

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Thursday, February 13, 2014

Charlotte County Administration Center

18500 Murdock Circle, Room 119, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Ireland at 9:27 a.m. and he led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Ireland, Chairman - South Gulf Cove Yacht Club
Herman Novak, Vice Chairman – City of Punta Gorda
Gerald Meckenberg, Secretary –U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 87 Englewood
Captain Ralph Allen – Member-at-Large
Captain Ron Blago – Member at Large
George Bobko – Port Charlotte Yacht Club
Sarah Buck – Punta Gorda Sailing Club
Captain Jay Buckley – Member at Large
Jake Dye – Isles Yacht Club
John Homer Fleming – Member at Large
Chuck Gertner – Pirate Harbor Yacht Club
Len Harris, Chairman – Burnt Store Isles Boat Club
Richard Hoagland - Harbour Heights Yacht Club
William Hoffman – Member-at-Large
William Kumm – Punta Gorda Boat Club
Mike Quinn – Punta Gorda Sports Fishing Club
Raymond Rose – Peace River Squadron, Inc
Garland Wilson – Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Susan Bareither - U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 98 Charlotte Harbor
Captain Maurice Sabourin – U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 99 Rotonda

VACANCIES

Charlotte Coastal Conservation Association of Florida

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STAFF

Andy Stephens, Parks & Natural Resources
Roger DeBruler, Jr. – Parks & Natural Resources
Pamela Alexander, Clerical Liaison – Community Development
Gayle Moore, Clerical Liaison – Community Development
Dan Gallagher – Assistant County Attorney
Stephen R. Deutsch, District IV – Commission Liaison

GUESTS

Capt. Darin Chandler – CCSO
Randy Dunn – YMCA

Chairman's comments

The Chairman reminded all in attendance to sign in at the podium and for the members to identify themselves and to utilize the microphones. These actions assist the Clerk when preparing Minutes.

He then formally acknowledged the clerical assistance provided by Pam Alexander, Administrative Liaison to the MAC.

Changes to the Agenda

- A. **ADD** under New Business – BCC proposed revisions to the MAC By-Laws – **Dan Gallagher, Assistant County Attorney**
- B. **MOVE** Discussion/Decision on replacement organization from Old Business to New Business

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

NONE

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Deutsch reported that the master dredging plan is moving forward as expected. He reported that he attended the recent regatta which was co-hosted by Sarah Buck. It was a great event and congratulations are extended to Ms. Buck, Brian Gleason, all of the volunteers as well as the County staff. They all did a great job.

Regular Business

- A. On motion by Jay Buckley, seconded by Chuck Gertner and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Pre-Agenda Meeting from February 6, 2014 were approved as presented.
- B. On motion by Jay Buckley, seconded by Chuck Gertner and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the January 9, 2014 were approved as presented.
- C. Charles Mopps was a presenter at another meeting and was unable to attend. His report was distributed to all in attendance. There were no questions. (copy of report attached)

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New Business

- A. ITEM ADDED - Dan Gallagher, Assistant County Attorney, presented to the MAC the revisions to the MAC By-Laws as proposed by the BCC during a recent meeting. Copies of the changes were distributed. Following some discussion, including confirmation that these are more language changes than substantive changes and on motion by Ray Rose, seconded by Herman Novak and carried unanimously, these suggested changes were approved. (copies of the draft changes attached)
- B. ITEM MOVED - Randy Dunn of the YMCA provided information in conjunction with their application for membership on the Marine Advisory Committee as an organization to replace the Charlotte Coastal Conservation Association of Florida, which dissolved in 2013. Discussion ensued. Sarah Buck made a motion to approve the YMCA as the replacement organization. The motion was seconded by Garland Wilson. There was additional discussion on the motion. A roll call vote was taken with seven (7) in favor and eleven (11) against. The motion FAILED and the application for membership was denied.
- C. There was a brief discussion of items presented at the Joint Meeting on February 5, 2014. Member Bill Hoffman suggested that the County should stay of the mooring field issue. A list of the waterways in the study will be sent to the members, along with a poster.

Old Business

- A. ~~Moved to New Business Discussion/Decision on including the YMCA as replacement organization for the now defunct Charlotte Coast Conservation Association. The application will be presented by **Randy Dunn of the YMCA**~~
- B. Andy Stevens presented an update on Manatee Protection Plan. He provided a brief history of the group and the partnership with Florida Fish & Wildlife. A draft has been prepared and a meeting held to receive comments; maps have been received to be updated and the group will meeting again in March or April of this year. Andy will provide an update to the MAC at that time.
- C. Andy Stevens provided an update on Kayak trails. MAC had previously approved funding for signage delineated these areas. Many local kayak enthusiasts have requested additional signage and these requests are being investigated to determine actual need.

Other Business

Applications for grant requests will be presented at the March meeting. The Chairman requested that the easy ones be brought before the MAC in March and the more difficult ones in April. Andy Stevens reported that he has a meeting with Richard Kolar, our fiscal representative next week and assured that Mr. Kolar would be present with the information and spreadsheets available.

Citizen Comments

Darren Chandler of the Sheriff's Office invited all to stop in the parking lot and see their refurbished Boston Whaler. The work was completed as a result of the funding

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recommended previously by the MAC. He reported that all officers have Captain's licenses and stay current with all updated laws.

Roger Debruler updated the group on the Abandoned Vessel Program. A new boat was reported today; one boat is in litigation so there will be an additional delay in removing it.

Commissioner Deutsch left the meeting at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Good of the Order

Sarah Buck invited all to stay and view the photographs from the recent regatta.

Next Meetings

- The next **Pre-Agenda Meeting** will be held Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 9.30 a.m. Room B-106. Chairman Ireland invited more of the member to attend if possible.
- The next **Regular Meeting** will be held Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 119

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Alexander
Administrative Assistant II

Minutes Approved on March 13, 2013

Tom Ireland, Chairman
Marine Advisory Committee

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