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BARBADOS CRUISING CLUB

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Minutes of AGM November 7th 2017

Club Officers:

- Commodore - Bryn Palmer
- Vice Commodore - Jason Cole
- Treasurer - Desiree Diaz
- Secretary - Sasha Faulkner
- Membership Secretary - Donna Chandler
- Sailing Captain - Isaac Brown

Establishment of a Quorum – 25 voting members present at beginning.

Corrections to 2016 Minutes – Date Changed to 2016.
Robin Birchall Noted as Treasurer.

Approval of Minutes 2016 AGM – Approved.

Commodores Report:

Firstly Thanks to the 2017 Committee and Directors.

Thanks to our partners –

Dippers – Natasha/Ryan

Paddle Barbados – Team taking the lead with Beach Mastering

LRN 2 Sail / G Fish and Ajani.

Partners offer discounted services to members – needs to be publicised and used more to the benefit of all.

Special Mention to Sasha Faulkner – 2017 Secretary – Masquerade OYN Event Organiser.

While the OYN Event did turn a slight profit it was not worth the effort.

Not well attended by members or the public.

Competing with a free beach cooler party people seem unwilling to pay for an inclusive party.

This year's format will be low cost – cash bar – free for members but slight cost for non members.

Security to enforce strict bathroom policy. More details to follow closer to the time.

Big Thanks to Alene - Barnacle Producer, Social Media Marketeer and Club Regatta Organiser!
MGRBRS 2017 was highly successful. Less wind resulted in less rum but still much fun.

Recently Re Branded by BTMI – Barbados Sailing Week 2018 – currently being promoted and organised.

Keeps the club on the local and international sporting stage.

The Club Co-Hosted the OK Worlds and the Finn Masters. Thanks to all the volunteers! Several social events were held at the club – Pork Cutters / Fish Cakes and Mauby! Southern Car park levelled and used for container storage during the event now more accessible for all.

NPI – Litigation continues in an attempt to evict us.

Monies still being accepted while demanding increased rental.

Attempts to negotiate continue without success. Barry Gale Q.C now representing the club.

Next Court Date: January 8th 2018.

Bryn Palmer:

- Issue of the impending general election regarding negotiations moving forward.
- 14 fold increase in demanded rent compared to 2007 Lease.
- The club continues to pay \$2000 per month when \$7000 is demanded.
- Without a lease making long term plans is very difficult.
- Liability for the arrears discussed.
- Security may be required to deal with the vagrant issues. Problem exacerbated by being on the beach.
- New Lounge chairs and Branded umbrellas on order.

Vice Commodores Report – Jason Cole

Thanks to all new and renewing members.

Suggested Partners should help promote the club as a base for watersports activities.

Issues continue with the use of the bathrooms and the beach shower with regard to cleanliness and water wastage.

At weekends only members should be entitled to loungers and umbrellas.

Suggestion that the rules regarding the overseas membership should be discussed.

Problems also arising from members “loaning” their membership cards to non members.

More signage suggested informing members and guests of the club rules.

Logistical issues with space limitations.

Members Issues Raised:

- Demand made for more signage.
- Downstairs Bathroom Lights to be addressed.
- Door is Stiff. Insufficient hooks. Issue with the disposal of sanitary products. Shower Curtains need regular washing. Annual Painting Suggested.
- Dippers agreed to address issues of cleanliness.
- Members to be asked to help keep the club clean
- Jason Cole points out the lackluster response to volunteer requests.

Trustee Request

Request for more information going forward – Financial / Club Plans
Trustees also request more information regarding the ongoing legal action being taken against the club. Trustees request to see the Treasurers Report.

Treasurers Report:

Membership has increased so income has also improved.
Lack of agreement with NPD the major issue.

- Current have \$236 000 in the bank
- Currently owe NPD \$467 000
- As a result of this membership dues are help for the majority of the year to facilitate a refund should the club have to vacate.
- Separate bank Accounts are now in place. Race Development Account / Barbados Cruising Club Account

Sailing Captains Report:

- Poor Turnout to Regattas this year.
- Family Fun Day and World Championships much better attended.
- Continued problem of managing vessels and equipment stored at the club.
- Continued issues of identifying owners of equipment on site.

Election of new Officers:

Commodore:	Bryn Palmer
Vice Commodore:	Rose-Ann Blenman-Abange
Treasurer:	Desiree Diaz
Club Secretary:	Ian “Ajani” Prescod
Membership Secretary:	Adrian Howard
Sailing Captain:	Isaac Brown

Election of Directors:

Howard Palmer: Approved
Dr. Michael Krimholtz: Approved
Jason Cole: Approved

Any Other Business:

Charlie Belle – Requests his boat not be moved where it may fall foul to birds
Requests the Sailing Captain not to touch his boat.

Mike Krimholtz – Thanks Outgoing committee.

Isaac Brown – Proposed new position of First Mate.
Approved – Jacob to fill role.
Suggestion of appointing a press officer – Rose Volunteered

Gaird Charles – Suggested partner meeting. Requests the club get a watchman.

Alene -Requests Volunteers for Barbados Sailing Week.

Also announcing a partnership with Sailors for the Sea.

Jason Cole – Requests new MOU with the club and Paddle Barbados.

Meeting Adjourned: