

## **MINUTES OF THE ABYC BOARD - 2009**

### **January '09**

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Carl Bjerregaard at the Clubhouse at 1303 on Saturday, January 10, 2009. Present were:

Commodore – Carl Bjerregaard	Sr. Board – Lorna Tweedie
VC – Frank Hankins	Jr. Board – David O'Hara
RC – Ed Fries	PC – Phil Werndli
Purser – Maxine Glenn	Marc Lipsius - Member
Scribe – Henry Depew	

The minutes of the previous meeting as printed were approved

### **Purser – Maxine Glenn**

The Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> statement was distributed and questions answered. A motion was made by Phil Werndli, seconded by Frank Hankins, and passed that the Purser is authorized to pay all “standard” bills as they are received. Maxine plans to pay Apalachee Mariners, LLC for the dock loan at the current level even though the interest rate has dropped to pay down the principle owed and thus decrease future interest costs to ABYC.

There was a question as to the value of an Equity Certificate in terms of those on the waiting list. It is the Board's position that the “current” value of a certificate is that value at the time the money becomes available to redeem the certificate, not when the request to redeem was made, and the Purser was directed to act accordingly on redemptions.

### **VC – Frank Hankins**

We have a proposed new membership and the application has been posted. He also noted that ABYC should plan a “New Member” party for all who have joined the last couple of years. The Board agreed and will look for an available date (one of the socials?).

There was a short discussion concerning the role of the Membership Committee as being under the VC. Those present agreed that the membership information flow would be coordinated by the Purser. Phil agreed to chair the Membership Committee for 2009.

Requested authorization to pay for the trailer to store (and move) sailing gear for the boats that belong to ABYC. Phil made a motion, seconded by Maxie to pay for the trailer. The motion passed.

Last year the Board discussed a “cost recovery” mechanism to cover repairs to the Club boats. At present, those who are using the boats are doing the maintenance at little to no cost to the Club. Frank's recommendation was that we leave things as they are. The Board agreed. The Club owns the Flying Scott, Kestrel, and Driscombe. The Holders are owned by the Apalachee Bay Community Sailing group (which is a sub-part of ABYC) which is a IRS 501-C3 corporation. During the discussion on the various boats in the “fleet” it was suggested that members “Adopt A Boat” to help keep them maintained. Carl will bring this up at the monthly meeting.

The sign needs to be kept current. All Board members are authorized to up-date the sign as needed.

### **Rear Commodore – Ed Fries**

Next Saturday is a planned work day on the docks, landscape, and club house.

### **Jr. Board – David O'Hara**

The February meeting will be West Marine on Friday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> from 1800-1930.

### **Sr. Board – Lorna Tweedie**

At present, we plan to have the following socials –

Jan. 24 – Soup Sampling hosted by the Oosterhofs

Feb. 14 – St. Valentines Race Social

Mar. 14 – Murphy Regatta Social – Cook-out at Club, BYOE

### **Scribe – Henry Depew**

Reminded those present of the need to get their material to him by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month so he

can get the newsletter published before the beginning of the next month.

Henry raised the question of going to electronic distribution of *The Mark* and sending printed copies only to those requesting hard copy. The Board requested that he survey the membership and see what type of response he gets to the idea as any reduction in postage will save the Club money.

Henry suggested that the Directory Committee be moved to the Purser's operation to reduce those involved in tracking membership status, changes in address, and the like. The Constitution/By-Laws Committee will consider the idea.

As the ABYC Webmaster, Henry requested new digital photos for the web site. The Board requested that he send them a list of those pictures that need to be up-dated.

#### **New Business**

After a discussion of the current status, a motion was made by Frank, seconded by David, and passed to increase the dock rent to \$225.00/month starting April 1<sup>st</sup>. Those renting dock spaces will be informed of the change as soon as possible along with the revised dock rental agreement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1448.

Respectfully submitted, C. Henry Depew, Scribe

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#### **February '09**

The Board met on Feb. 7th at Commodore Carl Bjerregaards' residence at Shell Pont at 3:30 PM.

