

LAUDERDALE SMALL BOAT CLUB NEWS & VIEWS

December 2016



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BOARD MEETING: January 9, 2016 –6:30 p.m.
GENERAL MEETING: January 9, 2016 – 7:30 p.m.
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The next ACME work day will be December 17th Contact EJ at 954-552-0580 to help out.

The Pit is open for breakfast and lunch every ACME weekend workday 7:30 am to 2:00 pm for ACME workers only. Serving a limited menu.

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Friday January 6th Bob Anz fresh never frozen chicken wings

FRIDAY JANUARY 20TH - JOE NOBLES BACK IN THE PIT!!!
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SECRETARY REPORTS

Tim Rounds

Minutes of the Board Meeting

December 5, 2016

Roll Call: All present.

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes as published in the November, 2016 newsletter for the Board Meeting on November 7, 2016.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: There was a gain of \$3,775.00 over revenue for the month of November. The following member resigned in good standing - Roy Conklin, member since 2011. Three certified letters were mailed, and one has paid to date. Chuck noted that Dean made a good decision for the choice of Danielle Landi as Bar Manager as the revenue for the bar for the month of November was a gain of \$2,700.00. Chuck also informed the board that he was changing the cash on hand report to include Current Assets, which includes the sellable inventory including gas. Chuck wishes to thank Francesca Reichsfeld for assisting in the office.

The Commodore opened up a discussion with the Treasurer questioning the revenue from the new vending machines. The discussion focused on the arrangements made by George Lewis, the Vice Commodore. The arrangement was made with a club member, who will be presenting an accounting of sales and revenue next week. There remains an open discussion/investigation as to the need for a contract with the club member to document the details of the arrangement which George stated to be 10% of the profit from the machines.

Docks and Grounds: Acme was held to finish the ceiling panels. The next ACME will be December 10th and will be the last one of the year

Social: The Grand Re-Opening of the Clubhouse was a success and a good time. Dean thanked Tony Carruba for the cleaning of the Galley and getting the Christmas tree for the club. Dean opened up a discussion and it was agreed to get a pest control service restarted.

Vice-Commodore: Presented a report on the Clubhouse project budget. Final numbers still need to be reconciled - George's report shows the project under

budget. Chuck has agreed to look into the numbers to ensure everything was coded correctly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Social: December 17, 2016 is the covered dish Christmas party.

Air Conditioning – Plumbing – Electrical

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Commodore: Presented an update on the Pilothouse water damage remediation project. Jeff Brown will remove the HVAC, providing additional savings. David Plotnik has agreed to help monitor and assist on the project. Project will start the week of the December 19, 2016. The feral cat issue is being looked into. Members are reminded that it is not permitted to feed the wildlife on property. Additionally, care needs to be exercised not to provide a food source for the wildlife.

The Vice Commodore questioned why Docks and Grounds was not taking the lead on the remediation project. The Commodore explained that this project needed to move forward before the close of the year as approved by membership. Docks and Grounds questioned why he was not kept informed of the progress. Elton apologized that he did not keep EJ more informed of the progress of the project. Docks and Grounds subsequently left the meeting before it was adjourned. Chuck reiterated that this project has been put in this year's budget to ensure that the water damage noted in the Pilothouse did not turn into a mold issue where we have employees working.

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer: Made a motion to give the employees an Christmas bonus. The motion was seconded and passed.

Social: A reminder that the Super Bowl Party will be February 5th.

Commodore: January 9, 2017 will be a double meeting with the Board meeting at 6:30 and the General meeting at 7:30.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn.

SECRETARY REPORTS

Tim Rounds

Minutes of the General Meeting

December 12, 2016

Roll Call: All present.

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes as published in the November 2016 newsletter for the General Meeting of November 14, 2016.

