

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY
MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 8, 2011
MINUTES**

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Len Harris at 9:23:50 AM He then led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The secretary called the Roll and confirmed that a quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Len Harris, Chairman – Burnt Store Isles Boat Club
Captain Ron Blago, Chairman – Member at Large
George Bobko – Port Charlotte Yacht Club
Captain Jay Buckley – City of Punta Gorda
Ken Dieffenbach - Charlotte Coastal Conservation Association of Florida
William Dixon – Punta Gorda Sailing Club
John Fleming – Member at Large
Tom Ireland, South Gulf Cove Yacht Club
William Kumm – Punta Gorda Boat Club
Captain Tim Lynch – Palm Island Marina, Member-at-Large
Gerald Meckenberg, Secretary – Englewood U.S.C.G.A.
Mike Quinn – Punta Gorda Sports Fishing Club
Captain Maurice Sabourin – U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 99 Rotonda
Capt. Scott Schermerhorn – Member at Large
Mel Staudmyer – Harbour Heights Yacht Club
Cody Vaughn-Birch – Member at Large
Garland Wilson – Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Douglas Donovan - U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 98 Charlotte Harbor
Tom Hamilton – Isles Yacht Club
Raymond Rose – Peace River Squadron, Inc.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charles Gertner, Pirate Harbor Yacht Club

STAFF

Dianne Quilty – Fiscal Services
Tara Musselman – Public Works
Pam Alexander – Administrative Assistant II

GUESTS

Brian Gleason – International Handicap Sailing Regatta
Randy Broderson – City of Punta Gorda
Mark Gering – City of Punta Gorda

Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Starr had a conflict and was unable to attend.

Regular Business

On motion by Bill Dixon, seconded by Jay Buckley and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the June 9, 2011 Meeting were approved as presented.

On motion by Tom Ireland, seconded by Bill Dixon and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the September 1, 2011 Pre-Agenda Meeting were approved as presented.

The MSBU Update was presented by Tara Musselman. The document is attached.

New Business

- Chairman Len Harris presented his proposed updates to Goals and Objectives. Discussion ensued.
 - Cody Vaughn-Birch suggested that the objectives should be a checklist (e.g., kayak registration, Riviera Marina, etc.)
 - Mike Quinn discussed kayak registrations.
 - On motion by Scott Schermerhorn, seconded by Mel Staudmyer and carried on a vote of 16 to 1, with Mike Quinn dissenting, the Goals and Objectives were accepted as presented and items from this list will be addressed upcoming meetings.
- Discussion of new applications for funding. Andy Stevens had discussed two applications at the pre-agenda meeting; however, he had a conflict and was not at the meeting. Tara Musselman advised that Andy had told her only two of the many requests received over the last couple of weeks met the criteria for BIF funding.
 - One was for supplies for CHEC's children's programs.
 - The second was from Sea Grant for SONAR for crab trap clean up. The State is considering provided approval to utilize BIF funds for the SONAR project. Captain Ralph Allen of the Kingfisher Fleet in Punta Gorda discussed the project and answered questions. Official applications have not yet been received. Items will be addressed at the October 13, 2011 MAC meeting.

Old Business

- No Manatee Committee Update was provided.
- Debrah Forester was unable to attend the meeting but has requested to be placed on the October 13, 2011 agenda. She did provide a written update on the Beach Launch for kayaks and small sailboats as part of Phase I of the Harborwalk Project. Chairman Harris read her report into the record.
- Roger Warner was unable to attend the meeting but has requested to be placed on the October 13, 2011 agenda. He did provide a brief written update on the Construction of the Cattedock Boat Ramp, which was

presented by Chairman Harris. Proximity to El Jobean boat ramp is of concern. Discussion tabled until October 13th meeting.

- Brian Gleason was in attendance and presented an update on the status of the permitting process and a timeline for the overall project for the Floating Docks for 2012 International Handicap Sailing Regatta. This presentation included a brief slide show. The docks are complete; ramps are being built, lifts have been acquired. Financial and in-kind donations have been received. 22 8x16 ft docks @ 1700 lbs. Local Fire Departments are being solicited for old fire hose. His organization has been in constant communication with the City Attorney regarding related issues. Final accounting will be provided at a later date. Jay Buckley provided additional information. Captain Blago stated that he feels that the management company for Laishley Park should NOT be allowed to utilize the ramps for private fishing tournaments. Randy Broderson provided additional information regarding the City's role in this project. He was requested to provide the MAC with how the relationship between the City and the County will be managed.
- Randy Broderson, accompanied by Mark Gering, City Engineer, presented an update on the City of Punta Gorda Non-Motorized Boat Ramp and Seawall Repair project. Work has begun; FPL is removing the overhead lines. SWFWMD required a manatee gate be installed.

I. Other Business

- Discussion was held regarding the upcoming term expirations for 7 members. The member-at-large position, currently held by John Homer Fleming, will be advertised by the Commission on September 27, 2011. Clerk, Pam Alexander will be the contact for these applications. Gerry Meckenberg reminded all that in addition to a letter from the Committee member, the parent organizations must send a request to Pam confirming their desire for reappointment of the current member.

II. Citizen Comments

NONE

III. Good of the Order

The next **Joint Meeting** of the Marine Advisory Committee, Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the Mid County Library, Forrest Nelson Boulevard in Port Charlotte. Chairman Harris reminded that a quorum is needed in the event that a vote is taken. There must be 11 members present.

Items for discussion at this upcoming meeting were presented. Clerk, Pam Alexander will forward them to the appropriate staff for addition to the agenda.

There was some discussion about moving the pre-agenda meeting so that they could meet prior to the scheduled Joint meeting; however the consensus was to let it remain as originally scheduled.

IV. Next Meeting

- The next **Pre-Agenda Meeting** will be held Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 9.30 a.m. in the Building Construction Services Conference Room, 18400 Murdock Circle
- The next **Regular Meeting** will be held Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 119

Adjournment

On motion by Tom Ireland, seconded by Jay Buckley and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00:17 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Alexander
Administrative Assistant II

Minutes Approved on October 13, 2011

Len Harris, Chairman
Marine Advisory Committee