Prior to the start of the formal meeting, Lynn Groves (Chair of Smith Regatta) presented a report on the status of the preparations for the event at the end of April. At present, there are plans for a "fun event" Friday afternoon/evening followed by the formal events on Saturday and Sunday. The possible classes involved include Windriders, Holders, Hobies, Sunfish, Puffins, and PHRF boats. ABYC members who are not sailing are needed for RC boats and land side activities.

Following Lynn's report and a discussion of ABYC commitment to the Regatta, Carl called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM. Present were:

Carl Bjerregaard    Henry Depew  
Frank Hankins      Lorna Tweedie  
David O'Hara       Phil Werndli

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed. Carl wants to make sure that the GYA Flying Scot races are included in the next issue.

#### **Scribe - Henry Depew**

Presented to Phil a donation from Larry Fuchs to Apalachee Sailing as a thank you to ABYC for the use of the clubhouse.

The suggestion by the Editor to go electronic with *The MARK* was discussed. We have two (maybe three) members without e-mail or access to the Internet. At present, the newsletter costs about \$1,100 a year for printing and postage. The suggestion is to print 10-15 copies for distribution and be available at the clubhouse. This matter will be raised at the February membership meeting, proposed in the March issue of *The MARK*, and a referendum will be held at the March Membership meeting on the subject.

#### **VC - Frank Hankins**

We have an applicant in process and have lost one member.

FSU Sailing would like to hold a high-performance race day and have requested ABYC's assistance. Frank has suggested they consider holding the event as part of the Smith Regatta.

The Drascombe will be on a trailer ready to go. It will be stored at Frank's residence. The Kestrel needs to be pulled and new bottom paint. A "Holder Workday" is being planned to get all the boats operational.

The Valentine's Day race is set with the Johnston's agreeing to be RC.

Phil has agreed to try the *Democrat's* "Community Calendar" as a way to promote the PHRF and Puffin races.

#### **RC & Purser**

While the meeting was in progress, a phone call was received that the waterline on the dock was leaking. The shutoff valve was identified so the water could be turned off.

The "Dock Agreement" for those renting slips was accepted for distribution.

Carl reported that refinancing ABYC's mortgage was possible. Phil made a motion seconded by Frank that Carl be authorized to continue negotiations with Wakulla Bank for a lower interest rate. The motion passed.

**Sr. Board - David O'Hara**

The February program will be on cave exploration (dry land, not scuba). The March program will be on scallops.

David will be the contact for the canoe/kayak event on the 28th.

**Jr. Board - Lorna Tweedie**

The Valentine's Social is set and we are planning the Murphy Regatta activities. There is the on-going need for CIA sponsors.

**Old Business**

Frank proposed the establishment of a "Phone Tree". It was decided to have each Board member call 10 members and remind them of the Valentine's Day activities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted

C. Henry Depew - Scribe

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**March '09**

The March Board meeting was called to order by Carl Bjerregaard at 1620 on 7 March at his residence after a short presentation by Al Oosterhof (see separate article). Present were:

Carl Bjerregaard	Henry Depew
Frank Hankins	Lorna Tweedie
Maxie Glenn	David O'Hara

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

**Scribe - Henry Depew**

Henry recommended that *The MARK* be sent to the GYA yacht clubs in electronic format (PDF file) to reduce the printing and postage costs. A motion was made, seconded, and passed authorizing him to do so.

He will make a short presentation to the members at the meeting tonight on shifting the newsletter to PDF and/or web access.

**Vice Commodore -**

**Frank Hankins**

The Kestrel needs some additional work, but the other boats are ready to go.

The Murphy Regatta will be either two (2) short races or one (1) long race.

FSU would like to host a high performance sailboat regatta. It was suggested that they do so in conjunction with the Smith Regatta. That seems to be the plan at present.

There was some discussion of spectator boats for the Smith Regatta. It was decided that the logistics are a major factor in not doing spectator boats this year.