2017 Election Results:

Dave Plotnik 1643: Director of Docks and Grounds
Jennifer Britt 1591: Director of Planning

Reports:

Treasurer: As Reported by the Secretary: There was a gain of \$3,775.00 over revenue for the month of November. The following member resigned in good standing - Roy Conklin, member since 2011. Three certified letters were mailed, and three paid. Del has called 13 members for payment.

Docks and Grounds: Last month the ceiling tiles were able to be completed and are working well. ACME was rained out last weekend and is rescheduled for Saturday December 17, 2016.

Social: The Grand Re-opening of the Clubhouse was a success if you weren't there you missed a good time.

Dean thanked Danielle Landi and Scott Wargo for their taking charge of this year's Charity - "Fish to Make a Difference". This year, the club assisted in the Tortuga Music Festival which netted \$8,077.00. Between the Poker Tournament run by Scott, the Painting Party run by Danielle and the Family Fun Day run by the Charity Committee, we were able to raise an additional \$5,261.00 for a grand total of \$13,338.00. Clay with Fish to Make a Difference thanked the club for its participation and donations.

Vice Commodore: The Club House renovation is complete and has come in under budget for

approximately \$49,000.00. The Commodore did clarify that the final numbers were not in as there may be budget coding numbers that still need to be resolved. Elton thanked both George and EJ for the completion of the second largest project taken on by the club using ACME.

Membership: There are 2 water slips available. No new members.

Unfinished Business:

Docks and Grounds: Starting on the December 19, 2016, the Pilot House water damage project will start. We anticipate one to two weeks for completion. Please be careful when visiting the pilot house during the construction period.

Social: There will be a covered dish adults Christmas party on December 17, 2016. The bar will be closed Christmas Day.

Treasurer as presented by the Commodore: The 2017 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Budget was presented to the members. A motion was made, seconded, and discussion was held. The 2017 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Budget was passed by membership.

In the Capital Improvement Budget, there is \$7,500.00 for new impact windows for the Club House and \$20,000.00 allocated for visual improvements outside of the Club House, Patio Area, Courtesy Dock and Pit Area. As a tenet of the budget, there will be a committee formed to research and propose the improvements to the Board and to the Membership for approval.

New Business:

Social: Announced that February 5, 2017 will be the Super Bowl covered dish party.

Planning: Announced that Friday January 13, 2017 will be Mark Robertson's Scary Ribs Night for \$13.00. Jen Britt will have a Bloody Drink special for that night, too.

Commodore: The January Board meeting will be January 9, 2017 at 6:30PM followed by the General Meeting at 7:30PM

Monthly Fishing Tournament:

First Place: Chuck McIntyre: 26 lb Wahoo

Second Place: Joe Samar: 13 lb Kingfish

50/50: Won by Bob Pisut

Good of the Order:

Commodore: Noted that we received a letter from last year's charity, Canine Assisted Therapy, thanking the club again. It was because of the exposure with working with LSBC, that they have received more notoriety from the community which has helped their charity to grow. The letter will be posted on the web site.

Social: Dean Freeman offered up a huge thank you to all that helped him as Social Director over the past two years.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn.

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Password '**member**' is needed to view newsletter, Rules and Bylaws, and member photo directory on-line.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

This past General Meeting, we held an election for two contested positions on the Board. Out of 464 members, only 66 total votes were cast. That is 14% of the club membership. The number of eligible voters was 132 members out of 464. That is 28% of the club.

We had several members come to vote who were ineligible. The By Laws are clear for the requirements to vote. The previous two newsletters contained those requirements. I will bring them up again here for further discussion in this editorial.

All members must be in good financial standing with the club. New members after April 2013 must complete 12 hours of ACME during the year and in subsequent years (or pay the hourly rate for hours missed) and attend 6 General or Board of Directors Meetings in the first year and 4 in subsequent years. All other members and Distinguished Members must attend 4 General Meetings or Board of Director Meetings during the year. If approved by the Director of Membership, an LSBC work day can be substituted for a General Meeting or Board of Director Meeting. This approval is the

members responsibility. Only ACME hours in excess of the 12 required for some members may be used.

