

**OCALA BOAT CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
APRIL 10, 2017**

I. Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Commodore Mike Groves.

Board Members In Attendance

Commodore Mike Groves, Vice Commodore John Beach, Cruise Master Chuck Boyette, Secretary Florence Hoffman, and Purser Molly Lemon.

Past Commodore:

Bill Hodge.

Committee Members:

John Beach, Willie Clayton, Louise Jensen, Chuck Lemon, Molly Lemon, Charlie Parkinson, And Tom Ulmer

II. Secretary's Report:

Motion made by Molly Lemon to accept the Secretary's Report of March 06, 2017 as submitted to the B.O.D. via e-mail by Florence Hoffman. Seconded by Louise Jensen. Motion carried.

III. Purser's Report

Molly Lemon passed out the Purser's Report for March 2017.

Total Assets	\$ 318,249.41
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Total Liabilities	<u>11,975.77</u>
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Fund Balance	\$ 306,273.64
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Check Book Balance	\$ 22,898.04
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Liquid Assets	\$ 28,533.38
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Available COH	\$ 11,242.54
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Mike Groves asked Molly about how much we make on rentals for a month. Much

discussion followed. Bill Hodge stated he did the math at one point in time and we were at a 14 % profit. Molly stated we are looking at about \$2,800.00 profit. JoAnn Beach asked if we are limited on what we can make. Molly stated we are A Not For Profit Club and therefore not restricted on what we can make.

Motion made by Florence Hoffman to accept the Purser's Report as submitted by Molly Lemon. Seconded by Louise Jensen. Motion carried.

IV. Cruise Master's Report

Chuck Boyette stated he felt the music we had for Open House was fantastic. He stated it would be nice to hire them for our Christmas Party. Much discussion followed. Bill Hodge suggested the Christmas Committee take over for this event. It was suggested that Leonard Barnes look into this. Bill stated that Leonard did a wonderful job working on the Open House. JoAnn Beach asked what the band cost. The response was \$350.00 but, it is normally \$450.00. Flo Hoffman asked for the name of the entertainers. The response was Robert and Mandy France. Web-site-Robert & Mandy France.com. Willie Clayton asked If we have booked them for our 4th of July Party. Answer, was not at this time. Mike Groves Then thanked all the members who participated in the Open House Festivities. A special thank you to Captain John Beach and Captain Richard Charron for a job well done.

Chuck wants the O.B.C. to identify who we are. Are we a boating club with Social Activities or are we a Social Club that enjoys boating? He stated we are more social. We have members who can't tie a boat up to the dock. No one knows what a Spring Line is or what it is used for. No one can back up a boat. At this time several members joined in. Chuck went on to say we need to teach our members how to do these things. Also, with the Web Site coming we need to teach our members the basic's 'on the computer. He further stated the members need to learn the basic Nautical Terms. Example- Red, Right, Return. What does this mean? He suggested that at our monthly Membership Meeting we have a fifteen minute lesson on Nautical Terms, Knots, etc.

Chuck feels we should have a theme that we follow. We need to protect our water-ways. We need to get with other Boat Clubs. The Triangle Boat Club was given as an example

As a group we can approach the City Commissioner's or whoever is in charge to get the docks repaired and the water-ways cleared. Chuck went on to say "Boating is an activity for active people.

Chuck then discussed Rodman Dam and what will happen if it is lowered. He then explained what had happened in Kissimmee. They built a dike around Okeechobee which in a short period of time became polluted. Another area that Chuck addressed was how the club is decorated, stating we need to maintain a Nautical Image. He also stated we have no magazines on Boating or Boating Safety, Boat Maintenance etc. Chuck also addressed Life Jackets. Do they fit properly? Where are they stored? How do you put them on? Chuck then addressed the fact that the B.O.D. members do not interact with potential new members. He suggested we split up and sit with potential members. Stating most of us sit with our friends. We need to be one on one with potential new members. He went on to say when we have a guest speaker, they need to be seated at a Head Table with the the person who invited them to speak and have a microphone available for them.