One racing mark may be missing. A search to see if that is the case will take place on Sunday.

**Rear Commodore - Ed Fries**

The ice machine needs new coils. The repair people recommend a newer machine (est. cost around \$1,900). We will make one more try at fixing what we have before a search of the Web and local vendors is started.

The docks still need some more work before all will be solid.

Some of those renting slips are interested in dock boxes for storage. It was decided that such would be allowed if they "fit" the available space and were approved by the Rear Commodore before they are

installed.

**Purser - Maxie Glenn**

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the Purser's Financial Report as distributed.

Members in arrears will be contacted concerning their past due balances. A new member, Chris Plouffe, was voted in by the Board.

**Sr. Board - David O'Hara**

The program tonight will be presented by a member of the Florida Wild Mammal Association. The April program will be on scallops. The canoe/kayak trips might work better if they were not planned too far in advance. An e-mail notification approach was suggested and the Board agreed to give it a try.

**Jr. Board - Lorna Tweedie**

The plans for the social after the Murphy Regatta are a little tentative.

There is no CIA planned for March or April.

The May Social will be on Friday the 15th before the start of the Mullet Regatta.

The April Social will be the Friday night cook-out before the Regatta. The price will be \$10/person.

**Old Business**

The club can refinance its mortgage but will go to an annual adjustable rate mortgage. It was decided that Carl should look into a fixed-rate mortgage.

The Annual Awards Banquet may change to November 14th.

John McBride has donated a portable outboard motor mount.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1804.

Respectfully submitted

C. Henry Depew - Scribe

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**April '09**

Prior to the meeting, those present discussed the idea of reviving the "Captain's Table" with Ann Lotterhos as the cook. Based on past experience, the idea was not considered workable at this time.

The meeting was called to order on 04 April by Commodore Carl Bjerregaard at 1550. Present were:

Carl Bjerregaard      Phil Werndli  
Ed Fries                Lorna Tweedie  
Henry Depew      Maxine Glenn Jackie Werndli

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

**Parliamentarian – Henry Depew**

By-Laws revisions are under consideration. A definition of a "student" is being developed to create a student membership description that reflects the local campus environment. The age range would be from 21 to 30 years of age. Phil is working on the language and the committee hopes to report with a recommendation at the next Board meeting. The question of Associate members becoming Non-Resident members will be reviewed.

**Smith Regatta**

The meeting was recessed at 1615 for a report by Lynn Groves on the status of ABYC's participation in the 2009 Smith Regatta and her resignation as Chairperson of the Regatta.

Following Lynn's report and some discussion of the current regatta operations the meeting was reconvened at 1643.

Commodore Carl Bjerregaard appointed Jackie Werndli as ABYC's formal representative for the 2009 Smith Regatta.

**Membership**

The idea of a summer membership was discussed. If we have a summer membership, do we have a winter membership also? It was the Board's conclusion that a summer membership was not possible at this time. Carl is to write a letter to Mr. Damon (who raised the question) on this matter.

In addition, removing the one-year limitation for an Associate member was considered and rejected.

### **Adult Sailing**

Frank Hankins will be the instructor. Carl volunteered their boat, if a second boat is needed due to the size of the class.

### **Rear Commodore – Ed Fries**

It is reported that one of the urinals in the men's room is leaking. He may have to replace a seal.

The ice machine is now working properly and at a lesser cost than originally estimated.

The finger piers on the docks still need work. One finger pier may have to be completely rebuilt.

### **Purser – Maxine Glenn**

The Purser's report was accepted as printed.

Martin Jonas has been proposed for membership. The Board voted to accept the application.

The new ABYC dock contracts with the approved dock rental increases have been sent out, but not all have been signed and returned. Ed will look into this for Maxie.

Maxie raised some questions concerning the calendar. At this time, the Board/Membership meeting is on Sept. 12 because of the Labor Day weekend, October 10th is a Work Day, and the November 14th PHRF and Dinghy race conflict is to be resolved. (*Editor's note: Dinghy Races are scheduled for 11/7 and PHRF for 11/14.*)

### **Jr. Board – Lorna Tweedie**

The April Social and CIA will be the activities of the Smith Regatta. The May social will be on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> as part of the Mullet Cup activities.

