

GSC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 21, 2020

The April 2020 general meeting of Gulfstream Sailing Club was held on April 21, 2020, online via Zoom due to the Corona Virus pandemic and restrictions on public gatherings.

Present: BOARD: Phil Decker, Commodore; Linda Gossett, Rear Commodore; Kay Harrison, Secretary; Ben Bowen, Treasurer and Past Commodore; Paul Hinden (from the moon); Dave Notman; Mary Brown. *Absent: Eric Kobrin, Vice Commodore; Luis Oliveira, Lake Director.*

PAST COMMODORES: Gregg Henry, Ben Bowen, and Jay Wood from Deltona.

ALSO PRESENT: Sam Walker, Doug Brown, Bob and Liz Schudy, Mari Guarda and Paul Jehlin.

Commodore's Comments – Phil Decker

- Called to order at 7:11 p.m.
- Pointed out the section of the by-laws that describes the object of the club, which is to provide fellowship and camaraderie among the members and to promote interest and pleasure of the members, which we can do by remote meetings such as this one. Here is the exact text, which Phil provided on the screen:

The object of the Gulfstream Sailing Club shall be to develop, encourage and stimulate interest in sailing in the Fort Lauderdale area to promote fellowship and camaraderie among the sailors of this area, and visiting sailors, and by all possible means to promote the interest and pleasures of the members.

- Phil also mentioned how great it was to see Jay Wood calling in from Deltona and to see Paul Jehlin, who has been absent from recent meetings because of family illness.

Guests (there were no guests)

Secretary's Report – Kay Harrison

Moved by Linda Gossett and seconded by David Notman that the reading of the minutes from the prior general meeting be waived. Carried.

Treasurer's Report – Ben Bowen

General Fund	\$ 9,450
Sailor's Point Lake Fund	\$ 14,149

Ben provided the March Profit and Loss sheets showing a net profit for the club at +\$1179, and a net loss for the lake account of -\$389, due to recent purchases and lack of sailing class revenue. He is anticipating expenditures for taxes, insurance and the storage unit.

Membership Committee – Ben Bowen

1. 0 new members , but there may be applications pending in the mailbox.

2. 62 member families and 29 lapses from last year

Program Committee – Needs chair

- There are no programs scheduled as of now; Phil contacted FWC to see if they would speak; instead they reaffirmed the restrictions on boating, that we are to remain 50 feet apart and not have strangers on our boats.

Ocean Race Committee – Needs chair

GSC Regatta – Linda Gossett

- Race is cancelled and will be rescheduled for next spring.
- Blue Water Books, a regatta sponsor, is allowing us to keep the \$250 donation in the form of a gift card, or several gift cards to be used at a later date. They advertise on our website.

Social Committee – Mary Brown

- Virtual Happy Hour – Mary indicated that it has been a great success at the “Zoom Room.” Drinks are amazing, snacks are great and the service is fast. You can also wear whatever you want, provided it’s showing from the waist up.
- St. Patrick’s Day Party and Beach Bash – Lots of fun, very casual with great weather and a good group of intrepid partiers.
- Next event: Mary hopes to have a breakout party at the home of Dave Notman, which sounds like an amazingly fun place with water, small boats, and reportedly a zipline. Note: Dave Notman was absent for this discussion. Stay tuned.
- Possible outing in January of 2021 in the Everglades for a day or weekend at the Ivey House. This will be a kayaking party, paid by participants.

Cruising Committee – Needs chair

- Next event to be announced when FWC says it’s okay to go out.
- Plan to go to Oleta State Park on Memorial Day, or possibly Marine Stadium. Discussion about what would be acceptable – dinghy raftups 6 feet apart, or just anchor out and visit by dinghy in small groups.

Lake Committee – Luis Oliveira

- N/A as Luis was not there. Noted that the lake is shut down, closed by the city, and that a new tender was purchased and delivered. It is a 10-foot RIB inflatable to use during classes.

Old Business – None

New Business – Phil Decker

- Mentioned that member Alex Demyanenko is stranded off the coast of Livingston, Guatemala. He has been asked to move on by Guatemalan authorities. By some sort of

magic, Paul Hinden patched in to Alex so we could see and talk to him, although audio was difficult. He has moved on to the coast of Belize, and is now able to get off the boat for provisioning. He appreciates our concern, but he does have enough money and is able to sail as soon as ports open up to receive him. He does not have a float plan yet. It was a treat to see him alive and well. Someone commented that we might contact other yacht clubs where he might get help, and Phil suggested we write to Hemingway Marina in Cuba, where we have a reciprocal relationship. It might be a place to shelter until he is able to come home.

- Phil asked members to keep helping other members, and there followed an appreciation of Phil from many members present.
- When Dave came back online, this secretary warned him that he might be hosting a wild breakout party at his home in the near future.

Moved by Bob Schudy and seconded by Paul Jehlin to adjourn at 7:52pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kay D. Harrison, secretary