcing we had someone interested in the position of Fleet Captain, PC Jerry Selig.
PC Ken motioned that we concur with the Nomination Committees decision to put up PC Jerry Selig to the position of Fleet Captain. Seconded by Erni. MOTION PASSED

XXVII. Adjournment

PC Ken motioned to adjourn. Seconded by PC Jerry. MOTION PASSED.

Commodore Stephanie Gaff adjourned the meeting at 9:27 PM.
Minutes submitted by: Recording Secretary PC Michael Gaff