Lorna also noted that there needs to be a distinction between ABYC's various activities. It was agreed that:

“Cocktail Hour” will be used for that with precedes the potluck meal prior to a meeting.

“Social” will be used for the third Saturday evening activity.

“CIA” will be used for the get together on the last Saturday evening of each month.

### **Old Business**

After some consideration as to additional costs for an Internet connection via Comcast, the Board decided to decline Ray Keaton's generous offer of a computer for the clubhouse for members to use.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1747.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Henry Depew, Scribe

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### **May '09**

The meeting was called to order by VC Frank Hankins at Maxie Glenn's residence on Saturday, 02 May at 1547. Present were:

VC Frank Hankins

RC Phil Werndli

Purser Maxie Glenn

Jr. Board Lorna Tweedie

Scribe Henry Depew

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in *The Mark*.

### **VC - Frank Hankins**

Much was accomplished at the work day with the screens stored away, the gap under the pool bench closed, the monthly sign created, and weed killer sprayed in the parking lot. The dock repair needs some additional research as to the best method to fix the current problem without creating new problems.

The Holders are all operational and numbered. Those adopting a Holder will get one assigned to them for their future care.

The status of the current grill was discussed. A motion was made by Maxie and seconded by Phil to authorize RC Ed Fries to purchase a four-burner stainless steel grill and repair the existing grill at a total cost not to exceed \$400.00. The motion passed.

The Friday night activities at the Smith Regatta were a success. Bill and Claire Harris are commended for their work that helped make the occasion successful. The Sunday morning races were also well attended and a lot of fun.

The Adult Sailing class was a success (6 students), although the Sunday sailing was restricted because of the winds.

Planning for the Mullet Cup continues with reservations for the Friday night fish-fry/social to be made by noon Wednesday, 13 May to Ed Fries (591-4620).

The non-working refrigerator should be removed. There was some discussion as to a replacement, if one is needed.

The Puffin fleet would like a "permanent" committee boat. It was noted that the Club has a powerboat on a trailer that is available. Maxie said that her powerboat could also be available if needed.

#### **Purser – Maxie Glenn**

The Purser's report was accepted as distributed.

The Friday night activities with the Smith Regatta presented an accounting problem as some people registered for that part of the event as part of their regatta registration while others simply came to the Friday night meal and racing. Rather than request a \$27.00 reimbursement from the Regatta committee, a motion was made by Phil and seconded by Lorna to cover the cost difference from that night's bar income. The motion passed.

The application by Ted & Brandy Cowley-Gilbert was reviewed and Maxie will post it at the Clubhouse.

After some discussion, Maxie was authorized to shift the book keeping activities to an on-line accounting system run by Shepards in Crawfordville. The need for an Assistant Purser was also discussed. Maxie will contact members with an accounting background to see if they would be interested in the position.

#### **New Business**

The GYA Challenge Cup at the Gulfport Yacht Club on 18-21 June was discussed. Since most ABYC races are not GYA PHRF sponsored events, none of our boats are likely to have sailed the required 50 miles to be eligible for entry.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1715.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Henry Depew, Scribe

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#### **June '09**

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Carl Bjerregaard at 1535 at his home at Shell Point.

Present were:

Carl Bjerregaard          Henry Depew

Lorna Tweedie          Phil Wernkli.

David O'Hara arrived a few minutes later.

The minutes of the previous Board meeting were approved as printed.

#### **Reports:**

##### **VC**

The Club's powerboat is ready to be used as needed.

The Youth Sailing Class will be using the Flying Scott and/or the Drascombe because of the water quality concerns off Shell Point.

The Adult Sailing Class will be using the larger boats.

The Beachton Yacht Club Regatta is planned for September.

##### **RC**

The ice machine is not working. All ABYC boat slips are now rented.

