



# Harbor Club North & South Yacht Club

## November 13, 2007 Meeting Minutes

### 2007 Club Officers

**Commodore**  
Pat Meraw

**Vice  
Commodore**  
Dale Hardy

**Rear  
Commodore**  
Curt Stafford

**Treasurer**  
Rod Erwin

**Secretary**  
Lisa Colombo

**Fleet  
Captain**  
Wayne Johnson

**Delegate**  
Gerry  
Lesmeister

**Sergeant  
at Arms**  
Paul Tabor

Meeting called to order by Vice Commodore Dale Hardy at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call of officers present: **Commodore – Pat Meraw** (excused), **Vice Commodore – Dale Hardy**, **Rear Commodore – Curt Stafford** (excused), **Treasurer – Rod Erwin**, **Secretary – Temporary Secretary – Lisa Colombo**, **Fleet Captain – Wayne Johnson**, **Delegate P/C – Gerry Lesmeister**, **Newsletter Chairperson – Sharon Cisco** (excused), **Clothing Chairperson – Sandy Hardy**, **Sergeant at Arms – Paul Tabor**, **Webmaster – Dan Zowada**. **Also present: Members: P/C Jim Jones, P/C Lee Jones** **GUESTS: Anne Burleson, Kim Colombo & Todd Colombo**

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Previous minutes approved as presented.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Rod Erwin reviewed the current checkbook balance. Last month we made \$300 in withdrawals that were payments to the ABYA. which leaves us a balance of \$4,100.

**A motion** was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

#### DELEGATE'S REPORT:

Gerry Lesmeister gave the report:

- **ABYA Meeting** was held at Windmill Point. Perfect attendance awards went to 16 clubs. (Not us). Our roster info is due to ABYA by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. The new officers are Treasurer-Lynda Merek-Barley, (Sand Pte YC) and Secretary-Rick Watros (Bayside YC). The next ABYA meeting will be held on Monday, January 7, 2008 @ Huron Pointe Yacht Club @ 8 p.m. Dinner will be served from 6 pm – 7:30 pm
- **HCNSYC & Shriner's Christmas Party @ Mac Ray's** will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2007. Tickets are available by contacting Gerry Lesmeister @ 810-305-1004. *After 5 Attire.* (Optional...bring an unwrapped toy for the Shriner's Toy Drive.)

#### OFFICER'S REPORT:

**Commodore:** Pat Meraw – Excused.

**Vice Commodore:** Dale Hardy –Nothing to report.

**Rear Commodore:** Curt Stafford – Excused October & November.

**Fleet Captain:** Wayne Johnson –Nothing to report.

#### COMMITTEES:

**Newsletter:** Sharon Cisco – Excused.

**Clothing:** Sandy Hardy. No orders have been received. If anyone wants to place an order for Christmas gifts, you still have time. I will also be bringing a few sample items to the HCNSYC Changing of the Watch, on Saturday, January 12, 2008 (details to follow

#### OLD BUSINESS:

• **Hay Ride/Corn Maize** The bon fire and hayride was a great success. Fifty Eight (58) people attended. We picked apples and then went to Brother Lindsay's for the bon fire and libations.

• **Banking for Club** Should we check with the bank to see what we need to do to use two signatures per the IRS Guidelines? Rod is still waiting for an appointment with the bank officials. He will follow through on this.

• **HCNSYC Website:** Dan Zowada reported that he is happy to announce that the HCNSYC newsletter has been posted on the site. He has also eliminated the Word documents from the site. The HCNSYC & Shriner's Christmas Party flyer is also posted. **Lee:** Are we ready to post advertisements on our site? **Dan:** No. I am not happy with the quality yet. I will let you know many hits we are receiving on the site.

**Paul:** Can members post photos? **Dan:** Yes, some have. I will post instructions by constructing a link on "how to". **Wayne:** Sharon and I have posted photos on past events.

