**BUSINESS MEETING**

**Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club**

**18 November 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Cdr. Ron Jones, AP at 1753.

P/C Galen Price, SN gave the invocation. F/Lt Urbain LeClerc, S led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. Lt/C Carolyn Perkins, S reported a quorum was present. The Minutes of the most recent business meeting held on 18 October 2020 were approved.

**Recognition of Past Commanders:** Cdr. Jones introduced the following Past Commanders in attendance: P/D/Lt/C Carol Musco, AP, P/D/C George Musco, AP, P/C Betty Campanella, SN, P/R/C Louise Rea, SN, P/C Jeane Anderson, AP, P/D/C Lyle Rea, SN, P/C Cyril Ling, AP, P/C Sandra Darna, N, P/R/C Richard Daybell, SN, P/C Galen Price, SN, P/R/C Charles Troike, SN and P/D/Lt/C Harold Howard, SN.

**Membership:** Cdr. Jones swore in the following new members: Joe and Barbara Horres.

The meeting was then recessed for dinner and reconvened at 1915.

**Reports:**

**Secretary:** Lt/C Carolyn Perkins, S reported that our current boat owners continue to provide their electronic updates to the Fleet Roster for the 2021 Membership Directory. The December and January issues of the Pilot will include a reminder and the electronic link for our boat owner members to input their current boat information. The Fleet Roster information in the 2020 Membership Directory will not be carried over.

**Treasurer:** Lt/C Marcia Ling, AP reported a checkbook balance of $2,626.06. The combined Endowment Investment Account balance is $418,034.02 for period ending 31 October 2020. The proposed budget for 2021 – 2022 will be included in the December Pilot. The budget will be presented to the membership at the January annual meeting.

**Administrative Officer:** Lt/C Marge Babkiewicz, AP mentioned that the next issue of the Ensign will include a photo of her performing a temperature check of our first teenage student, Bryce Lang, at the recent ABC class. His parents provided permission to have this photo published. We are one of the few squadrons that have resumed classes. Lt/C Greg Wise, SN has been a valuable asset to the Education Department and to the Administrative Department’s role in taking temperature checks.

**Education Officer**: P/C Betty Campanella, SN reported that the Education Committee is currently in discussion about opening up our advanced classes to the public. Approval will need to come from ExCom. The Education Department will be making a list of how our current MAC money will be spent.

**Executive Officer:** Cdr. Jones reported on behalf of Lt/C Harold Anderson. Our next coastal clean-up at Bayshore Live Oak Park will be on 5 December 2020. The Charlotte County Boat Show is scheduled for 7 - 10 January 2021. Volunteers are needed for the show booth.

**Commander:** Cdr. Jones extended kudos to the life jacket stand team members. Life jackets were removed from 20 Sea Tow life jacket stands in advance of Tropical Storm ETA and then put back on after the storm. A thank-you was also extended to our Veteran’s for their military service. Merit Mark write-ups for this year will be concluded soon. Members are encouraged to provide ideas on social and boating activities to P/C Jeane Anderson, AP for the 2021 calendar.

**Membership:** P/CJeane Anderson, AP reported that a Christmas Cruise flyer was sent out last week. No reservations have been received yet. The Winter District Conference in Punta Gorda will be a one day event on 5 January 2021. A flyer will be in the December Pilot and reservations are due by 28 December 2020.

**Additional Updates/Comments:**

P/C Sandra Darna, N reported that we had a great response with the United Way Day of Caring donated items that were brought to our September Picnic/Business meeting. The food drive collections made at this meeting will be dropped off this Friday. We will be collecting unwrapped Christmas toys at our December Business Meeting/Holiday Party in support of the Jersey Tomatoes Annual Toy Drive. Our squadron has been very generous with donations this year.

P/C Betty Campanella, SN mentioned that as part of the “Keep Charlotte Harbor Beautiful” effort, the Marine Advisory Committee is looking at getting our own containers at various locations for proper disposal of monofilament. More information will be provided next month.

P/D/C Lyle Rea, SN indicated that planning is now in progress for the Annual Meeting and Governing Board scheduled in February 2021. PRSPS attendance and support is requested. Additional information will be provided in the upcoming Ensign. Per today’s email from Mary Paige Abbott (Chief Commander America’s Boating Club), our donations are requested to help reduce the USPS income shortfall that has occurred this year.

The next business meeting and Holiday Party will be on 9 December 2020 at the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club (CHYC). Members are encouraged to participate in the Ugly Christmas Sweater contest. The January Annual Business Meeting will be a lunch meeting at CHYC. This is one of our most important meetings of the year since the 2021 budget will be voted on and the new slate of Officers will be elected.

The benediction was given by P/C Galen Price, SN and the meeting adjourned at 1945.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Carolyn Perkins S – Secretary