##### **Purser**

The Purser's report was accepted as distributed.

Ted & Brandy Cowley-Gilbert were approved as new members.

Ann Gilhooly & Michael Bishop have been proposed for membership and the notice will be posted at the Yacht Club.

#### **Senior Board – David O'Hara**

We have a program for tonight if a digital projector can be located. He will check with the C.G. Auxiliary about the availability of their machine. The July 11<sup>th</sup> program will be Gary Blankenship who will speak on small boats. A canoe/kayak trip to the springs around Spring Creek is planned for 21 June and a scallop event is planned for July.

#### **Jr. Board – Lorna Tweedie**

There will be a social on June 20<sup>th</sup> as noted in the June issue of *THE MARK*. At present, a July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic is planned to be coordinated with the other events scheduled at Shell Point for that day. The meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup> may (or may not) include a social in place of the usual activity on the third Saturday of the month. The August social will be hosted by the Scouts.

There was some discussion about a rotating meal activity with the monthly meeting. The idea would be to have a covered dish one month, a KISS dinner the next month, and then a catered meal the third month. The cycle would then be repeated. Those not interested in the "meal of the month" would come for the meeting and program. No decision was reached.

#### **Old Business:**

Henry reported that the Constitution/By-Laws Revision Committee had met and is working on proposed amendments to the documents. He hopes to have the proposed revisions distributed to the membership by August for their review and comments.

#### **New Business:**

A bike rack at the club house has been proposed. The Board agreed that interested members should proceed with the project.

Respectfully submitted.

C. Henry Depew, Scribe

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#### **July '09**

The meeting was held at the Commodore's residence on 11 July. Present were:

Carl Bjerregaard           Lorna Tweedie

Henry Depew               Phil Werndli

There not being a quorum, those present discussed what to do about the vandalism at the Clubhouse on 27 June. It was noted that the security video system is not working correctly and needs to be repaired or replaced. A replacement system will cost around \$400. Phil will look into what is being offered at Sams and other such discount stores that carry this type of equipment. There was also a discussion about replacing the fabric on the pool lounge chairs as they are wearing out. The estimated cost is between \$700 and \$800 to recover the seven (7) lounge chairs. Also considered were three proposed new members:

Don Hanson

Edith McCarty

Jill Voorting

In addition, the three proposed members posted previously were considered. It being necessary for the Board to act on the previous applications (as posted in the Clubhouse) it was decided to contact Maxie Glenn.

At approximately 4:00 PM, Maxie was called. The list of proposed actions and concerns was read to her by the Scribe. After consideration of the proposed actions, the Board voted in favor of:

Replace or repair the existing video security system

Acceptance of the existing applications for membership

Proposed new memberships to be posted in the Clubhouse  
Maxie also suggested that the Board vote on the proposed new members via e-mail when the 30 day waiting period has expired.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 PM.

The new members of ABYC are:

Jeff Muellen

Chris McLendon

Ann Gilhooly & Michael Bishop

Respectfully submitted,

C. Henry Depew, Scribe

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### **August '09**

Members of the Board met at 1538 in the ABYC Clubhouse. Present were:

VC Frank Hankins      Jr. Board Member Lorna Tweedie

Scribe Henry Depew.

There not being a quorum at this time, issues to be considered at the next Board Meeting were reviewed.

As required by the Constitution, a petition to the Board to bring the amendments proposed to the Constitution and By-Laws by the Constitution/By-Laws Committee was submitted. Since the Board takes no action on such petitions, the petition was for the information of the Board members present. The proposed amendments to both documents will be published with the September issue of THE MARK and will also be made available on ABYC's web site (ABYOnline.org).

The pool lounge chairs need to be repaired or replaced. The cost is about the same (although the replacement chairs are not as well built as the current ones).

The Beachton Yacht Club/ABYC Regatta is now scheduled for Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>.

The security system repair is not complete, but should be shortly.

A battery, float switch, and bilge pump is needed for the Flying Scot if it is to be kept in the water at Frank's dock.

