

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY
MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Charlotte County Administration Center #119**

**Minutes
January 11, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mel Staudmyer, Chair
William Bergman, Vice Chair
Ron Blago, Secretary
Richard Anderson
Robert Leonard
Gerald Meckenberg
Tom Hamilton
Richard Johnson
William Kumm
Tim Lynch
Roger Strube
Paul Marcuzzo
Anthony Tonz
Bob DiMuzio
James Redding
Raymond Rose
Maurice Sabourin

STAFF

Commissioner Tom D'Aprile
Missy L. Christie, Natural Resources
Ron Rosiere, Public Works
Bob Hebert, Administration
Jane Starr, Recorder

GUESTS

Richard Benson, City of Punta Gorda
Randy Brodersen, City of Punta Gorda
Grace Amodeo, Manchester Advisory
Kathleen Fletcher, DEP/CAMA
Dennis Peck, C.H. Community Sailing Ctr.
A. Rulon (Skip) Mansfield, PGSC
Roger Fenneman, PGPD

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Len Harris
Dick Keen

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chair Mel Staudmyer called the January 11, 2007 *Marine Advisory Committee* to order at 9:30 a.m., noting that there was a quorum present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Mel Staudmyer led the members and audience in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by **Richard Anderson** to accept the December 14, 2006 Marine Advisory Committee minutes as written, seconded by **Anthony Tonz**. The vote was unanimously accepted.

IV. REGULAR BUSINESS

Ron Rosiere provided an update on Pirate Harbor, Little Gasparilla Island, Ackerman W.W./Lewis Creek, Buena Vista/Grassy Point Waterways, South Gulf Cove Locks, Northwest Charlotte Waterways, the Alligator Creek S-Curve, and the Intercoastal Ferry Slow Speed Zone. **Anthony Tonz** commented on a problem with the automatic controls at the South Gulf Cove Locks and was told it is now in full operation. **Capt. Ron Blago** inquired about the recommended procedure to exit the Locks in case of an operation failure and was advised by **Mr. Tonz**. **Missy L. Christie** spoke regarding letters to be received from Palm Island Resort. **Chair Staudmyer** asked Ms. Christie to forward the letters on to him as Richard Keen has resigned. **Chair Staudmyer** asked about the Manchester Boat Lock and inquired about its cost and funding.

(Bob DiMuzio arrived at 9:40a.m.)

V. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS** – *None*

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

Budget for 2006 Update – Bob Hebert

Bob Hebert reported on the January 23, 2007 BCC meeting and three issues presented to the Board. He requested an officer from MAC present the Clean Marina Award to Fisherman's Village along with the County Commissioners. He also stated the Board has approved setting up a workshop on this same day for various presentations and suggested the Committee attend. **William Bergman** asked about the Charlotte County Extension Services/Sea Grant (Item #5) and leftover BFI money. **Bob Hebert** said, if cleared, this will be addressed on January 23, 2007.

Re-appointment of Members

Ron Blago polled each member for confirmation of their membership renewal within the last sixty (60) days. All members replied affirmatively except for Richard Keen and Roger Strube who are resigning this month. **Mr. Blago** spoke on the issue of Richard Keen's resignation as representative from the City of Punta Gorda. **Mel Staudmyer** advised on resignation procedures.

ACTION: *Paul Marcuzzo made a motion to formally recognize Richard Keen's contribution to the Advisory Committee by the BCC. This was seconded by Gerald Meckenberg. Following a discussion about the acknowledgement of previous members, the vote was unanimous.*

Punta Gorda Sailing Club Membership Issue

Ron Blago introduced nominee A. Rulon (Skip) Mansfield from the Punta Gorda Sailing Club. **Mr. Mansfield** gave a brief description of his background and answered several questions. **Ron Blago** explained attendance bi-laws and **Mr. Mansfield** left the room while a discussion took place.

ACTION: *A motion was presented by Roger Strube and seconded by Tom Hamilton to recommend A. Rulon (Skip) Mansfield for membership in the Marine Advisory Committee representing the Punta Gorda Sailing Club. The motion was unanimously carried.*

Skip Mansfield returned and was welcomed by the Committee.

Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program – Missy L. Christie

Missy L. Christie gave an update on the program and stated they are currently seeking volunteers. **Robert Leonard** commented on mangrove replanting and gave a description of the program. He suggested members ask their respective organizations for volunteers to participate. **Missy L. Christie** spoke on two upcoming meetings and, in reply to **Tom Hamilton's** question, stated collection of data will be done from the water. **Ms. Christie** agreed to provide a flyer with more information. A discussion ensued. **Chair Staudmyer** suggested Ms. Christie speak with Committee members for further ideas.

Charlotte Harbor Community Sailing Center Program – Dennis Peck

Dennis Peck updated the Committee on his background and presented the Committee with a PowerPoint presentation on the Charlotte Harbor Community Sailing Center Program:

- Certificate of Status
- Corporate Information
- Educational Programs for youth and adults
- Sailing for Everyone including those with disabilities

- Continuing Education
- Regattas – Competitions
- Activities and Special Events
- Description of Flyers
- Safety Issues
- Need for Public Access to Water
- Request for Funding

William Bergman spoke on the procedure of obtaining funds and offered to introduce Mr. Peck to the appropriate parties for obtaining and completing the required forms.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Randy Brodersen thanked the Committee for last month's recommendation for additional funding for Laishley Park and gave an update on the status of the Laishley Park Boat Ramp. He stated the ramp is now open for access and good progress is being made on the marina.

Missy L. Christie spoke on a presentation previously given by Mote Marine on Red Tide and stated she investigated community interest on this matter and discovered there is a Charlotte County Charter in Englewood who is currently looking for members. She will email contact information.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS- None

IX. LIAISON REPORTS

Regional Marine Advisory Committee Review

Mel Staudmyer stated there will no longer be attendance by the Committee at future Regional Marine Advisory Committee meetings.

WCIND Meetings - None

X. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Bob Leonard commented on the sale of Breezy Pines Trailer Park on the East Coast.

William Bergman received confirmation that Punta Gorda Municipal Park will retain the name of Laishley Park.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and voted unanimous for the meeting to **ADJOURN** at 10:40a.m.

XI. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 8, 2007 @ 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Starr

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Recording Secretary