

# **The Cocktail Class Wooden Boat Racing Association**

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2025

7:15pm

**Attendance:** Tara Carew, Commodore; Curt Blufeld, Vice- Commodore; Jeff Weeber, Treasurer; Lena Cantera, Secretary; Peter Urbani, Fleet Captain; Cameron Walker, Member at Large; Fred Allerton, Ex Commodore

**August Meeting Minutes:** Motion to Approve, Jeff; 2nd Curt. Approved

### **Treasurers Report - Jeff Weeber:**

- Wells Fargo \$2,119.38
- PayPal \$7,577.95
- Tara reported \$468 in Petty Cash that she will send to Jeff
- Contribution to Mystic Seaport \$300 - All approved
- Reinstatement from the IRS has been approved
- 2 attempts have been made of filing a 990N e-post card for 2024
- Annual filing of 990N filing is due May 15th of each year

### **Proposed 2026 Race Schedule:**

- March 26-29 Sunnyland Boat Festival, Tavares, FL (Rick Loewen)
- April 4 Governor's Cup, New Smyrna, FL (Lisa Merilson)
- April 26 NNSPS Boat Show, Kilmarnock, VA (Art Gilbert)
- May 16 Tides Inn Demo Race, Irvington, VA ( Art Gilbert)
- June 6 Camp DAvid Cup, Kennedyville, MD (Lena Cantrera)
- \*June 20 Kent Island Race, Stevensville, MD (Carew)
- \* July 18 Commodore's Cup, MYC, Pasadena, MD (Carew)
- August 1 Mystic Race, Mystic Seaport, Mystic, CT (Jim Schmiicker)
- August 15 Nationals, Rock Hall, MD (Todd Steffes)
- September 19 Saranac Lake, Saranac, NY (Chris Dyer)
- \*Oct 2-5 MASCF, St, Michaels, MD (Al Barnes)
- Oct 30-Nov 1 Sultana Downriging, Chestertown, MD (Tom Kerr)

### **Nominations and Elections:**

- Tara agreed to put together nominating committee
- Fred pointed as per our bylaws that nominations need to be finalized 45 days prior to election in January with the slate of nominees to be distributed 15 days prior
- Two possible Board seats (Todd Steffes and Tom Kerr)
- One definite Board seat up for replacement ( Jim Schmicker)
- Jim Schmicker will be taking over as Treasurer Jan 26' for Jeff Weeber(will need to be nominated and voted in)
- Jeff is coordinating with Jim in updating the mailing address, registration with IRS for the new online process and working out details for Jim to become an authorized signer with Wells Fargo

### **Website Recommendations Connie Raney:**

- Build new website using current Wordpress technology, themes and plugins
- Remove photo gallery, forums, classifieds and blog and rehosted on other platforms
- Committee agreed on Website Rebuild - Motion to approve Tara, 2nd Lena - Approved
- Estimate to build new website \$1,980
- Committee agreed on the estimate and discussed a total budget of \$2,500 Motion to Approve Tara, 2nd Peter - Approved
- Tara will review the website menu structure and categories and share a Word document outlining current pages for feedback
- Opening of membership renewal will be held off until January 1 while website redesign is underway

### **Bylaws: Fred Allerton**

- Fred and Tom are waiting to hear about meeting date

### **Policy for Rule Change - Fred Allerton**

- Rule change procedure will be removed from the 2013 Bylaws and to become a policy
- Will be added as an addendum to the rule book

- Motion to Approve Jeff, 2nd Peter
- Will be sent to Board for Approval
- Rule Change Procedure will also be stored on the website under Resources

**Media:**

- Committee agreed that the current tri-fold brochures should be updated to 2026
- Suggestion of Al Barnes taking over the redesign