

## CHESSS WINTER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES.

Meeting Date: November 17, 2018

Minutes prepared by: Jeff Halpern, CHESSS Secretary

Board of Directors:

Commodore:	Rich Acuti	Present
Vice Commodore	Garner Bennett	Present
Secretary	Jeffrey Halpern	Present
Treasurer	Joe Gillis	Present
Board Members at large:		
	John Enderle	Absent
	Jack Benson	Absent



The meeting was called into to order at 11:18 a.m. on December 2, 2017. 31 people were in attendance at the start of the meeting with a maximum 38 people present at one time during the meetings. These included some new and potential members.

(Please see Attachment 1 for the list of Attendees who signed in).

### 1) Opening Comments:

Commodore Rich Acuti called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He introduced the CHESSS Board Members who were present. Commodore Acuti provided a description summarizing CHESSS's past year's activities as in general last year was a bad sailing year all around. Most of the races that CHESSS members had committed to were cancelled due to a mix of too little or too much wind, or too much debris in the water. Similarly the CHESSS Challenges were also canceled for essentially the same reasons.

The Board has begun looking towards 2019 sailing season with the goal of identifying and improving events towards having more extensive member participation.

Commodore Acuti then reported on the Board's progress on organizational issues. He reported that the Board successfully completed the Incorporation process, obtained a Tax ID, has completed the Federal Non-profit status process, opened a bank account and collected dues. While less successful to date, the board has made efforts to become a CBYRA sanctioned class. The commodore also reported on the current number of paid and non-paid members

### 2) Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Joe Gillis gave a summary of the current financial report. (A written and more detailed report is attached). A two year budget was approved at the December 2017 meeting and Treasurer Gillis reported on the status of expenditures relative to that budget.

Treasurer Gillis updated the members on the status of the Liability Insurance. He reported that several sources of the insurance have been identified and the Board has voted to defer obtaining the insurance until after the spring general membership meeting. A motion was made and approved to unanimously accept the Treasurer's report

3) Secretary's Report

Secretary Jeff Halpern summarized the meeting's minutes from the Spring 2018 General Membership meeting. A motion was made and approved to unanimously approve the Minutes as prepared.

4) New Business:

A. Commodore Rich Acuti led a discussion of the need for additional board members to be nominated and voted on at next meeting. He summarized possible roles for those new board members as including:

- Publicity (Spinsheet, approaching yacht clubs, writing articles)
- Race liason: (CBYRA sanctioning, running races, recruiting members to 'adopt a race', work with other classes like PHRF as necessary)
- Website (administration and updating)
- Merchandising
- Membership coordination

Tim Layne and Bob Spann expressed interest in potentially serving on the Board. Commodore indicated that he would contact them via email after the meeting.

B. Commodore Rich Acuti led a discussion soliciting input from the members regarding suggestions to help boost participation. The following items were suggested:

- 1) More social events including raft-ups and post race gatherings.
- 2) Better communication of race events and assigning advocates for each race as a way to improve participation, with people noting that they would be more inclined to participate in events where there were more members participating.
- 3) Less formal CHESSS run racing that does not conflict with major CBYRA races
- 4) CHESSS races and Challenges in different regions of the Bay that would be more convenient to CHESSS's more widespread members.
- 5) Single day- daylight hour, point to point races
- 6) Providing a 'crew connection' that allows people who need a crew member to connect up with potential crew members looking for a boat to do races and challenges aboard.
- 7) More middle distance races that allow an overnight raft-up and perhaps a race back the next day.
- 8) more boats entering one of the Solomon's races.

5) Presentation by Jerome Rand

A marvelously entertaining, exciting and thought-provoking presentation was made by Jerome Rand. Mr. Rand described his motivation, preparation, and his single-handed, non-stop passage around the world. The discussion touched on his vivid descriptions of weather, food and water shortages, unexpected and expected occurrences and lessons learned along the way.

6) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

During the meeting the following income was collected:

Donations:     \$40.00  
2019 Dues:     \$120.00