• **Christmas Tree @ Club House:** To date we have not been able to locate our Christmas Tree. It may be in the garage but management has the key and Rod has missed them when he stops by. This coupled by the fact that entry to the North Clubhouse has become increasingly difficult due to boaters cards being inactivated, it may be better to donate to a charity. **A motion** was made by Lisa for members to make a donation to Turning Point in lieu of purchasing mittens & scarves for the Giving Tree that has traditionally been donated to Turning Point. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. **All donations should be made payable to "Turning Point" and mailed to Secretary Lisa Colombo at 41427 Gloca Mora, Harrison Twp. MI 48045.**

**Deadline for donations is Wednesday, December 19, 2007.**

Lisa will personally deliver all donations to Turning Point with a cover letter from our Club. **Lisa:** I have been in touch with them already this year through my employer and domestic violence is on the rise more now than ever with people losing their jobs. They are seeing a rapid increase in the amount of families they are housing. **Wayne:** It is good to contribute to our local charities such as Turning Point in Mt. Clemens.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Changing of the Watch:** Will be held at Jefferson YC on Saturday, January 12, 2008. Cocktails will be served from 6pm – 7pm. Dinner @ 7pm. The cost will be determined shortly as the menu is not finalized. Thank you to Vice Commodore Hardy and his Lady Sandy for working on this event!
- **December Board Meeting:** Keeping with tradition, there will not be a board meeting in the month of December.
- **Shriner's & HCNSYC Christmas Party:** Vice Commodore Hardy expressed his sincere hopes that this year's party be even a greater success than last year's. Again, tickets are \$55 pp and may be obtained through Gerry Lesmeister. Lee Jones and Kim & Lisa Colombo volunteered to assist in the set-up for this event.
- **Christmas Donations to Turning Point:** in lieu of purchasing mittens & scarves for the Giving Tree that has traditionally been donated to Turning Point, please make a generous cash donation instead. All donations should be made payable to "**Turning Point**" and mailed to Secretary Lisa Colombo at 41427 Gloca Mora, Harrison Twp., MI 48045. Their Tax I.D #38-2292020 to be used for tax purposes. **Deadline for donations is Wednesday, December 19, 2007.** Lisa will personally deliver all donations to Turning Point on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, with a cover letter from our Club.
- **January Shriner's Steak Dinner:** Will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. at Mac & Rays. This is an event that is looked forward to each year with much anticipation! As an added plus, this year Ladies & Guests are welcome. The price is \$50 pp which includes a 1 ½ lb. Porterhouse/T-Bone or Norwegian Salmon w/ all the trimmings AND 3 complimentary drink tickets (additional drinks cash bar). **Reservations must be received by January 20, 2008 w/ entrée selection indicated.** Please send remittance payable to "MSYC" to either John Viviano, 41185 Belvidere, Harrison Twp., MI 48045 CELL: 586-344-3597 or Len Goodleski, 22478 E. 10 Mile Rd., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080, CELL: 586-776-8291.
- **New Tape Recorder:** Lisa requested that the Club approve funds for a new tape recorder as our old one died at today's meeting. **A motion** was made by Gerry to approve the purchase of a new tape recorder for the Club not to exceed \$100. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Lisa will shop for the best buy and be reimbursed with receipt.
- **Elections for HCNSYC Board Positions:** Vice Commodore: Wayne Johnson, Accepted; Rear Commodore: Dan Zowada, Declined and Paul Tabor, Accepted; Treasurer: Rod Erwin, Accepted; Secretary: Lisa Colombo, Accepted; Fleet Captain: Dan Zowada, Accepted; Delegate: Pat Meraw, (P/C moves to Delegate) & Wayne Johnson, Lee Jones & Gerry Lesmeister will serve as Alternate Delegates; Sgt. @ Arms: Kim Colombo, Accepted. All of the nominees were unanimously elected. Our new Commodore Dale Hardy will be installed to office at the Changing of the Watch.

**A motion** was made to adjourn the meeting @ 8:45 p.m. Motion was seconded and unanimously passed..

**NEXT MEETING:** Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 8, 2008 @ 7:30 PM at the South Clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Lisa Colombo  
Secretary  
Harbor Club North & South Yacht Club  
*Labor Donated*

**REMAINING MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER MTG:**

While the tape recorder was running out of tape and stopping,

**Changing of the Watch:** P/C Lee Jones brought up the subject of the Changing of the Watch Dinner. It was unanimously decided that since we were so pleased with last year's dinner at the Jefferson Yacht Club, we would attempt to reserve a date there for the 2008 Dinner. Subsequent to the discussion of potential dates and the location, Lee further brought up the discussion regarding the treatment of Board members and Past Commodores in an effort to avoid any confusion in the future. A calm discussion ensued between all present with various ideas and opinions presented. Commodore Pat Meraw then made a motion that brought some of the ideas together.

