

**MINUTES  
CHARLOTTE COUNTY  
MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, February 9, 2012**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Charlotte County Administration Center  
18500 Murdock Circle, Room #119  
Port Charlotte, FL 33948**

Chairman Len Harris called the meeting to order at 9:27 a.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Roll was called and it was determined that a quorum was present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Len Harris, Chairman – Burnt Store Isles Boat Club  
Raymond Rose, Vice Chairman – Peace River Squadron, Inc.  
Gerald Meckenberg, Secretary – Englewood U.S.C.G.A.  
Captain Ron Blago – Member at Large  
George Bobko – Port Charlotte Yacht Club  
Ken Dieffenbach – Charlotte Coastal Conservation Association of Florida  
Jake Dye – Isles Yacht Club  
John Homer Fleming – Member at Large  
Charles Gertner – Pirate Harbor Yacht Club  
Tom Ireland – South Gulf Cove Yacht Club  
William Kumm – Punta Gorda Boat Club  
Herman Novak – City of Punta Gorda  
Mike Quinn – Punta Gorda Sports Fishing Club  
Captain Maurice Sabourin – U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 99 Rotonda  
Capt. Scott Schermerhorn – Member at Large  
Garland Wilson – Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club

**VACANCIES**

Harbour Heights Yacht Club  
Punta Gorda Sailing Club

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Captain Tim Lynch – Member-at-Large

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Douglas Donovan - U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 98 Charlotte Harbor  
Cody Vaughn-Birch – Member at Large

### **STAFF**

Roger DeBruler, Jr. – Community Services, Parks & Natural Resources  
Dianne Quilty – Fiscal Services  
Andy Stevens – Community Services  
Tara Musselman, Community Development  
David White – Administrative Assistant II  
Roger Warner – Project Manager

### **GUESTS**

Mark Gehring, City of Punta Gorda  
Randy Broderson – City of Punta Gorda  
Betty Staugler, SeaGrant

### **Commissioner Comments**

None

### **Regular Business**

On motion by Maurice Sabourin, seconded by Tom Ireland and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Pre-Agenda meeting on February 2, 2012 were approved as presented.

Due to the absence of Clerk, Pam Alexander, the Minutes for the January 12, 2012 meeting will be submitted for approval at the March meeting.

Tara Musselman distributed copies of the MSBU Update and read the report into the record. (Copy attached). She further advised that she had not received any information regarding the speed zones at Palm Island Marina.

Betty Staugler, Florida Sea Grant, provided an update on the Regional Waterway Management Program portion of Tara's report. Sea Grant is currently creating the maps and overlays as required by the oversight agencies. As the process continues, Betty will provide updates to the MAC.

Andy Stevens reconfirmed the information in Tara's report regarding Stump Pass. He further reported that the County is maintaining several acres of bare sand area on Palm Island as a mitigation area for nesting a requirement of the project. He advised that this area used to be at Stump Pass State Park.

Len Harris updated the group on the Joint Meeting with Beaches & Shores and Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee held on February 1, 2012. He noted that MAC did not have a quorum present. Various waterway issues were discussed.

### **New Business**

A. Dianne Quilty, Fiscal Services, provided an update of the remaining funding. She stated that we have spent down just about everything but the BIF Retained. There

was \$134,500 in CNIF but approximately \$98,000 for the trestle project came out of that; we over-budgeted WCIND funds by about \$60,000 and WCIND transferred funds from CNIF to cover those expenses. CNIF is about done for now. There is approximately \$7300 available in BIF Local and \$20,000 in CNIF.

### **Old Business**

- A. Andy Stevens provided an update on the Boca Grande Trestle Removal project. Roger DeBruler has worked diligently to allow use of the overflow parking area at Placida to off-load the material. Other areas are also be evaluated for this purpose. 100 linear foot section is being removed and some stabilization will be done to the remaining structure. WCIND has worked with this contractor previously and have been happy with his work. The work should begin within the next 2 weeks. Len Harris commented that the removal should result in a cost savings to the County: costs involved in removing and disposing of the debris that has fallen in the water; increase patrols to monitor activity on the trestle, etc. Andy expressed his gratitude to the Charlotte County Sheriff's office for scheduling a volunteer cleanup to assist in the removal of the debris (mattresses, tents, assorted trash, etc.) from the trestle.
- B. Roger Warner provided an update on the Cattle Dock Point Boat Ramp Project. They have met with the Building and Zoning Departments about the road. They are seeking a land use amendment. They are hoping to have a contract in October. All permits have been obtained with the exception of the County construction permit which can be issued once the Zoning issues are resolved. Budget information and construction plans were requested.

### **Other Business**

- A. Len Harris asked that the Riviera Marina Update by DEP be moved to the May 10, 2012 meeting.

### **Citizen Comments**

Betty Staugler, Florida Sea Grant, provided information regarding a conference "Stem to Stern II" in Clearwater. She also distributed cards about the website for the Charlotte Harbor Boating and Angling Guide.

Andy Stevens reminded all that the applications for funding will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Randy Broderson, of the City of Punta Gorda, advised that they have submitted a funding request for the remaining dredging or whatever amount the MAC is willing to appropriate. Discussion ensued regarding the amount of work that could be done with less funding for the City project; the estimated costs of other projects from other departments/agencies; carry-over of funding and vessel inventory for abandoned vessel removal project.

### **Good of the Order**

Roger DeBruler, Parks and Natural Resources, reported that 111 boats have been pulled since the inception of the abandoned vessel removal program. He passed around a flier regarding the Artificial Reef Program and the Clerk was directed to distribute a .pdf file via e-mail to the membership following the meeting. Roger reminded all that he does have a presentation that he presents to clubs or other groups.

### **Next Meeting**

- The next **Pre-Agenda Meeting** will be held Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 9.30 a.m. the Building Construction Services Conference Room.
- The next **Regular Meeting** will be held Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 119.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Captain Maurice Sabourin, seconded by Captain Ron Blago, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Alexander  
Administrative Assistant II

Minutes Approved on March 8, 2012

Len Harris, Chairman  
Marine Advisory Committee