Chuck then focused on the Web Site stating Mike is doing a good job working with his son in law. He stated that if we do not have the Web Site up and running by the end of this year, we need to seek professional help. If we do end up with a professional he feels we will need to keep them for at least a year. If we go forward with this we can sell space for most local businesses. The first year this could be done as a courtesy. The following year we could charge them. This could be a source of revenue for us.

Chuck then addressed the lack of communication between him and the members of the O.B.C. Due to this lack of communication several members booked Dec. 03rd and others Booked Dec. 10th for the up-coming Western Caribbean Cruise. A lengthy discussion followed. December 10th was the final date agreed upon. Several members will need to contact the Travel Agent and get their date changed. Chuck will contact the Travel Agent to firm up the date. He will then contact Mike who will notify the membership via e-mail.

On April 11th, the members who are going boating will meet at the Dunnellon City Dock at 10:00 a.m. Chuck reminded members not to park in the City Hall Parking Area. There is ample parking on the street and an additional Parking Lot a block away. Lunch will be held at the Blue Gator at noon.

Molly Lemon then addressed the B.O.D. She stated she was once with a group that was very nautical even to wearing the uniforms of the Power Squadron. She stated she would not like that for us. She likes the fact that we are a social group. She stated, We are an eating club with a boating habit.”

Getting back to an earlier discussion on Boating Safety, Knot Tying, Nautical Terminology, Etc. Molly and Chuck Lemon will be teaching the basics for Safe Boating starting at our next Membership Meeting. Molly and Chuck will give a fifteen minute presentation on Knot Tying.

Membership Meeting:

Tom Ulmer presented an Application For Membership for Susan Cooper. Susan has met The requirements for membership and can be voted on tonight. Motion made by Ted Bradley to accept Susan Cooper as a member of the O.B.C. Seconded by Molly Lemon. Motion carried.

Tom stated that Paula DePaula has dropped out. Molly gave Tom a list of people who have not paid their dues. It was reported that Maggie and Jim Clark will not be returning due to health issues. Louise Jensen asked for an up-dated list of paid members so she can get them on the list to receive The Helmsman. Flo Hoffman asked for a paid member list so she can make out the Membership Cards. Tom stated he will be calling the people who attended our Open House, and will invite them to our Monthly Membership Meeting.

Mike Groves read a note received from Joe and Kathy Putman who attended our Open House and Is looking forward to coming to our Monthly Membership Meeting.

Sunshine Committee:

Willie Clayton stated she sent a Sympathy Card to Gary Bergland who recently lost his sister.

Building & Grounds:

Mike Groves reports he put a Combination Lock on the cage outside by the Lawn Mower and is working on the bench that is in the very back. They are going to close that area in and put the Gas Can in there. The Combination Lock No. is R22-L28-R5. This is temporary.

As soon as the cage is built Mike will get a matching pair of locks. Gary Bergland is scheduled this week to cut the grass. Mike will contact him. Molly suggested holding off on cutting the grass as we have not had any rain. Al is scheduled for next week. Mike still needs someone for the 23rd – 29th. Currently May is all booked up. Mike will contact Gary and ask him to pick up the 23rd-29th.

Mike reports that he had a plumber come out. The line from the building all the way out to where it ties into the main line coming from the restrooms appears to be where the problem is. It is causing us to back up. The county is coming out tomorrow to empty the Septic Tank. Mike has asked the county to put a two-way clean out on the down-stream side where all our facilities come together. Mike stated you are supposed to have a clean-out every 75 ft.

Rentals:

Molly stated everything is good. We had a few cancellations, but are booking into next Year.

Newsletter:

Louise Jensen stated everything is about the same, but plans to add pictures taken at our Open House.

