

GSC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2021

The September 2021 general meeting of Gulfstream Sailing Club was held at the home of Paul Jehlen on September 21, 2021.

Present: BOARD: Eric Kobrin, *Commodore*; Phil Decker, *Past Commodore*; Kay Harrison, *Secretary*; Ben Bowen, *Treasurer*; Paul Hinden, *director*; and Luis Oliveira, *Lake Operations Director*. Bob Schudy, *director*, attended via Zoom.

PAST COMMODORES: Phil Decker, Luis Oliviera, and Ben Bowen.

Commodore's Comments

- Wednesday night small boat sailing was a limited success, with low participation. Those who did show up had a lot of fun.
- Racing seems stalled; there were no participants for the Pitcairn Race. Eric noted that there are races on the schedule, so as soon as the fleet is up and running, we will have races.
- Eric Kobrin called for a fleet status on sailing vessels: Eric 1 soon, Mike & Twila 1, Phil & Kay 1 almost ready. Bob Schudy will be back Nov. 1 and has a working boat. Paul Jehlen has repairs to make, due to rats helping themselves to large servings of his anchor rode.
- Club Work: Nominations are due next month at the member meeting. Brenda Kobrin is doing the work on the nominations committee. Other members include Sandra Hinden, Andrea Keyser, and Debi Hallmark.
- Covid has made it difficult to do things in person. The Happy Hour was moved to Quarterdeck on the Dania Beach pier because it is outside with a good breeze.

Science Committee – Bob Schudy

- Club meetings and get togethers are almost back to normal, but with masks. They are still recommended for in-person meetings.

Secretary's Report – Kay Harrison

- Meeting minutes from August are posted for both the board meeting and member meeting. No one wanted the secretary to read the minutes, unfortunately.

Treasurer's Report – Ben Bowen

General Account	\$ 4,961.62
Sailor's Point Lake Account	\$ 13,764.78

- The IRS did not show up for the third scheduled meeting. They sent document requests to our accountant pertaining to the 2018 audit.

Membership Report – Ben Bowen

- There are 61 active member families.

Ocean Races: Two are scheduled

- Oct. 23 – Race and raft-up. Contact is Linda Gossett
- Dec. 4 – Commodore’s Cup. Contact is Eric Kobrin

Cruising:

- Raft-ups are now possible. There was a discussion of a planned raft-up in Sunrise Bay, which is across the ICW from the dock at Birch Park. People can be dinghied (is that the correct boating term?) to the anchorage from the dock. Twila and Paul J. debated relative merits of Lake Sylvia versus Sunrise Bay. Eric tasked Twila and Paul with organizing a raft-up, possibly the weekend of Oct. 23. Golden Isles Lake was also suggested, with a depth of 10 feet and clear waters.

Social:

- Dania Pier Quarterdeck is the preferred spot for Happy Hours, due to coastal winds and outside location.
- The Chili Cookoff is still on, outside at Sailors’ Point.
- The Halloween Party has been cancelled, due to Covid, but there is a movement to have the party with required masks. Since masks are regular features of costumes, this seems possible. Bob Schudy and Mary Brown will have to make the decision. Bob suggested that vaccinated people with masks, and no children, would be relatively safe.

