



**August 14, 2007
Meeting Minutes**

**2007 Club
Officers**

Commodore
Pat Meraw

**Vice
Commodore**
Dale Hardy

**Rear
Commodore**
Curt Stafford

Treasurer
Rod Erwin

Secretary
Lisa Columbo

**Fleet
Captain**
Wayne Johnson

Delegate
Gerry
Lesmeister

**Sergeant
at Arms**
Paul Tabor

Meeting called to order by Commodore Pat Meraw at 7:36 PM

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

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

Discussion was held on the absence of minutes from the last meeting of July 10, 2007. This occurred due to technical difficulty and the lack of a note taker at the meeting. The Newsletter with current activities was still distributed.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Rod Erwin reviewed the current checkbook balance of \$4,105.65. We wrote a check to S. Cisco for \$125.17 for a mailing, leaving a balance of \$3,090.48. We wrote a check for \$198.21, which we pre-approved \$200 for at the last meeting,

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. We attended the last meeting, Nellie & I. John Anderson of the U.S. Coast Guard answered questions regarding procedures on boarding boats & the conflict between FCC regulations & Coast Guard regulations regarding the use of Channels 9 & 16. Lee Jones mentioned that they monitor Channel 9 and 16. Gerry: We were informed about a new EAP Ruling HR-2250. This has to do with rainwater and water emissions coming off/out of your boat. They want a certification stating that nothing damaging to the lakes is coming out of your boat. Right now freighter certificates are expiring and they also want recreational boats certified. This

could cost up to \$1,000 per year, per boat. This will be coming up for a vote. They could lose a lot of boaters who can’t afford the added expense.

Treasurer Vince Boghian, Jr. sent a letter to Gov. Granholm concerning the pending legislation for a luxury tax on boats. He felt the response he received was - if you can afford a boat, you can afford this tax. Next months guest speaker will be Tom Graph from the DNR. He will discuss land leases, effecting island club properties.

- **Parade of Lights was held August 4, 2007.** This year was an “open theme”. The Moslem Shrine & Shores Harbor Club participated. MSYC was the pirate sail boat and won Best of Show & 2nd Place in the 26’ & under competition. SHC had the honeybee boat and took 1st in their size. I think 9 boats were entered. Some of you may have heard that the 9 Mile Festival of Lights was cancelled.
- **Spring Rendezvous Raffle tickets are available for \$1:** 1st Prize \$1500, 2nd Prize \$750, 3rd Prize \$250. Drawing on March 8, 2008. Gerry has the tickets.
- **ABYA Christmas Party Honoring Commodore Terri Calihan** will be at Fern Hill on December 1st. Tickets are \$63 p.p.
- **Discounts** Through ABYA go to www.abya.org to get more information on discounts, Scripps, and other Club’s functions. They now have a link for our Club’s site. I was able to get that put in. ABYA suggested a membership application for HCNSYC be made available on our site.
- **Shriner’s Raffle for Brother Chris** As you know we’ve been selling tickets for a \$10,000 raffle to help Brother Chris and his family. We got a call the other day that the cancer spread to his brain. They took him off of life support yesterday and everyone is on stand by that the funeral could be any day. They have a 2 year old son. The ticket that HCNSYC purchased, we put Chris’ wife’s name on and so if she wins on that ticket, she will get that above the rest of the money, about \$25,000, that should be donated to her. If anyone wants more tickets, let me know. I won it 4 months ago and you get \$10,000 cash in your hand. Plus you get dinner, dancing & a D.J. for the night. This will be held on Friday, Aug. 24th, the night before our steak dinner.
- **Next ABYA Meeting will be held on Monday, September 10, 2007 at the North Star Sail Club.**

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OFFICER'S REPORT:

Commodore: Pat Meraw - Nothing to report at this time

Vice Commodore: Dale Hardy –Nothing to report.

Rear Commodore: Curt Stafford – Nothing to Report

Fleet Captain: Wayne Johnson –Belle River rendezvous had five boats and the Shriner's Pig Roast. had 15 boats come from our Yacht Club for the weekend. Both events were a lot of fun and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. They wined us at Belle River and had nice floating docks w/ a restaurant above the office. It is very clean. Gerry: I'd like to thank everyone that came and I hope you join us again next year!

COMMITTEES:

Newsletter: Sharon Cisco reported that as of January 1st our Newsletter will be posted on our website. She will also continue to forward the newsletter to members who have provided her with their information until January 1st. We are doing less and less mailings and more emails. Discussion on utilizing bulletin board to post Club information.

Clothing: Sandy Hardy has volunteered to assume this position. Here are the samples of our new products. I have brought the books and we can order anything out of these two books here. I did a preliminary mark-up on stuff with a \$2 profit on everything. I have a question. Like on the polo shirts we will make \$5, on some of the caps we will make \$2.99, on the wind shirts \$5, t-shirts \$2 and long sleeve tees \$2. This nicer hat is \$16 plus the cost of embroidery so I'm wondering if we would rather buy the cheaper ones. We are not making a whole lot of money on the clothing, but it would be better to come up with new stuff as orders rather than ordering a whole bunch of stuff and having it sit because it doesn't fit anyone or no one wants. I know people like to get their stuff right away, so I guess its up to you guys whether you want me to order x amount of shirts and hats or only order as requested. It takes 2 weeks from time order is received to get it. I have samples of different manufacturers. You can come up and take a look at it. Some is a little bit higher quality. You get a price break if you order a dozen and the next price break is if you order 75.

