

## **GSC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 18, 2020**

The August 2020 general meeting of Gulfstream Sailing Club was held on August 18, 2020, online via Zoom due to the Corona Virus pandemic and restrictions on public gatherings.

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

PAST COMMODORES: Ben Bowen, Luis Oliveira, Gregg Henry and Jim Webb.

ALSO PRESENT: Doug Brown, Bob Schudy, Jim and Betty Lou Webb, Tom Clapp, Joffre Sabatino, John and Carol Lucas, Steffi Schiffer, and Cynthia Hollen from Key West.

### **Commodore's Comments – Phil Decker**

- Called to order at 7:08.
- Speaker for the evening was Dave Bricker, who told "Sea Stories." A link to his book is here: <https://www.amazon.com/Blue-Monk-David-Emery-Bricker/dp/0984300961>

The program started at around 7:15 with sailor and author Dave Bricker telling stories about his time cruising in the islands.

- Cynthia Hollen shared a live shot of the final moments of the Key West sunset. Priceless.
- Gregg Henry thanked the crew that helped deliver Bob Schudy's boat from Playboy Marine to Suntext Marina.
- Business meeting started at 7:55.
- Covid numbers going down. Still under quarantine. No guests tonight.

### **Secretary's Report – Kay Harrison**

The general meeting minutes from last member meeting are on the website. Motion made to accept minutes by Dave Notman, seconded by Bob Schudy. Approved by voice vote.

### **Treasurer's Report – Ben Bowen**

General Account	\$ 5,699
Sailor's Point Lake Account	\$ 19,000

- Ben says we have an outstanding \$767 check to the IRS, and the Lake account had to refund many class fees due to Coronavirus cancellations.

### **Membership Committee – Ben Bowen**

1.   1   new member sent application last week; Luis also reported a new member application. Phil thanked members for hanging on in the pandemic and for being cautious and not taking risks during this time.

2. \_72\_\_\_ member families

### **Ocean Race Committee**

Nothing going on. Linda Gossett noted that she had contact with Hillsboro Inlet Sailing Club, and they too were having difficulties getting sailing events going at this time.

### **Cruising Committee**

Gregg Henry summarized the upcoming cruising activities of the club. He mentioned our upcoming sail to Hawaii, followed by our planned trans-Pacific voyage to Tahiti. Gregg is well known for his creative exaggerations and entertaining tall tales.

### **Social Committee – Mary Brown**

Mary asks that everyone please join the Tuesday evening Happy Hours, and noted that you don't even have to wear pants. Mary is buying the first round! She says we have lots of "happy yappy!"

### **Lake Committee – Luis Oliveira**

- Had a race day August 8 with 6 boats racing, and the next race day is August 22.
- Visited Coconut Grove Sailing Club to talk about joining up for racing in Biscayne Bay. Once a month, the small boat fleet can go south to join with them for race days.
- One of our frequent racing sailors, Tom Borenius, went back to Finland, but we have gained about 4 racing sailors lately, with 2 14-year-olds from the sailing classes.
- Learn to sail Sunday classes are back on track with DJ, and all youth classes are full with 9 students. Next class starts Oct. 11.
- Shade structure not yet built but should be up by the end of the month.
- Sailing from Sailor's Point to South Lake is an adventure, with waves crashing from wall to wall on the ICW. South Lake is about 35 feet deep, so some adjusting of anchor lines will be necessary for the dinghy and the marks.
- Discussion followed about the large number of boats anchored in North Lake and the possibility of the town establishing a mooring field there. Luis noted that it would probably never happen.

**Tiller Tales: Deadline for next issue is Sept. 1.** Looking for good stories, please send. The September issue is scheduled for mid-month.

**No old or new business.**

**Update** – Charles Biancardi is recovering but will be 2 more weeks in the hospital. He was badly bruised and has leg and hip injuries. He will need a gang plank for his boat. Help is possible, with many club members volunteering to build something he can use. Discussion ensued on the type and design of the ramp needed. Cynthia Hollen will coordinate efforts.

**Linda moved to adjourn. Luis seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:17.**

Respectfully submitted by:  
Kay D. Harrison, GSC Secretary