Lake Report – Luis Oliveira

- There was one summer Sunfish race since the last meeting, Summer Series IV on August 28, with six boats participating:
Results: 3rd place was Jack Loving with 10 pts.; 2nd place was Riu Claudio with 8 pts.; and 1st place was Luis Oliveira with 4 pts.
- *Fall Series I* was held on Sept. 18. *Results:* 3rd place was Enrique Soto with 13 pts.; 2nd place was Riu Claudio with 6 pts.; 1st place was Luis Oliveira with 5 pts.
- Fall Series II is Oct. 9.
- *Kids Learn to Sail* Sunday series ends on Oct. 3, and was sold out. The next class begins Oct. 17 and is also sold out. The January class is sold out as well. Luis praised Leann, the organizer of the sailing classes for successful advertising and for helping to get the schedule established for next year’s classes.
- *Adult Learn to Sail:* August class had 8 participants and the class on Sept. 11-12 had 7 participants. The October class on the 16th and 17th has no registrations, but some interest.
- *420 fleet:* Two 420s are in use, repaired and ready. Two more are being worked on. (“Wonderful!” said Bob.) Wednesday night 420 races will resume next year. (“Wonderful!” said Eric.)
- There is new law enforcement in North Lake, watching dinghies parked at the public dock, and there is hope that the anchoring regulations will also be enforced soon.

- Luis has concerns about the construction of a new sea wall by the city and will attend planning meetings (He is hoping he will be invited.).
- Luis will propose higher rates for both children's and adult sailing classes for next year, by 15 or 20 dollars.
- Two outboards were approved by the board, one gas and one electric. Paul Hinden suggested ordering/buying them at the boat show and volunteered to accompany Luis to the show. A discussion about the merits of propane outboards versus gas and electric ensued. The cost of the electric outboards is almost prohibitive, but Paul pointed out that we would no longer be buying gas.
- Luis has obtained new dagger boards and other equipment for the sunfish, with board approval.

Unfinished business: A possible new editor for Tiller Tales was suggested. New member Gillian Muir checked Tiller Tales on her membership application. Kay will contact her.

New Business: Phil Decker

- Application for 501(c)3 nonprofit status for the Gulfstream Sailing Foundation, allowing it to accept donations of funds, boats and other gifts on a tax-deductible basis.
- Phil highlighted his experience as a corporate attorney and explained that the current club cannot operate as a nonprofit charity without separating the educational component of the club from the social and recreational aspects. Phil presented the following motion:
- *I move to authorize the Gulfstream Sailing Club board, including myself, to establish a new Florida nonprofit corporation, with the intention that it become a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization under which the Gulfstream Sailing Club Lake operations will be operated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit entity as defined by the IRS.*
- Paul Jehlen seconded the motion.
- The name has to be decided on, and we can make the board the same as the club's board. Meetings can be back-to-back. Some people suggested the name should include "educational". Phil suggested the *Gulfstream Sailing Club Educational Foundation*.
- Phil outlined the costs and process. \$87 to the state for incorporation, and \$265 to \$600 to file form 1023 with the IRS. It will involve extra work, double meeting minutes, changeover of bank accounts, etc. Boats, engines and capital equipment may be transferred to the Foundation, but can never be transferred back.
- Articles of incorporation will have to be established. Phil will be willing to take care of this.
- Discussion: Can the club exist without the Lake, as they bring in all the revenue and many members. Some people suggested that it won't be completely separate.
- Bob noted his approval and suggested that it recognizes the maturity and sophistication of the lake operation. One possibility, Bob suggested, is that the new foundation becomes very strong, and that the members-only club no longer needs the 501(c)7 designation.
- The Vanguard Fund will be a consideration, for future discussion.

- **A vote was held: 12 in favor, 1 abstention. The motion passed.**

New Business: Paul Jehlen

- Paul volunteers to take members and students of the sailing club for cruises on Unexpected Pleasure on Wednesday nights at around 6. Anyone who is interested can contact Paul.

New Business: Shirt Designs proposed

- Brenda Kobrin did two designs, they are available in short and long sleeve. A design was voted on, and Design #2 won; however, Ben and Mari voted 8 times so I suspect voter fraud. The design features the font from the website/newsletter and a pale blue background. The burgee is featured above the club name.
- Members will place orders and the manufacturer ships directly to the member. The Club makes a tiny bit of money on each sale. An email will be sent when the design is ready.

Motion to adjourn by Bob, seconded by Kay. Meeting was adjourned by Eric at 8:14.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kay Dolliver Decker, GSC Secretary