

Chesapeake Multihull Association Board of Directors Meeting

Date: **18 March 2012**, 1:00,

Location: Anne Arundel Gastroenterology Associates,
820 Bestgate Road, Annapolis, MD 21401

Attendees: Commodore – Gary Spesard

Vice Commodore – Terry Boram (Not Present)

Rear Commodore – Doug Dykman

Fleet Captain, Tim Layne

Secretary – John Enderle

Membership Chair – Jim Nealey

Treasurer – Jeffrey Short

Board members – John Nicholson, George Kuck, Chris Shenot

Members – Kiyoshi Mizuuchi, Larry Forgy, Jere Glover

Rating Chair – Kiyoshi Mizuuchi

Cruising Chairs – John Nicholson, Chris Shenot

Web Editor – Terry Boram

1) Approved minutes of past meeting.

2) Commodore's Remarks:

Discussion of April Meeting. Decided to cancel.

3) Vice Commodore: Not attending

4) Rear Commodore:

Terry Boram was unable to attend but sent an email with her comments and agenda items. The Board went through the email and its text is inserted at the end of the minutes, with comments in red.

Jere Glover comments that we should at least reimbursing some of the costs to the hosts of parties that occur at a persons house. The amount of \$100 - \$125 was mentioned.

Jere – no need to coordinate Christmas party with Parade of Lights as in the past no one has really taken advantage of the Rockfish's proximity to the Parade.

Jere will host the Christmas party and will provide suggested dates.

It was suggested that more explicit information about meetings on the website calendar, to include time and location and agenda.

The Cruising group may have its own Yahoo group – Terry can set up at her discretion. There was a concern that the racers dominated the current group.

Unofficial motto on website should be changed or voted by CMA. It suggested that three hulls were better than two!

Newsletter – discussion of whether it must be changed. Put on a quarterly basis?

Members' Directory and list of events in April? Hardcopy by mail? Concern was expressed about putting members' addresses and phone numbers on a published lists, due to privacy issues. CBYRA does send out a book and has limited info on members' city and state.

Kiyoshi suggests that we should send out a email to ask if anyone objects to having city, state, email address.

5)Treasurer's Report:

Spent \$780, took in \$1500.

80 – 100 members, maybe a third are racers.

6)Fleet Captain's Report: CBYRA has meeting on Tuesday and will discuss auto-pilots and electronic assistance from apps. An important difference was whether the app was generally available vs. specifically tailored for a specific boat – The discussion will continue at the Racers' meeting.

Trophies – for the Elapsed Time trophy, Tim Layne suggests 7 to qualify, one dropped for each over 7. The high point scoring with no handicaps applied.

Long Distance – Best 4 of 6, but everyone uses the same six races. Have both A and B fleet winners. Two trophies or share trophy? Or, once two decided, have way of choosing one from the two finalists.

The discussion continued in the racing meeting.

7) Past Commodore's Report: No remarks.

8) Old Business: Draft sponsorship letters were provided and comments made. The letter should be explicit about the club name in the first paragraph. We are not a non-profit. Letters will be revised and sent out.

9) New Business: None

Meeting Adjourned at 1400. The meeting was followed by a presentation and discussion with Kristen Berry of J-Port and the Naval Academy Offshore Sailing Team.

The April BoD meeting was canceled. The next meeting will be in the Fall, though the possibility of a informal meeting at one of the two-day weekend races will is a possibility.

Respectfully submitted,



John Enderle, Secretary

Emailed input from Terry Boram, with replies.

Vice Commodore

The timing of the April meeting puts it the day before Tax day, a week after Easter and 2 weeks before the first race. Since the April meeting is not normally very well attended and I haven't been able to come up with a good speaker to warrant any interest I would suggest the cancellation of the meeting. **Meeting canceled.**

I have spoken to Dave and Ruth about the 4th of July and they will be glad to host this event again this year. It's unfortunate that July 4th is on a Wednesday this year so making this a cruising event, I believe, is pointless. I would like to work with Dave and Ruth to see if we can do something to attract more folks to this event. I would welcome any suggestions. **Will be done.**

I haven't spoke to Jere yet about the Christmas party however I understand that he would like this event to come back to his house. I would like to make the date of this event to coincide with the Annapolis Parade of Lights. This would give folks an added reason to come to the party before heading off to see the parade. Maybe (and this is just off the top of my head) we can enter a CMA boat in the parade. That would be a hoot. **To be done at Jere's, date TBD.**

Cruising

It seems that John and Chris have relinquished the cruising chairs do to time constraints. I can appreciate that. I took it upon myself to contact several cruisers to see if someone else would step up to the plate. Basically no one wanted to take over the reigns but would work with me for some events. We need a forum where the cruisers of the CMA can communicate without hearing all about the racing side of the house. They are just not interested in hearing about start times, protests or whatever else gets published to the yahoo group. Set it up, invite all members. I really think a separate yahoo group is the answer, unless someone else has any other suggestions. Clint thought about a texting chain or an e- mail chain that that can get quite complicated. I've looked into using the website and it can be done however (and this is a big however) I need to make some serious changes to the site in order to accommodate this. I used the site builder program to build the site and that doesn't support back end log ins. I need to convert the site to another type of building program then get the codes to build in a back end. Right now I just don't have the time to do that prior to the season. **Protect your time.**

I am willing to try to keep our cruising program active however I am only one person and can not do it all. Again, any suggestions would be appreciated. **Do what you can....don't kill yourself.**

Website

No disrespect to anyone but I'm very uncomfortable with too many hands on the website. Until I can make the conversion to the site I will not be able to give someone just access to a page at a time. You either have access to the entire site or nothing at all. So for now I am comfortable continuing as last year. For race results I would ask that Tim verify the results after a race then I

will post them. Do what you feel best. Please remove the “the more hulls the better” from the logo.

Newsletter

I have received several e-mails from people outside of the board asking where the newsletter is. Again, Gary and I have spoken about this matter and believe that a smaller version of our newsletter should continue. Dana suggested it be a quarterly newsletter. I'm OK with that. Currently I have several things for a newsletter and can get one out by the end of this month. That would be 1st quarter's newsletter. We can then publish again June, September and December. Thoughts or suggestions. Quarterly is good.

Racing Outside Help

I haven't commented much on this because I find the racing side of our organization becoming way more serious than I ever expected it to become. My thought is to avoid saying "You can't use this or that"

but instead say "Outside help can be used if the captain feels it is needed for the safety of the boat and crew." You are opening up a can of worms if you begin to nit pick at every program and every possible situation someone might feel they need their autohelm. Just my two cents.