

GSC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2021

The October 2021 general meeting of Gulfstream Sailing Club was held in the backyard at the home of Paul Jehlen on October 19, 2021. Called to order at 7:04 pm.

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

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

Commodore's Comments

- Today is Nomination Day. The nominating committee will announce a slate of officers for the upcoming year, and nominations will be taken from members.
- Commodore Eric Kobrin has only been able to walk for around two days, following a cringe-worthy injury to his foot. (Don't ask, please!)
- Linked-In now has a page for the Gulfstream Sailing Club, claimed by Eric, and other members are encouraged to sign on as "employees" of the Linked-in entity.

Science Committee – Bob Schudy (not present)

- Bob sent an update to the Board stating that the breakthrough infection rate is actually lower than scientists first announced. It turns out that people with all three shots may get sick, but generally with mild cases and they are far less contagious than previously thought.

Guests:

- No guests, but there are new members: **Joy and Hunter Quackenbush** are anticipating purchase of a sailboat. They have been sailing with Luis at the Lake.

Secretary's Report – Kay Decker

- No one wanted to hear the minutes read, but the September meeting minutes were posted, and the October board meeting minutes were distributed this afternoon. They will be posted shortly.

Treasurer's Report – Ben Bowen

- Most important update: There was a callout for anyone who wanted pizza. If you did not attend the member meeting, you missed delicious pizza.

General Account	\$ 4961.62
Sailor's Point Lake Account	\$ 11,954.05

- 2018 audit: We submitted the requested documents, but there has been no answer from the IRS and no interview yet.

- 2020 taxes: The documents that should have been submitted electronically have been; they have been accepted by the IRS.

Membership Report – Ben Bowen

- Membership dues will not be changed for the upcoming year.

Ocean Races: Linda Gossett

- Oct. 23 – Race and raft-up. Several boats were unable to participate on this day, so Linda changed the date to Nov. 6th. The notice of race is posted on the website. If it is a windy day, we will go around the course twice. If light winds, we will do the course once.
- A raft up in Lake Sylvia following the race is proposed. The race starts at 11, and will be finished at approximately 1:30 or 2. Boats that survive the race will meet there, if tides are favorable. Boats that arrive via TowBoatUS are also welcome.

Social: Mary Brown

- Mary started with a shout out to Linda Gossett for the delicious banana pudding. If you did not attend the member meeting, you missed some incredible banana pudding made from home-grown bananas.
- The Tuesday Happy Hour at Paradise Tiki Bar was a fun event, with \$5 margaritas and \$4 tacos. Mary noted that the margaritas did not knock you into Wednesday morning. Around 8 members participated.
- Happy Hours have been poorly attended, so a proposal to have happy hour just once a month was voted on in the recent board meeting. Since the board meeting is the first Wednesday and member meeting is third Tuesday, the members voted to have happy hour on the second Tuesday, November 9. The schedule will likely change in 2022.
- Chili Cookoff is Nov. 13 and is being managed by Brenda Kobrin. She will send a flyer with the information. Three prizes are awarded: Best chili, people's choice chili, and best drink. It will be held at Sailors Point.

Lake Report – Luis Oliveira

- There was one Sunfish race scheduled Oct. 9, but there was a competing event (a very important wedding) and no wind, so nobody raced. Fall Series III is scheduled for Oct. 30.
- November 12-14 is the 2021 Sunfish Regional Championship at Coconut Grove Sailing Club. There are 19 registrations so far for the event, and 3-4 of our own sailors will be going. Good performances can lead to qualification for the World regatta.
- *Kids Learn to Sail* October 17 Sunday series is full with 10 kids, and ends Nov. 21. The next class starts January 2, 2022 and is also sold out.
- *Adult Learn to Sail*: The October class was cancelled, and the next class will be Nov. 13-14. There are interested parties, but no registrations yet.
- *420 fleet*: There is a new fleet captain, Enrique Soto, who is making progress on boat repairs. Two 420s are ready and two more are being worked on. The boats hold 2

sailors, so parent/child and couples can race. A schedule of monthly races, held on Saturdays, will be published soon.

- The club's second Zest boat will be assembled shortly. These are indestructible plastic boats that the kids can't wreck (famous last words?).

Nominations Committee - Brenda Kobrin, Chair

Here is the slate of officers for the upcoming year:

- Commodore: Linda Gossett
- Vice-Commodore: Paul Jehlen
- Rear Commodore: David Notman
- Secretary: Tabitha Jones
- Treasurer: Brenda Kobrin
- Lake Operations Director: Luis Oliveira
- Members at Large: One outgoing (Paul Hinden). Nominee is Kim Golodner.

All nominees accepted their nominations. The floor was opened for nominations and none were heard. There will be no election, as all nominations were accepted and no new members were nominated.

Unfinished Business: Phil Decker

- We have decided to form a 501(c)3 corporation as a nonprofit organization, able to take tax-deductible donations and serve the purpose of sailing education at the Lake. The board has approved the formation, and we are ready to file the Articles of Incorporation. Linda Gossett, as registered agent, and Phil Decker, as incorporator, signed the papers. These will be presented to the State of Florida along with a \$87.50 fee. This is step one of a three-step process.

New Business: Gregg Henry

- Halloween weekend, there is a pirate-mermaid get together in Boynton Beach. Gregg and Sam are involved in a pirate group and will be at the free event. Their group has an encampment, with fun activities, a ship's wheel, a pillory (for unruly adults and children) and other questionable entertainments. A band including Gregg, Sam, Kay and Phil (garbed as pirates) will perform sea shanties at the event. For information, members were asked to visit the website, Bbpiratefest.com.

New Business: Phil Decker - In praise of Eric Kobrin

Phil announced that Eric was nearing the end of his tenure as commodore and wanted to thank him for his service. He noted that Eric has been commodore during a very difficult time, with zoom meetings, partial in-person events, and changing rules for gatherings; that he has been living in two different houses; and doing it recently on one good leg. He has been encouraging

the sailing programs at the Lake and shepherding us through Covid-related challenges. For this, a round of applause erupted spontaneously. Thank you, Eric.

Paul J. moved to adjourn; Kim seconded. Meeting was adjourned by Eric at 7:44.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kay Dolliver Decker, GSC Secretary