

## **GSC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

The September 2020 general meeting of Gulfstream Sailing Club was held on September 15, 2020, online via Zoom due to the Corona Virus pandemic and restrictions on public gatherings. Yes, after six months, we are still not meeting in person – out of an abundance of caution.

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

PAST COMMODORES: Ben Bowen, Luis Oliveira, Gregg Henry, Marvin Verble and Jay Wood.

ALSO PRESENT: John and Carol Lucas, Jordan Read and Christine, Lin T., Mari Guarda, Sam Walker, Bob Schudy, Doug Brown, and Marvin Verble.

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

- Called to order at 7:05.
- In lieu of a speaker, the participants were invited to share their most embarrassing, dumbest things they've ever done as a sailor, hoping nobody was hurt too badly.
- Phil announced that Paul Jehlen's wife, Geri, passed away on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> after a long battle with colon cancer. Phil read Paul's tribute to his wife from a Facebook post. The member meeting was paused for a moment of silence for Geri Jehlen.
- Papa Delos, from the Youtube channel, Sailing S/V Delos, contacted Phil about getting involved with the club to publicize their video blog, pass out swag, and talk about a scholarship fund. We will try to meet with him after the Covid fears pass.
- VFW reached out to invite us to meet there again, with a slight price increase. The board declined, as we are not ready to meet in person yet.
- Charles Biancardi is back on his boat after a serious fall off his boat during a rainstorm. He is doing better.
- Phil is passing the reins of command – and the nuclear codes - to Vice Commodore Eric Kobrin for the October meeting. Phil will be recovering from open heart surgery.

### **Nominating Committee Report – Kay Harrison**

- Nominating Committee will present a full slate of officers and board members at the October meeting.
- Members may then nominate their own candidates, if desired. The nominees must be willing to serve and have a 60-second intro ready to explain why they wish to serve in that position.
- Elections will happen at the November member meeting, if necessary.
- Dave Notman asked if one can nominate oneself, and the answer is yes, as long as oneself has one's permission to do so.

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

The general meeting minutes from last member meeting are on the website. The Commodore waived the reading of the minutes without even asking. This is permissible, according to Robert's Rules. See Ben Bowen's Tiller Tales article, "Help Me Robert, I'm Suffering from Motion Sickness."

### **New Members, etc.**

New Members Jordan Read and his partner, Christine, introduced themselves and talked about their plans to sail the world with their new-to-them boat and their 1-1/2 cats. The half cat is a 21-year old feline who is probably deaf, has no teeth, and acts like a "little jerk." They live aboard their Pierson 365. They are new to sailing but have 90 or so nautical miles under their keel.

Marvin Verble, missed by all since he moved away to Arkansas, reported that he was staying at home and staying out of trouble, and "sailing" his pontoon boat on the lake.

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

General Account	\$ 5,499
Sailor's Point Lake Account	\$ 17,964

- Ben says we still have an outstanding \$767 check to the IRS.

### **Membership Report – Ben Bowen**

1.   72   active member families

### **Ocean Race and Cruising Committees**

Nothing going on, and bad weather dampened plans for a Labor Day cruise.

### **Social Committee – Mary Brown**

Mary asks that everyone please join the Tuesday evening Happy Hours, and noted – not for the first time - that you don't even have to wear pants. She officially canceled the chili cookoff.

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

- There were two race days since the last meeting. Summer Series IV was on August 22 with 9 boats, but Fall Series I had to be cancelled due to weather. There is a lot of interest and participation in these races, and it's a lot of fun. Next race day is Oct. 3.
- Classes: Kids Learn to Sail class will end on Sept. 27. It had 9 kids, which is full. The next class starts Oct. 11, and is also full.
- Adult Learn to Sail has a family of five waiting for availability, and two others now registered.
- Still looking for a Captain for the 420 Fleet, "Dead or Alive!"
- The shade structure will be built during the week of Sept. 28.

**Old business:** Member Planet text messaging was discontinued because it cost an extra \$45/month and did not result in increased participation. Jordan has offered his services as a software engineer, if the club needs advice in this area.

**New Business:** Sam Walker suggested, for the Sunshine Committee, that we come up with a gift or tribute for the Jehlen family. It was decided to wait a bit until the family reaches out. One idea is to present them with a flowering tree to plant in her memory.

**Linda moved to adjourn. Bob seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:49.**

***After the end of the business meeting, members spent a hilarious half hour confessing to past sailing mistakes, foibles, groundings, and mishaps.***

Respectfully submitted by:  
Kay D. Harrison, GSC Secretary