

THE COCKTAIL CLASS WOODEN BOAT RACING ASSOCIATION

Executive Team Zoom Call

Oct 10, 2023

Minutes

Attendance: Fred Allerton, Commodore; Tom Kerr, Vice- Commodore;
Lena Cantera, Secretary; Ray Crowley, Fleet Captain; Jeff Weeber, Treasurer

June Minutes: Ray motion to approve, Tom 2nd. Approved

Treasurer's Report:

- Financial:
 - Checking: \$1,926; PayPal: \$5,188
- Review of 2023 race profit/losses:
 - Jeff W. reported in many cases the registration fees collected did not adequately cover all the race event expenses, including \$35/driver which is required to cover the driver's estimated insurance cost per race. Jeff will contact each RD individually to make them aware of this past season's shortfalls, and stress the importance of establishing higher registration fees, based on careful budgeting of race expenses and insurance costs. He thought most fees need to be in the range of \$80-100, rather than \$50-60.

2023 Race Calendar – Upcoming:

- Oct 14 – Oktoberfest - Great Oak Landing, Chestertown, MD
Update 10/14/23: Oktoberfest cancelled due to weather

2023 Non-Race Events - Upcoming:

- **10/27-29 Downrigging Weekend Chestertown, MD**

2024 Race and Event Calendar - proposed:

- 2024 Dates verified:
 - 3/16 SYC Governor's Cup
 - 3/21-24 Sunnyland Boat Festival
 - 5/15 Urbanna Cup
 - 6/1 Skuas on the Lehigh
 - 6/15 Camp David Cup
 - 8/17 National Championship
- RD's to verify dates of other anticipated 2024 races
 - Commodore Cup - July
 - Kent Island - moving to July
 - Tennessee Cup - Early Sept or Oktober(fest)
 - Oktoberfest

OLD BUSINESS:

Boats/Motors “Classifieds” Website

- **10/10/23:** No action

Website:

- **Update 10/10/23:** Website updates by Connie Ranney are still in progress, including updates to “About Us” and revisions to “Membership”

Antique Motorboat Racing Trophy

- Keith reported that Russ Bowler purchased an antique motorboat trophy figure for the association for \$100. Russ requested to be reimbursed. The Committee approved. No Update 10/10/23.

NEW BUSINESS:

Legal consultation:

- Jeff W., Tom K. & Fred A. reported on an Aug 31 Zoom mtg w/ Atty Peter Schuchman re:
 - Burgee Program Insurance
 - Sales of AV Plates and Boat Plans being restricted by Gowrie/Chubb
- Atty Schuchman offered to further review, as needed:
 - Liability Waivers
 - By-Laws

“Products” Removed from Website:

- The Gowrie Group directed the association to remove the sale of two products from our website sales due to potential product liability risks not assumed by the Burgee Program: The Building Manual & the AV Plates.
- **Update 10/10/23:**
 - Fred A. questioned the Gowrie rep again about website sales, this time with reference to comments of Atty Schuchman, the rep maintained Gowrie’s former stance of their restrictions on website sales.
 - Jeff W. will explore feasibility/cost of Product Liability Insurance

Survey for Membership Outreach/Marketing/Promotion/:

- In a Sept 28th email sent after Kent Island to Execs and Directors, Lou Linden suggested that there is a serious issue in race attendance in 2023 and that we should conduct a member survey to explore the causes and ways to increase member participation. After looking at the positive trend of *registrants/race in 2023*, the Execs agreed that race cancellations (due to unpreventable weather, illness, or insurance-related interruption) were the main factor for any cause of concern in overall 2023 attendance, not member disengagement. Upon further discussion, the Execs reached consensus to table the survey

for now, not wanting to convey any concern that is out of proportion. However, some Execs did mention that it may be helpful to conduct a survey at some point to gain member input, and engage, project a positive message and transparency to the membership.

2024 Handbook/ rule revisions

- Fred A. reported that Tara Carew & Ray C. agreed to work on revisions for the 2024 Racing Handbook, with our publication target of March 2024.

Dedicated motor for safety boat:

- Jeff W. mentioned that he has a spare 8hp OMC that would be available for use on the safety boat, but its tiller has been removed. Ray C. thought he might have a spare tiller to replace the original.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Promotion/Marketing Committee:

Ray Crowley, Chair

Engine Committee:

Charlie Iliff, Chair; Members: Curt Bluefeld, Sam Wearly, Russ Bowler

Design Committee:

Keith Carew, Chair

Safety Committee:

Chris Norman, Chair (No updates)

Rules Committee:

Jim Schmicker, Racing Rules Chair (No updates)

Tara Carew, General Rules Director

Appeals Committee:

Capt. Peter Urbani, Chair (No updates)

Ship Store:

Ray Crowley, Manager