

Safety Harbor Boat Club January 2012 Minutes

SHBC Meeting of January 5, 2012 was called to order by Commodore Taylor at 6:40PM

Board Members Present:

Commodore Von Taylor

Vice Commodore Jack Myers

Treasurer Martin Horowitz

Secretary Cindy Anderson, not present. Minutes of Meeting recorded by June Horowitz

Commodore Taylor requested a moment of silence for the passing of Julie Knowles brother Pete Doherty who resided in Maryland.

Ellen Henderson welcomed new members to our Club, as well as guests, attending for the first time.

Our guest speaker for tonight, Rick Rhodes was an author of books about travel and sailing. Mr. Rhodes was a speaker at a recent Boat Show. He now owns a Morgan 33' sail boat, as well as a 25 foot trailer boat. He is a former member of the Peace Corps and formerly a Capt. in the U.S. Army - Vietnam era. His experience in sailing includes Cuba, and extensive cruising in the waters of the West Coast of Florida referred to as "Florida's Big Bend".....Which includes the inland rivers of "Old Florida". He has also covered the area from Fernandina Beach to Cedar Key by railroad.....and, travelled the Suwannee River. He informed us that Ponce DeLeon was actually looking for GOLD, and not the Fountain of Youth...as we were led to believe when we were in school. He talked about the Santa Fe River, Horseshoe Beach and Steinhatchee River...that was used by drug dealers transporting drugs from Columbus, Ga. to points in Europe as well as cities on our East Coast. Travel on the Apalachicola River was mostly for the cotton crops being transported to ALL countries. Mr. Rhodes suggested a good boat trip on our West Coast could be had by doing about 45 miles per day. Our thanks to Mr. Rhodes for his information...And, making us all aware of another interesting part of Florida to cruise.

New Business:

Frank Fitzhenry has decided not to hold the Board's position of Treasurer for 2012. That position has yet to be filled.

To change the bank account, our Club, must be "Incorporated" for a federal and state I.D. number. Kent Runnels, Club Member, has offered to help file the paperwork involved for Corporation status. Ken has stated the filing fee with the State is \$70.00. He would be willing to do the incorporation paperwork for free and serve as the registered agent.

Liability insurance protection for our Club was then discussed. Other Clubs have a liability and hold harmless clauses and it was discussed how that was handled. It is typical with other Clubs to protect Club and the Officers. It was suggested that a "Hold harmless form" be signed by Club members. The Club must protect itself by having a form signed by members that would not hold our Club, officers, members and sponsors responsible if we have an activity where an injury is incurred or a member causes damage. The Club and it's Officers need to be protected. In the opinion of Frank Fitzhenry, if we proceed to "Harmless" status, we must change the Constitution. Commodore Taylor stated it was not necessary to change the constitution. As our club constitution requires; The Commodore as presiding officer of the general meetings and will be responsible to the membership for the proper operation of the club. Therefore, it is my responsibility to protect the club, its officers,

members and our sponsors. Without this agreement in place, we cannot allow a member or guest to participate in a Safety Harbor Boat Club activity without acceptance of this agreement. The 2011 Club Officers agreed that a Hold Harmless should be part of the member application and a requirement for any member or guest that wishes to be involved in a club activity. Club members can sign this release, or not sign it. Some members think it should be mandatory....Bylaws or Constitution?????

Vice Commodore Jack Myers announced that there is a sailboat race scheduled for Saturday, January 7th at 2:30PM. Questions were raised as to whether our Clubs "Markers" were in place for this Saturday's race. As of last week, there was only one partially submerged marker. V.C. Myers would like boats interested in participation in our races, to advise him prior to the race, of their intentions.

There are 2 Sailboat Races scheduled for February. February 4th, and February 25th. (Depending on the Tides) The Race on the 25th, will be followed by a party at the reserved Pavilion, from Noon to 9:00PM.

March has 5 Saturdays.....Seafood Festival is March 3rd. March 17th....St. Patrick's Day Party.

Those planning on participation in races....PLEASE Contact Vice Comm. Myers of your intentions.

Ellen Henderson has a 1 Act play, that she has written, and it will be performed on January 28th at Mocha Vita Cafe.

Treasures Report:

December:	Income	\$437.00	Expenses	\$1036.38	
Fourth Quarter	Income	\$1732.00	Expenses	\$1845.52	
End of year	Income	\$3189.00	Expenses	\$3611.80	
Bank Bal.	\$1156.27,	Petty Cash	\$41.25	Total	\$1197.50

29 Members have paid dues of 2012.

Guests tonight: Bruce Gotts....Formerly sailing Sandusky Bay, Ohio, and Paul Finucan a Canadian who has sailed in Canada and the Thousand Islands.

Club Membership Applications were handed out to Dave Jansen & Keya Maria.

Tee Shirts were \$12.00 each. Tonight, 3 were sold for \$10.00 each, and one Hat \$12.00.

50/50 was won by Mike Hornbuckle...\$17.00 to Mike, and \$17.00 to the Club.

Door Prize went to a Guest Bruce Gotts

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Dave Jansen & Keya Maria

Our next Meeting will be February 1st.

Meeting adjourned 7:58PM