

## **GSC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

### **February 16, 2021**

The February 2021 general meeting of Gulfstream Sailing Club was held online via Zoom on February 16, 2021. The continuing pandemic of COVID-19 keeps us from meeting in person.

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

PAST COMMODORES: Phil Decker, Ben Bowen, Gregg Henry, Luis Oliveira.

ALSO PRESENT: Sam Walker, John and Carol Lucas, Liz Watson, and Mari Guarda.  
Attendance: 14 total. There were no guests.

#### **Commodore's Comments**

- Called to order at 7:11pm.
- Change of Command: was conducted online via Zoom on Jan. 30, 2021, starting with a social segment and a question and answer session with the captain of *SV Delos*, online sailing celebrity Brian Trautman. Awards were presented (delivered ahead of time by Mary Brown, Mari Guarda, and Mike Sawzak) to Mike and Twila Dillon for the Commodore's Cup race; Alex Demenyenko for Blue Water Cruising; Ben Bowen for being the Commodore's MVP; and flags to the flag officers. Eric noted that it was good to see the number of people participating.
- Since the club is under quarantine, Eric thought we needed a Science Chair to keep in touch with the latest restrictions, state of the virus, and safety measures. He proposed the new chair to the Board on Feb. 3, and it was approved. Bob Schudy was named Science Chair for the 2021 GSC term.

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

Minutes of the preceding member meeting and the Feb. 3 board meeting are on the website. Reading of the minutes was waived.

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

General Account	\$ 7,475.99
Sailor's Point Lake Account	\$ 14,626.73

- Linda Gossett completed the audit for the club, and accounts were reconciled to the penny! *Great job by Ben.*
- The IRS audit is still in limbo, as the meeting with the agent was cancelled abruptly and not rescheduled.
- The missing deposit from Member Planet was found and deposited.
- There was a question about the status of the Pompano Beach Nautical Flea Market, a money maker for us in the past. It has been cancelled.

## Membership Report – Ben Bowen

- 45 active member families
- 33 members have not renewed from 2020.

## Tiller Tales – Kay Harrison, for now

- Tiller Tales, the club's quarterly newsletter, needs a new editor. It does not require a lot of experience or skill, just a desire to help out the club. Anyone who is interested in writing, layout, graphics, etc. is encouraged to contact Kay.

## Lake Report: Luis Oliveira

- The Winter Series II small boat race was held since the last meeting, with 10 boats participating. Third place was Sharon Crockett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Jack Loving, and First Place was Luis Oliveira. Next race day is Feb. 20.
- Kids Learn to Sail Sunday series starts on Feb. 21 and ends on April 11.
- Adult Learn to Sail: No class in February, but there are 2 people interested in a March class.
- 420 fleet is coming along, with 3 boats nearly ready to go. Luis noted it would be fun to have one adult and one child per boat for some races. "It would be a lot of fun!" Luis said.
- Luis excused himself to open the door for his kitty. Members approved, unanimously.

## Unfinished business: None

### New Business:

- Phil brought up the Broward County Waterway Clean Up. The list of locations does not include North Lake this year, but you can fill in an alternate location online at <https://waterwaycleanup.org/>. Phil, Kay, Mary and Doug will be participating. Others are encouraged to join by signing up at the website.
- By-Laws: Eric proposed that the by-laws are in need of an update. Proposals:
  - Copyedits: Just minor updates throughout. Examples: Communicating by email instead of mail and frequency of communications.
  - Allow the Board to suspend and add committees, and to not require budgets.
- **Programs:** Is there anyone who would volunteer to find a program for the next meeting? Sam suggested finding a list of topics people are interested in, which Eric said could be done through an email poll.

Dave Notman arrived in time to move for adjournment. Bob Schudy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Kay D. Harrison, GSC Secretary