

GSC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2020

The November 2020 general meeting of Gulfstream Sailing Club was held on November 17, 2020, online via Zoom due to the continuing Coronavirus pandemic and restrictions on public gatherings.

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

PAST COMMODORES: Ben Bowen, Mike Sawzak, Luis Oliveira, Gregg Henry, and Jay Wood.

ALSO PRESENT: Sam Walker, Doug Brown, John and Carol Lucas, Jim and Rosemary Mahon, and Bob Schudy. The total attendance was 17 members and 1 guest.

Commodore's Comments

- Called to order at 7:10pm with 16 members present.
- Commodore Phil Decker noted that Charles Biancardi, past member, had passed away, and we will show a slide show at the end of the meeting.
- We need to vote on the slate of officers for 2021, nominate 2 nominating committee members and select an auditor. Note that Rosemary Chelick-Mahon agreed to audit again next year.

Secretary's Report

The general meeting minutes from last member meeting are on the website. Reading was waived and minutes were accepted. Minutes are found under the Meetings tab on the website.

Guests: Christian Garballo is a lifelong sailor on Biscayne Bay and is a licensed boat captain. He wants to get back into sailing, and expressed an interest in helping with the 420s (so he can sail them, he admits).

Treasurer's Report – Ben Bowen

General Account	\$ 5,370
Sailor's Point Lake Account	\$ 11,822

Membership Report – Ben Bowen

73 active member families

Ocean Race and Cruising Committees

Phil announced that he sent out an email about having a Commodore's Cup race on Dec. 13, and got 3 boats interested. He noted that 2 sailboats going in the same direction constitutes a sailboat race, so we are on! We might have a socially distanced after party at Sailor's Point. Luis

noted that he and Linda discussed a course from Port Everglades to Beach Place, and a way to get ratings and scoring as in a proper race. Phil will be promoting it. There are crew members available.

Social Committee – Mary Brown

Mary noted that tonight's program is a recipe swap. Brenda Kobrin has a bakery business where she does baking sessions online, and will be conducting a cooking class for the December meeting.

Lake Committee – Luis Oliveira

- There were two race days, Fall Series III, with winners: Bob Weinstein in 3rd place; Rui Claudio in 2nd, and Luis Oliveira in 1st. Fall Series IV was held, but results are not available. Next race day is Dec. 5th, the Commodore's Cup for sunfish.
- Coconut Grove Sailing Club cancelled the joint race due to bad weather on Nov. 7. There is another joint event on November 21, but due to Covid spikes, there may not be a race that day.
- Kids Learn to Sail last class of the year ended Sunday. Adult Learn to Sail has 2 people registered for next weekend, not enough to hold the class.
- New member Enrique is working on 3 boats for the 420 fleet, and will be racing them soon, most likely with a kid skippering and an adult as crew.
- The racing kids went to Coconut Grove for a racing event on Oct. 31, and we have 4 families interested in keeping up the kids' racing program.

Unfinished business: Election of slate of Officers and Directors for 2021. Luis moved to accept the slate, Ben seconded, and the slate was elected by voice vote. Here is the official slate of 2021 Officers:

Governing Board of the Gulfstream Sailing Club for 2021

Commodore:	Eric Kobrin
Vice Commodore:	Linda Gossett
Rear Commodore:	Dave Notman
Lake Director:	Luis Oliveira
Treasurer:	Ben Bowen
Secretary:	Kay Harrison
Past Commodore:	Phil Decker
Members at Large:	Paul Hinden
	Mary Brown
	Bob Schudy

Nominations were opened for the nominating committee, and two serious nominees were suggested:

Brenda Kobrin and Sandra Hinden.

Provided they agree to serve, they will be voted in at the next member meeting.

New Business: Bob Schudy would like to work on a protocol for meeting in person in view of the pandemic. Carol Lucas let us know how they raced in Michigan, with socially distant after-meetings, but no wearing of masks on the boats. Nobody got sick. There were 4-5 people per boat, all with specific jobs and all wearing sailing gloves. Eric brought up a website that will calculate rate of Covid danger, given the disease state in the area. Commodore would love to have written recommendations. Several people suggested we reach out to acquaintances at the Naval Academy to see what their recommendations are.

Bob Schudy moved to adjourn. Mary Brown seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:49.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kay D. Harrison, GSC Secretary