The Scout Social is either the 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> of August. Lorna is to check on which date is best. The alternate date will be a "work day" at the Clubhouse.

Two race marks were lost when the anchoring system failed. Replacements are available and will be set before the start of the PHRF Fall Series.

The question of approving membership applications by Edith McCarty, Don Hanson, and Jill Voorting required a quorum. The meeting was recessed while phone calls were made and approval obtained from Phil and Maxie. Once the phone votes were received, the meeting was re-convened and counting the phone votes and those present a quorum was obtained and with the approval of those present, membership will be extended to these people.

There is no CIA host for the August CIA. The September social will be hosted by Kingsley & Sue Ross and the October social will be hosted by Frank & Patty Hankins.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Henry Depew, Scribe

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### **September '09**

The meeting, at the ABYC Clubhouse, was called to order by Vice-Commodore Frank Hankins on September 12 at 1532. Present were:

Frank Hankins

Henry Depew

David O'Hara

Phil Werndli

Lorna Tweedie

The minutes of the July and August Board meetings were approved as printed.

The Purser's report was approved as distributed.

**VC - Frank Hankins:**

Asked for a formal vote of acceptance for Steve & Katherine LaRosa. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept them as new members.

Reported that plans for the VC Regatta for Oct. 17 are progressing and he plans to invite all those who joined ABYC this year to come to the Regatta's social function even if they do not race that day.

The Fall PHRF races will start 19 Sept. and Don Reeder has agreed to run the 19 Sept. race. The acquisition of a Race Committee and boat is a concern at this time.

The Beachton/ABYC Regatta for the 26<sup>th</sup> is still a "maybe". The Puffins will be racing that day and the party/CIA will follow that evening.

The work day on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> will include hanging the wind breaks on the porch and work on the docks. Members' assistance will be greatly appreciated to help with this and other tasks.

Improvements to the security system are still being worked on; we hope to have the new system installed shortly.

The repair of the deck chairs is waiting for some additional information on the cost to replace the fabric. Ray Keaton did a lot of work on this project and his help is greatly appreciated.

The gas valve on the grill needs to be turned off at the tank as well as at the grill.

**Sr. Board – David O'Hara:**

Has a program lined up for October with a back-up program available.

**Jr. Board – Lorna Tweedie:**

Sue Ross will be the Hostess for the September Social (Tailgate Party). She asked if the club's TV would receive cable 55 (to see the televised game). Frank reported that the TV had been checked and cable 55 is available.

**Scribe - Henry Depew:**

Asked the Board if there could be a problem with voting for the Winterle Award electronically for those with e-mail and hard-copy for those without e-mail. The Board saw no problem with this approach.

Presented the Board with a request from Mary VanSciver to make a short presentation on the Annual Meeting of the Talquin Electric Cooperative. After some discussion, Frank said he would talk to her before the meeting.

Reported on the status of the proposed Constitution and By-Law amendments.

**New Business:**

Parts for the ABYC boat trailer are on order.

The club boats are not being used. Henry is to develop an article for *The Mark*.

The next Adult Sailing class is being planned, but no firm date is set.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1634

Respectfully submitted,

C. Henry Depew

Scribe

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**October '09**

The members of the Board gathered on the porch of the ABYC Clubhouse at 1535 on 03 October, 2009. Present were:

VC – Frank Hankins

Jr. Board – Lorna Tweedie

Scribe – Henry Depew

PC – Phil Werndli

Since a quorum was not present, no official action could be taken, but those present reported on their activities since the previous meeting

**Purser** – The concerns of the Purser concerning arrears was discussed. All have since been resolved.

**Vice Commodore** –

The VC regatta, 17 October, will be a one-day event with a Low Country Boil as the dinner. Two races are planned. Since the race is also a PHRF race, all participants who have not paid the PHRF series fee will be charged the PHRF day race fee for the event (\$8 for ABYC members and \$10 for ABYC non-members). Live entertainment, provided by Moses Turner, is scheduled.

