

**MINUTES**  
**CHARLOTTE COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, May 9, 2013**  
**Charlotte County Administration Center**  
**18500 Murdock Circle, Room 119, Port Charlotte, FL 33948**

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Chairman Len Harris called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk called the roll and the Secretary determined that a quorum was present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Len Harris, Chairman – Burnt Store Isles Boat Club  
Gerald Meckenberg, Secretary –U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 87 Englewood  
Susan Bareither - U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 98 Charlotte Harbor  
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  
Chuck Gertner – Pirate Harbor Yacht Club  
Richard Hoagland - Harbour Heights Yacht Club  
Tom Ireland, Vice Chairman - Peace River Squadron, Inc.  
William Kumm – Punta Gorda Boat Club  
Captain Tim Lynch – Member-at-Large\*  
Raymond Rose – South Gulf Cove Yacht Club  
Captain Maurice Sabourin – U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 99 Rotonda  
Capt. Scott Schermerhorn – Member at Large  
Garland Wilson – Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Sarah Buck – Punta Gorda Sailing Club  
Jay Buckley – Member at Large  
Herman Novak – City of Punta Gorda  
Mike Quinn – Punta Gorda Sports Fishing Club

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### **STAFF**

Charles Mopps, Community Development – Engineering  
Richard Kolar, Financial Consultant – Fiscal Services  
Andy Stevens – Community Services  
Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch, BCC Liaison  
Pamela Alexander, Clerical Liaison – Community Development  
Pattie Keuchmann – Community Development

### **GUESTS**

Randy Broderson, City of Punta Gorda  
Gary Disher, City of Punta Gorda

### **Changes to the Agenda**

NONE

### **Commissioner Comments**

NONE

### **Regular Business**

The Chairman reminded all visitors who address the Committee to please sign in on the clipboard provided at the podium.

On motion by Tom Ireland, seconded by Garland Wilson, and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Pre-Agenda Meeting held on May 2, 2013 were approved as presented.

On motion by George Bobko, seconded by Jake Dye, and carried unanimously, the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on April 11, 2013 were approved as presented.

Charles Mopps presented his monthly MSBU Update and provided additional updates. (See attached document). Questions on the Regional Management Plan regarding including the City have been sent to Dan Gallagher, Deputy County Attorney. It is anticipated that the 10-Year Management Plan for Stump Pass will be formally be presented to the Board of County Commission at their regular meeting on May 28, 2013. Discussion ensued.

Andy Stevens reminded all that if aids to navigation are needed, please notify his office and funding may be available.

Richard Kolar provided the Quarterly Update for the second quarter. He advised that he is cleaning up old projects and that the information will be placed on the website by the afternoon. There were questions regarding the amount of the Punta Gorda boat basin

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## **New Business**

As a result of a recent boating accident in the area, Commissioner Deutsch presented his speeding concerns in Bull Bay and other Back Country boating/fishing areas. Discussion ensued with input provided by many members and the Commissioner.

## **Old Business**

**A.** A Review/Discussion/Recommendation on additional Funding Applications 2013-2014 Fiscal Year which were continued from the April meeting were tentatively scheduled for this time. They were as follows:

1. Request from South Gulf Cove Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in the amount of **\$4,000** to purchase equipment and materials for ongoing training of present and future members to benefit Charlotte County in emergency situations and to attend education session to become and/or maintain certifications.

**Lillian G GaNun, Secretary**

**THIS APPLICATION WAS NOT HEARD AT THIS TIME.**

2. Request from Charlotte County Power Boat Racing

**THIS APPLICATION WAS NOT HEARD AT THIS TIME.** Although Commissioner Deutsch did provide some additional information regarding possible locations for the various events that are part of the Race; transportation issues; the challenges of meeting the requirements of fans, etc.

**B.** Discussion of the 10-year Management Plan for Stump Pass as presented to the Beaches & Shores Advisory Committee Meeting on May 2, 2013. The update for this was included in the MSBU update provided earlier in the meeting by Charles Mopps.

**C.** Richard Kolar and Andy Stevens provided an update on the Bay Heights Park project regarding previous funding in FY 2006-07. It is in the design/permitting stage; the money approved by MAC has been spent; Lemon Bay High School is provided much of the maintenance of the property at this time;

**D.** No update on the Boca Grande Bridge Status was presented at this time.

## **Other Business**

Chairman Len Harris provided an update on the Spring Lake Wastewater Pilot Project Committee meeting. A handout was provided. The proposal has been forwarded to the BCC. Commissioner Deutsch expressed his opinions on the issue.

## **Citizen Comments**

Randy Broderson, City of Punta Gorda bid farewell as this is his last meeting. He is retiring.

## **Good of the Order**

NONE

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**Next Meeting**

- The next **Pre-Agenda Meeting** will be held Thursday, June 6, 2013 at 9.30 a.m. Room B-106.
- The next **Regular Meeting** will be held Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 119

**Adjournment**

On motion by Jake Dye, seconded by Chuck Gertner, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Alexander  
Administrative Assistant II

Minutes Approved on June 13, 2013

Len Harris, Chairman  
Marine Advisory Committee

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