

Safety Harbor Boat Club Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2012

Officers Present: Von Taylor, Commodore; Jack Meyers, Vice Commodore; Marty Horowitz, Treasurer (acting); and, Cindy Anderson, Secretary

Von Taylor called the meeting to order at 18:34 with 18 members, plus officers, present.

Sandy Ackley from Sailability gave a presentation on their program. They provide sailing opportunities (both for fun and for racing/competition) to persons with disabilities at various levels. They provide modified boats with mechanical modifications so even para- or quadriplegics, person with limited or no use one or more of their arms and/or legs, can sail by blowing into "straws"! Each boat is modified to accommodate their abilities and needs. Very interesting and informative.

Commodore Report:

Von thanked Kent Runnells for his research, information and suggestions on the club's legal matters and Matt Spohr from the town of Safety Harbor for their support of our club and use of the library.

Our St. Patty's Day race and party was a big success with over 30 in attendance on 3/17. Race results: 1st place – Jack Myers on Jewel Anne, 2nd place = Hornbuckle on Shibomi, and 3rd place – Dale Cuddyback on Incentive. 5 boats competed. Mike Mintz cooked 40 pounds of corned beef, along with carrots, onions, celery and potatoes and the meal was fabulous. Members and guests brought a variety of appetizers and deserts. Special thanks for Mike Mintz (head cook) and his assistants Connie and Sandy, as well as to Ellen for decorating (and everyone else that helped in any capacity!). Mike Hembrey won the 50/50 AND we also did a special raffle of the hand-held GPS that Connie Gandorf graciously donated back to the club (she had won it at the Holiday Party) which he also won.

Asking members to please consider taking the Treasurer position as we need to find a replacement for Marty, who graciously is the "acting" Treasurer.

Special recognition and thanks to Marty, Dale and Barry for servicing the racing bouys. They were in disrepair and needed to be de-barnacled. Their coordinates were recorded and are available on our website now.

Vice Commodore Report:

Jack reported he sailed today and the winds were very nice. He had a brisk sail under clear skies and mild temperatures.

With Daylight Savings Time started last month the weekly Wednesday night races have resumed, which start at 6pm (arrive by 5:30 to depart if you want to sail), on 3/14. There are also a bunch of Saturday races set up for 4/7, 4/14, 4/21 and 4/28 – check website for tides and start times which generally are at 2pm.

Jack is looking for input on other activities, other than sailing, so please get your ideas/suggestions to him.

Secretary Report:

March minutes were not available due to me moving, starting a new job, and internet difficulties (which are now resolved). However the March minutes are being distributed with this April report. We'll accept them both at the May meeting. :-D

Treasurer's Report:

Marty reiterated that he is the interim, or "acting", Treasurer and is looking for someone to take over his responsibilities. He reported on the financials of the club for March. Income was \$125 from dues, \$65 from 50/50, and \$130 from miscellaneous (mostly raffles). Expenses were \$339. The bank balance is \$1408.20 including \$96 in petty cash. These were accepted and seconded.

Discussion:

Ellen Henderson mentioned the Bikini Cup will be 5/12 and the Boca Ciega Yacht Club in Gulfport is hosting it. 7 boats have already signed up.

We discussed the club's constitution to modify it to allow us to introduce a change at any meeting (right now it is stated as only at the annual meeting). This was motioned, seconded and thus accepted.

It was presented by Von that the “hold harmless” be required for club activities and that it be voted on at the May meeting. After further discussion, John moved to stop the hold harmless and Dale seconded it. General consensus is this has divided our “friendly, casual” club and we need to move on and repair relations with the members we’ve lost.

The 50/50 drawing was won by X (?) and XX won the door prize (a folding chair).

The next meeting of the SHBC will be Wednesday 5/2 at 6:30 at the Safety Harbor Library.

Meeting was adjourned at 20:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Anderson,
Secretary/Scribe