**Parliamentarian** –

The work of the Constitution/By-Laws Committee regarding the proposed amendments to the By-Laws was presented to those present.

**Rear Commodore** –

The planned Work Day on 10 October will be the installation of the wind screens on the porch. The area where the screens are hung needs to be cleaned. The work on the dock still needs to be done.

A bilge pump/float switch with a solar charging panel for the battery has been created and will be used in the Flying Scot for the time being. One idea is to have the Flying Scot in the water for the race series and put the Drascombe in the water for the non-race months. The pump/switch system can be moved to which ever boat is in the water.

**Jr. Board** –

The CIA for October will have a Halloween Theme with Phil & Jackie Werndli acting as the hosts. Due to 21 November being a FSU home game, the Awards Banquet should be changed to 14 November. Those present agreed.

**Nominating Committee Report**

Phil was pleased to report that the Committee has a full slate of officers for next year.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1640

Respectfully submitted,

C. Henry Depew, Scribe

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**December 09**

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Carl Bjerregaard at his residence at 1544 on Saturday, November 7. Present were:

Carl Bjerregaard      Lorna Tweedie

Frank Hankins    Henry Depew

Maxie Glenn    Ed Fries

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in *THE MARK*.

It was noted that a minimum of 18 voting members was needed for a quorum and 36 voting members to meet the 2/3rds requirement to vote on the proposed Constitution amendments. After some discussion, it was decided by the Board to go with two agendas for the Annual Meeting. If we had the quorum and the 36 members, the proposed amendments would be taken up as the first item of business. If we did not have either the quorum or the 36 members, the “standard” format for an annual meeting would be followed.

At this point, Moses Turner arrived at the meeting to address the Board on some of his concerns regarding the proposed change in numbers needed for a quorum and the removal of the terms of office for the officers. He had met with some other people earlier in the week and wished to convey their concerns.

**Scribe – C. Henry Depew**

After Moses had left, there was a discussion of the on-line MARK and some concerns expressed by a member on the current process. Carl will raise the question at the Annual Meeting. It was also suggested that the next issue of THE MARK carry the information on the postage and printing cost to send hard-copy to the membership.

**V-C – Frank Hankins**

Frank noted that the VC Regatta was a success both on the water and at the social. He also noted that the event made a little money for ABYC. Frank was authorized to purchase suitable trophies for the PHRF and the Windrider series.

**Rear Commodore – Ed Fries**

Ed noted that one finger pier needs some more work and there is still the need to fix the finger pier/dock connection where the ramp comes to the dock. There was some discussion about hiring a contractor to do the job. Carl and Ed will look into some options.

**Purser – Maxie Glenn**

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the financial statement as printed and distributed.

Maxie noted that the Club's taxes had risen 25% in 2009. She would like to find a person to track what is going on with the property appraisals at Shell Point so that the Club could appeal next year's assessment if it rises again.

The number of Associate Memberships has reached the 20% cap. We cannot accept any more Associate Memberships until we get some more Regular Memberships.

**Jr. Board – Lorna Tweedie**

We have the Awards Banquet, the Thanksgiving "left-overs", and the Christmas Party for Club socials.

**Old Business:**

The Board discussed to whom to award the Silent Sailor Trophy. A decision was reached and Carl will take care of the engraving.

There have been few votes received for the Winterle Trophy. It was suggest an appeal be made at the Annual Meeting for those who had not voted to do so.

The security system is still being worked on.

**New Business:**

Becoming a member of the Yachting Club of America was discussed as this membership would give our members reciprocity with other yacht clubs in Central and South Florida (St. Pete Yacht Club is the only GYA member in the Tampa Bay area). The annual dues of \$400/year was considered excessive. No action was taken.

An offer has been made to help fund wrapping the porch around the west side of the clubhouse and up-grade the bathrooms. Carl is to look into this and report back to the Board at the December meeting.

**Other:**

The joint Board meeting will be on Jan. 9, 2010.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1726.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Henry Depew, Scribe