If we don't pay tax, then we don't have to pay tax to the State. We are listed as non-profit so we are tax free on purchases.

Discussion pursued on how to resolve discrepancy between items for sale at North versus South. Pat Meraw will call Vicki to set-up an appointment and discuss.

OLD BUSINESS:

•**Steak Dinner- Dale-**As far as I know we haven't had anyone request tickets. If the weather is good and there are no conflicting events turn out should be good. I think whatever steaks we don't sell each board member can buy the extras. The steaks are good every year and no one ever complains about the food. **Gerry:** Shrine Yacht club donated 10 chickens and BBQ sauce. **Lee:** How many steaks do we want to buy? I preorder them and they are cut to our specifications. **Discussion:** 100 steaks will be ordered. **Sharon:** We sold 83 steaks last year. I think we should post the flyers for the events on the boats in the harbors. Discussion continued on the menu and the arrangements. **Pat**

Meraw: Made a general motion that anyone purchasing food and misc. for Steak Dinner be allotted \$200 (except for Lee). Motion 2nd by Wayne Johnson. Motion Passed. All of the tickets printed for the barrel of booze are out.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Gino's Surf has opened their Tiki Bar. We have noticed a hole in the fence between their property and ours and we think some people are pulling in and docking in open wells. Everyone should keep an eye open for this. The boaters that are at North should call the police when these people pull in. **Wayne:** The rumor is that Gino's is going to put 30 wells out in front on floating docks. They have already gotten the DNR permit and everything.
- We understand that some people have been told to take their For Sale Signs off their boats. If it is not in the contract, they can not enforce it.
- **Web Page** Dan Zowada mentioned there was a conversation at Belle River that maybe the main page could identify exactly who we are; two marinas and the Yacht Club. Apparently there is confusion as to what the Club is. The Club should be thought of as a separate entity that has members from both North & South Marina; not marina management. Some people think why come to the Yacht Club stuff because they dislike the clubhouse or marina maintenance. That says that some people do not realize that our Club does not manage either clubhouse or marina. It should be stated that the owners of the harbors are the managers of their clubhouses and harbors, not the yacht club. Dan: Are there officers here that would help me work on the verbiage explaining this on the website? Also there are going to be photos of earlier events we have already had? Concerning the clothing, would there be an interest in having a clothing shop on line? Discussion ensued.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously, thus adjourning the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 11, 2007, @ 7:30 PM at the **North Clubhouse**.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Colombo
Secretary
Harbor Club North & South Yacht Club

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Upcoming Activities!

- Saturday, September 1st, 5-10 pm Bay Harbor Boat Club Chicken & Rib Party at Windmill Pte Yacht Club, Dinner \$10, RSVP Marty 586-725-3452
- Sunday, September 2nd, Conger Bay Boat Club Island Pig Roast, \$25 pp, \$12 kids, Starts 1pm Free Sunday night dockage, Monday breakfast \$5, Games, Crafts, Raffle, Dancing. Call Eric Wolf 586-596-5369. Everyone welcome.
- Monday, September 10th, ABYA Monthly Meeting, North Star Sail Club, 32041 S. River Road, Chicken Dinner, \$11, 6pm dinner, 7pm meeting. Call Gerry Lesmeister 586-949-4075 for reservations.
- Tuesday, September 11th, Harbor Club N&S Yacht Club Monthly Meeting, 7:30pm Harbor Club North Clubhouse. Everyone welcome.
- Sunday, September 23rd, Jefferson Yacht Club Oktoberfest, \$6 cover charge, German & U.S. beer and menu, German Band "Sorgenbrecher", 5-10pm, Try the "Luge".

Metro Beach Event

September 2nd, Sunday, 1:30pm Nature Center will hold a session called **"Who's Going South?"**. Visitors will learn about the marvels of Michigan migratory animals. This session is for kids age 6 and older and the fee is \$2. Pre-registration is needed. Call 586-463-4332. For more information call (800) 477-3172 or visit www.metroparks.com

Hike Parkway Parcel & Lunch at Gino's

September 8th, Saturday, 10am. The Clinton River Water Shed is holding a hike to explore the 155 acre Parkway Parcel, which was recently purchased by Harrison Township. Participants will meet at the NW corner of the Gino's parking lot at 10am.

Attendees are encouraged to bring binoculars to catch a glimpse of migrating birds and also to wear insect repellent and foot and leg gear suitable for walking uneven trails.

The event will be followed by lunch at Gino's Tiki Bar, weather permitting. Pre-registration is not required. For more information call CRWC at 248-601-0606.

Important Notice!!!!

www.harborclubnsyc.com

The Harbor Club N&S Yacht Club's website is active. Take a look at our new website and forward any ideas or suggestions to Dan Zowada, our webmaster. See our club's current and past pictures and newsletters. As of January 1st, 2008 the yacht club will no longer be forwarding the newsletter to you as it will be posted on the website.

Annual Steak Dinner Great Success!

See pictures of the winner of the Cooler of Booze, the raffle winners and the revelers on our website....www.harborclubnsyc.com