In regard to ACME hours, as of this newsletter the club has received \$8,200.00 for ACME hours not worked. That is 410 hours. That equates to 34 members who are required to do 12 hours of ACME did not participate.

I think by now you can see where I am going with this. The numbers do not lie, the majority of the membership is allowing a small percentage of the membership to determine how our club is run, and yes, this includes me in that small percentage. This is not fair to the club as a whole. The club needs participation from all of its members to provide synergy, balance, and to make the club a safe and fun place to have your boat and socialize with fellow boaters.

A large percentage of that small percent are newer members who are excited to be members of LSBC, including myself. As it stands now, the smaller percentage will be determining the future of the club if more members do not participate in the requirements of the club.

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1. Motions to amend the By Laws and Rules, approve the Budget and Capital Improvements are:
 - a. Presented for reading prior to being posted in this newsletter and the web site,
 - b. Open for discussion if seconded and,
 - c. Most importantly voted on.
2. As a member at the end of each General Meeting you may bring up subjects for The Good of the Order, thus allowing your opinion to be heard.

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ACME hours are what we as members put into the club as "Blood, Sweat and yes, Tears". ACME is really what makes the club tick. If we lose ACME and everyone just wants to "pay" for their hours we lose. \$20.00 an hour per individual is certainly not enough to cover the collective efforts that it takes to run the club.

For those who do not have to pay for any ACME hours, what happens when the tide of the majority changes to those who became members after April 2013 when your lack of participation is noticed?

We will not be able to buy our way through the club activities if members do not participate in ACME.

ACME hours are not just gained through physical labor on Docks & Grounds ACME Days. ACME hours can also be gained:

- By joining a committee.:
 - The following Board of Directors positions have required committees;
 - Treasurer,
 - Vice Commodore,
 - Membership,
 - Docks and Grounds,
 - Planning,
 - Social.
 - The following events need committees:
 - Dads and Dolls Dolphin Daze,
 - Family Fun Day,
 - Charity Auction,
 - Dingy Run.
- Assisting the Pilot House in administrative areas,
- Assist the Dock Master on off ACME Days (Docks and Grounds approval may be required dependant on the project),
- Assist the Social Director in the Pit on Friday nights and other social functions,
- Assist in the General Meetings by;
 - Helping cook / serve the meal,
 - Take 50/50 tickets
 - Sell tickets for events
- And many other opportunities, you just have to get involved and ask,"what can I do?".

Please remember you are responsible to ensure your ACME hours are recorded. Ensure you have signed the ACME List that should be provided by the individual Director or Committee Chairperson.

Beside the feeling of accomplishment, the best part of ACME is if you do 24 hours in the year, you get to attend the ACME party.

If you are in the 28% of the club who are active in your meetings and ACME you are to be **WHOLE HEARTILY THANKED.**

So let's bottom line this - **GET INVOLVED**, meet your requirements so that you have a voice. Come help out with ACME volunteer hours so we can **"MAKE THE CLUB GREAT AGAIN"**.



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| Dan Benson | Tony Thackham |
| Rob Hage | Mike Mathwich |
| Kern Orr | Charles Kresge |
| John Wheeler | Wolfgang Treskow |
| Mark Robertson | Dave Plotnik |
| Ken Karp | Jeff Brown |

Hello fellow LSBC members

I have been asked to head a "cat committee" which as my first order of business I have renamed it the "Raccoon committee" because the cats are not the real

problem here. Many of us have been affected by the large numbers of fearless Raccoon's that reside at the club.

Personally, I have had problems with them climbing on my boats, defecating on my boats, stepping on breakers (so I arrive to dead batteries), getting in my engine compartment and threatening my wife and grandkids as they walk down the dock, past the garbage cans.