Web Site:

Mike Groves reports that his future son-in-law to be, is working on this. As soon as he graduates he will have more time to spend on this.

Programs & Entertainment:

John Beach reports he has Gordon Wertz, R.N. who is a Cardiac Specialist lined up for April. He will talk about Cardiac Rehabilitation and Cardiac Arrest.

Following next month will be Capt. Vince who will give a presentation on "Bleeding On Your Boat."

For the summer months, June, July and August, Boating Education is planned.

Game Night:

Willie Clayton reports Game Night will be on April 12th at 6:30 p.m. Also, Willie will be asking the members at the Membership Meeting if there is any interest in getting together to Bowl. Suggested nights are Sun. or Tues.

Kitchen:

Louise Jensen stated supplies are good.

Open House:

Bill Hodge reported the count on the Sign-Up Sheets totaled 74 people. He stated more than that took the boat rides. As we go thru and re-cap we would like to know how they found out about the Open House. We did get some response. The Star Banner was mentioned the most. Ocala Magazine, Style, Coffee News are others are mentioned. We did not get an answer from everyone. Phone call follow-up will be done by Willie Clayton, Flo Hoffman, B.J. Taylor and Jan Ulmer.

The purpose of the follow-up calls are to invite them to our Membership Meeting. Also, We will need a head count to be able to prepare enough food.

Bill then asked several questions:

Was it fun for the members?

What about the time of year? Would you like Spring or Fall?

Saturday vs Sunday?

Music. Have? Have Not?

Food. Pulled Pork vs Hamburgers and Hot Dogs?

Hire someone or can we do the cooking?

Should we have a theme?

Most Important-Who is going to take the lead?

A huge thank you to Leonard and Debbie Barnes.

Mike then thanked Bill for an outstanding job.

Open discussion followed on the pros and cons of the food. Nancy Smith felt that we paid Too much money for the food. The price was \$700.00 for 100 people. At the end the Sozo

staff cleaned up and took all the extra pork. Then they told Molly the price was \$840.00. Nancy felt we could have done what they did and saved the \$700.00, as everything else was purchased at Sam's or prepared by our own club members. The beans were Bush Beans, the Bar-b-que Sauce was from Sonny's. Nancy was told they were bringing the pork back to sell in the restaurant. Which is not legal. End result, Molly paid them \$750.00. The additional \$50.00 was for their service. Mike suggests a committee form to resolve any problems.

Mileage Reimbursement:

Molly submitted a bill for \$72.05. Motion made by Flo Hoffman to reimburse Molly The \$72.05 for her mileage. Seconded by Ted Bradley. Motion carried.

New Business:

Molly Lemon would Like Honorary Membership for Vince Druding and Bob Cunningham. Both served as Commodore. Bob for two years and Vince for five . Motion made by Molly Lemon to make Bob Cunningham and Vince Druding, Honorary Members of the Ocala Boat Club. Seconded by Flo Hoffman. Discussion followed. Chuck Boyette is in favor of the proposed motion but, would like to see a picture along with the plaque. Chuck Lemon stated we used to have a plaque for Past Commodores and it is still in storage. Mike stated this gets back to displaying these things somewhere on a wall. Motion carried.

Fourth Of July:

Molly and several other members would like a 4th of July Party. She has already spoken to Robert and Mandy France and they are willing to play for four hours, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. for \$450.00. We could do a Pot-Luck or a cookout depending on weather conditions. Motion made by Molly Lemon to schedule a 4th of July Party and hire Robert and Mandy France to play for four hours, price \$450.00. Seconded by Flo Hoffman. Motion carried.

Archives:

Flo Hoffman asked the members for any and all articles relating to O.B.C. be cut out To be placed in our files for future use. Mike suggested scanning our programs for

future use. It was suggested that we run the programs from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. prior to the start of our meeting's.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. by Flo Hoffman. Seconded by Bill Hodge. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Florence M. Hoffman, Secretary