**Motion: Past Commodores will be provided dinner at the annual Changing of the Watch Dinner for "no charge" for a period of 3 years past their tenure as Commodore. This same "no charge" policy will be provided to the spouse or guest (as appropriate) of the Past Commodore for the same 3 year period past the actual holding of the office. If a Past Commodore remains "substantially active" in the Club beyond this 3 year period, the "no charge" policy will be extended to the Past Commodore and spouse or guest as in the original 3 year period. Substantially active shall mean the attendance to a majority of meetings held in a given year and the assistance/involvement in at least one major function of the Club in the same year.**

This motion was seconded by P/C Gerry Lesmeister. Some further discussion occurred. The implementation of such a policy has been discussed for several years without a resolution. Since Club funds and income are both lower this year and since we are not a large yacht club with the ability to levy fees or surcharges against members to support the Club, it was felt that it was time to define a policy. Furthermore, it was recognized that more member involvement is needed and this could help to spur some of this activity from the most experienced members. The 3 year period was chosen because it was felt that it was a fair return/compromise to the Past Commodore for chair positions held in years prior to their becoming a Past Commodore (i.e. Rear, Vice and finally Commodore). A vote was called upon conclusion of discussions and the motion passed unanimously.

Following this vote, Wayne Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dale Hardy with unanimous approval thus ending the meeting at 8:45PM.

Minutes Submitted by Commodore Pat Meraw.

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## **Upcoming Activities!**

- December 1<sup>st</sup>, ABYA 2007 Commodore's Christmas Ball, Fern Hill Country Club, 17600 Clinton River Rd., \$63 pp, 6:30pm, Dinner, Dessert Table, Ultra Premium Bar, And Music By: Take Five. Gary Nowicki 586-949-9187
- December 8<sup>th</sup>, Shrine & HCYC Annual Christmas Party, Mac Rays Banquet Center, North River Road, \$55 pp, Cocktails 6:30pm, Dinner 7:30pm . Complete Holiday Dinner, Premium Open Bar, Live Entertainment, Formal or Business Attire. Gerry Lesmeister 586-949-4075
- Harbor Club N&S Yacht Club Monthly Mtg – No monthly meeting in December.
- January 7<sup>th</sup>, ABYA Monthly Mtg, Huron Pte Yacht Club, Dinner -6pm \$13pp, Meeting -8pm Gerry Lesmeister 586-940-4075
- January 8<sup>th</sup>, Harbor Club N&S Monthly Mtg., Harbor Club South Clubhouse, 7:30pm. Everyone Welcome
- January 12<sup>th</sup>, Harbor Club N&S Yacht Club "Changing of the Watch" Dinner, Jefferson Yacht Club, 24504 East Jefferson, \$25pp, Dinner and Cash Bar. Dale Hardy 586-484-1296

## **Important Notice!!!!**

[www.harborclubnsyc.com](http://www.harborclubnsyc.com)

The Harbor Club N&S Yacht Club's website is active. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 the yacht club will no longer be forwarding or mailing the newsletter to you as it will be posted on the website. Check it out today and enjoy!

## ***Yacht Club Clothing***

**Order now in time for Christmas Giving!**

**Call Sandy Hardy at 586-263-1404 to order.**

<b>Men's Port Authority Golf Shirts</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Ladies Outer Banks Golf Shirts</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Hats</b>	<b>\$16.00</b>
<b>Short Sleeve T-Shirts</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>
<b>Long Sleeve T-Shirts</b>	<b>\$16.00</b>
<b>A variety of colors and sizes are available. Allow 2 wks delivery</b>	

Come and join us for our  
Harbor Club North and South YC  
**“Changing Of The Watch”**



Honoring  
2007 Commodore Pat Meraw

Saturday January 12, 2008  
Buffet Dinner and Cash Bar  
Cocktails 6:30-7:30  
\$25/Person

Jefferson Yacht Club  
24504 East Jefferson  
St. Clair Shores, Mi.

R.S.V.P Vice Commodore  
Dale Hardy 586-484-1296