I believe that we (as a club) can come up with solutions for dealing with this problem. Part of the problem (and the reason it was originally called the cat committee) is the feeding of cats on the property and the food that's left out for Raccoons to eat too. I understand the idea of using cats to control rats but we need some common sense policy's to address this very real problem.

I would therefore like to invite anyone that's interested (or has a cat in the game) to a meeting at the club Wednesday December 21. 2016 @ 7:00pm to discuss possible solutions and procedures that we might implement to solve the problem. We would then provide our recommendations to the board for approval.

I would like to hear everyone's side on this so that we can come to a conclusion that everyone agrees is the right course of action and everyone agrees to abide by the decisions made.

Thank You, Doug Fordon #1670

EXCERPT FROM BROWARD COUNTY PARKS & NATURAL AREAS

MANAGEMENT CONCERNS AND CONFLICTS Threat to Florida Native Wildlife and Habitat: Cats living in an outdoor environment are well documented to have an adverse effect on native wildlife throughout the world. Cats easily prey on birds, reptiles, amphibians, and insects. Harboring feral cats in parks and natural areas inadvertently creates an outlet for this activity. FWC has estimated that 68 million birds and 271 million small mammals are killed each year in Florida by outdoor cats, and a single cat could be responsible for as many as 100 deaths of each per year. Broward County parks and natural areas are important stopovers for migrating bird species, which rely heavily on fragments of preservation land both inland and along the coast for refugia to roost, rest, and forage during long periods of migration. Rare and/or threatened species like migratory warblers and the least tern, as well as

resident species of special concern like the burrowing owl, can be found in Broward parks and natural areas. The historic range of the federally endangered beach mouse once extended into southern Broward County (Hollywood Beach) and this species was likely listed due to development impacts and habitat loss. However recovery efforts in northeast Florida have cited the need for control of cats in supporting habitat areas. In fact many agencies acknowledge that feral/free-ranging cats are an impact issue and support removal of the animals to protect wildlife recovery efforts. While Broward County must approach and address this management conflict with sensitivity, it is a vital step to protecting our remaining native wildlife from exotic predator-related pressures and to aide species recovery initiatives.



Dear Board and LSBC Members,

I would like to take this opportunity during the holiday season to express once again how much Canine Assisted Therapy appreciated being the 2015 chosen charity. The experiences our staff and volunteers had during the LSBC events and with the members have left a lasting impression on us all. 2016 has been a great year for Canine Assisted Therapy and we attribute part of that due to our partnership with the LSBC last year. We received quite a bit of publicity last year that helped raise awareness of our mission. CAT received some additional grant funds this year and we believe it was because of the increased awareness. We feel, Carl Pasciak, acted as a very strong advocate for CAT, both at the LSBC and in the South Florida community. His creativity and ingenuity with events and activities was amazing and one of the reasons that all of our volunteers and therapy dogs enjoyed interacting with the Club! Not only did CAT benefit from the monetary funds from the LSBC, but in addition, LSBC member Elaine Hill and her dog Della, have been one of our best therapy dog teams. They have visited nursing homes, hospitals, college campuses during final exam weeks, and lots of community events. Canine Assisted Therapy wishes everyone at the LSBC a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season!

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Up Coming Events

December 17, 2016 - Annual Christmas Party Covered Dish Pot Luck Dinner

Friday January 13, 2017 Mark's Scary Ribs Night

Feeling lucky - stop by the club to have a Friday the 13th experience.

Mark's Scary Rib night - \$13 Ribs, baked beans, sweet potatoes and salad.

RSVP - via Facebook post so we can get an accurate count

Jens' Bloody Drink Special

Bar opens at 5:13pm and food service starts at 6:13pm

January 20 - Joe Nobles BACK in the Pit

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A: None, because the right size bulb isn't on board, the local marine-supply store doesn't carry that brand, and the mail-order house has them on back-order.

Q: What's the difference between a lawyer and a dock line?

A: One should be whipped at both ends: the other keeps your boat tied to the dock.

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