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BARBADOS CRUISING CLUB

Aquatic Gap, St Michael, Barbados

Minutes of Committee Annual General Meeting 18th October 2011

Those Present:

Name	Membership Type	Name	Membership Type
Edith Seale	O/S Family	Ometha Haynes	Family
John Seale	O/s Family	Martin Haynes	Family
Nick Ward	Single	Tara Trotter	Student
Mike Krimholtz	Family	Graham Cresswell	O/S Family
Alene Krimholtz	Family	Donna Chandler	Single
Simon Kiddle	Family	Bert Peck	Family
Marion Kiddle	Family	Sidney Hunziker	Family
David Fenty	Single	Nigel Peet	O/S Single
Margaret Rogers	O/S Single	Kurt Straker	Family
Isaac Brown	Family	Paul Magras	Family
Marianne Brown	Family	Victor Henken	Single
Brigitte Melville	Family	David Ellis	Single
Richard Inniss	Family	Joseph DelCastilho	Family
Richard Stoneman	O/S Single	Wendy DelCastilho	Family
Franz McConney	Family	Yasmin Vlahakis	Family
Chris Howard	Family	Pat Vasing	O/S Single
Syd Howard	Family	Ian Melville	Family
Bart Sims	Single	John Duckhouse	Family
Bryn Palmer	Single	Caroline Robinson	Family
Tristan King	Family	Neville Robinson	Family
Howard Palmer	Single`		

Call to Order:

Meeting started at 7:33pm and a quorum was established.

Minutes:

Minutes of 2010 Annual General Meeting were approved

Minutes of 2012 Extraordinary General Meeting were approved

Commodore's Report:

Commodore Dr Mike Krimholtz announced that the Club had seen another year of substantial growth with the number of memberships rising from 170 at end of the last financial year to 249 today. Since majority of memberships are family memberships, this represents well over 400 members.

The Club had a very active year on the water with the hosting of the first Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race. This prestigious event had attracted huge media attention both at home and worldwide with much attention drawn to the spectacular 180 foot schooner Elena which had taken part. Dr Krimholtz was especially proud of the fact that thousands of Barbadians had come to the beach to watch the race with reports of elbow room only at North Point. The Club had truly fulfilled its remit of promoting sailing to ordinary people. The withdrawal of funding from Banks brewery did nothing to dampen the Barbados Cruising Club Regatta in July which was sponsored this year jointly by Mount Gay Rum and Albion Insurance. BCC members had also been very active in the Barbados Sailing Association Sailing Programme carrying off quite a few trophies. In addition to racing the Club had staged a series of fun events such as "Craft your Craft Day" and the Commodore's own toe in the water days in which members who had never sailed a boat had the chance to experience sailing a boat.

Off the water the Club had had a lively series of events from the regular weekly quiz nights to the highly successful and profitable Old Years' Night Party in which the Club was dressed up and was overflowing with revelers. The Barbados Cruising Club put on the party that everyone wanted to be at on Old Year's Night and next year will have a tough act to follow. At the Summer Pirates and Princesses Ball, the Clubhouse was decorated by Dr Hon Alene Krimholtz to look like a pirate ship (the Commodore was also very proud of his papier mache cannons) and Vice Commodore Simon dressed as a beautiful princess, made partygoers walk the plank.

The Club had also shown a commitment to fulfilling its social obligations by supporting children from the Pinelands Creative Workshop to take part in the Lrn2Sail summer camp. Club members had also been instrumental in establishing a new schools programme and it is hoped that this programme will grow to give opportunities for school children to learn to sail across the island.

Challenges to the Club's survival remain with the landlord, Needhams Point Development Inc showing no signs of offering a lease with an affordable rent. It seems very likely that the Club directors will have to go to court this year to defend the right of the Club to remain at its present site after more than 50 years of continuing occupancy.

The Club has increased its rent payment considerably although these payments are still far short of what the landlord has demanded. The rapid growth and vibrancy of the Club in addition to the high profile events that it puts on such as the Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race as well as the Club's continuing commitment to promoting sailing among school children work in favour of the Club being allowed to continue its activities.

The Commodore paid tribute to former Commodore the late Arthur Edwards who died in May. The funeral was attended by several BCC members.

The Commodore also paid tribute to Vice Commodore Simon who will sadly be moving to the United Kingdom soon and will be unable to continue as Vice Commodore next

year. Simon's enthusiasm and commitment to the Club have been outstanding and made the task of running the Club infinitely easier.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Victor Henken presented the Accounts of the Barbados Cruising Club. Since the financial year has not yet ended it is not yet possible to present audited accounts for the current financial year. The financial accounts of the year ending November 2010 have however been presented to an auditor and are currently awaiting approval.

After accounting for outstanding bills and as yet un-cashed cheques, the current account balance stands at \$19,841.30.

Mr Henken was able to confirm that for the first time the Club has now started paying off its outstanding debts (after a long history of accumulating them). The greatest of these is a repayment to Dippers for monies spent upon improvements to the Clubhouse over the last 2 years. The Club has now agreed a schedule of payments.

Apart from the disputed rent claims from the landlord, the Club can now, with prudent financial management expect pay off all of its arrears whilst continuing to upgrade its facilities over the next 6 years. If the Club's subscription income continues to grow, it is possible that arrears may be settled sooner.

Constitutional Amendments:

Last year the Barbados Cruising Club, following a unanimous vote at the AGM reformed itself as a not for profit company. It was found that the Club's constitution, which was approved at an extraordinary general meeting and was based upon its original Constitution when the Club was formed in 1957, put it at risk of violating the Companies Act and so certain changes were required to be compliant with the law of the land.

The amended constitution which is available for viewing on the Club's website was approved. The changes made were approved:

Only members over the age of 18 could vote at a general meeting. Students members who are under the age of 18 may not vote at general meetings.

All Board of director posts are for 1 year and directors must be re-elected annually.

Election of Officers:

The following Officers were elected to serve for the coming year:

Commodore: Dr Mike Krimholtz

Vice Commodore: Mr Franz McConney

Treasurer: Victor Henken

Sailing Captain: Mr Bryn Palmer

Membership Secretary: Dr Hon Alene Krimholtz

Committee Secretary: Miss Tara Trotter

Non-Executive Directors:
Lt Cdr Charlie Belle
Mr Woodbine Davis QC

Any Other Business:

1. Jane MacDonald asked that the new committee look into the issue of the child safety in the bar and asked it to consider the installation of netting around the railings of the club house upstairs bar. The committee duly agreed to consider this at their meetings.
2. Martin Haynes inquired about whether it was appropriate to store boats in the Parking lot rather than on the beach. The new committee agreed to review its boat storage policy.