

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the North Coast Ohio Chapter, Antique and Classic Boat Society

Monday, October 14, 2019

President Dave Nau called the meeting to order at 7:15 after a nice Italian buffet dinner at the Upper Deck Restaurant's refrigerated/open air meeting shed. In attendance were President Dave Nau, Vice President Randy Hart, Treasurer Mike Rutherford, and members Ray McFarland, Jim and Char Denning, Robert Ashley, Bud and Ginger Long, Gary and Deb Kosiba, Bill and Lucy Hunter, John and Kim Vorhies, Doug Brooks, Cliff Wolfe, Robert Tromp, Bob Tromp, Mike Matusick, and Gil Maringer, who volunteered to take these minutes.

The president reported on a previously held meeting with the nominating committee of Ray, Gary, and Mike Matusick who stated that they have confirmed a slate of officers for 2020, except for finalization of the Secretary position. (June Prebis is considering). All the current officers have committed to remain except the secretary: Dave Nau, President, Randy Hart Vice President, and Mike Rutherford Treasurer. The following members have agreed to be directors for 2-year terms: Mike Matusick, Gil Maringer, Bob Ashley, and John Vorhies.

The Treasurer reported all outstanding bills have been paid and the treasury has reached an all-time high thanks primarily to the Portage Lakes Show being a net profit over \$5000. Bud Long was recognized for his outstanding efforts in obtaining financial sponsors. Bud suggested that the chapter look for boat and/or youth-oriented organizations for us to donate some money. A discussion was held about the Sea Scouts, but it was noted that the group is no longer functioning. Other groups and causes will be considered.

The membership chairman, Walt Stashkiw, was not present so Dave reported that his last check of the membership roster was 118.

Gary reported that the NCO storage trailer now has a current license plate and that he will secure a protective pouch inside the trailer for the registration info. Jim Denning has provided free inside storage at one of his storage units in Dalton, Ohio. Bud has some show posters that he will give to Gary to be placed in the storage trailer.

Next Dave reported he has been working with ACBS staff to update the NCO website with many photos that have accumulated from this summer's activities: 2019 Portage Lakes Show in June, trip to Hammondsport, NY (Winne Country Boat Show) in July, and the Lake Milton rendezvous in August.

Randy mentioned that the whole NCO membership contact information has been hacked through the ACBS website. Members may be receiving marketing offers and other solicitations from spammers. Dave will do some research on how to stop it.

Mike Rutherford acknowledged that NCO was well represented at the ACBS international show with 5 members winning prestigious awards: Walt Stashkiw – President's Award, and boat competition winners: John and Kim Vorhies, Bill Mack, Randy Hart, and Dave Nau.

Dave asked for help with the Beacon newsletter and mentioned Justin Bryant expressed some interest in contributing. Randy offered to do an article about the international show.

A discussion began about the need for a continuing and pro-active management of social medias and the website for NCO. Randy discussed how the Matthews club pays J&M Benefits \$500/month-\$6,000/year plus the cost of printing and postage for newsletters. Matthews is very pleased with the activity and connectivity with members and interested readers. Mike reported that we have only paid ACBS under \$1,000 for their time and our single newsletter, but everyone admits we need lots more input and connection with members and the public. If the active members of NCO do not provide articles and photos, it may not be worth paying more for services we don't use. J&M digs up material from members and historical records, whereas ACBS prints what we give them. (Note: We have paid a professional reporter to write stories on participants at the Portage Lakes show.)

The Annual Meeting at Windows on the River in Cleveland is set for Sunday Dec. 8 from 12-4pm. Dave is working on a list of award recipients. Gary will contact Jack Lynett for his help with preparing an agenda. Gary will prepare invitations and note that reservations must be paid in advance for this event. Gary, Cliff, and Ray requested a budget of \$300 for preparation of a special presentation that will be done at the annual meeting. That amount was approved.

Next the Cleveland Boat Show (sponsored by LEMTA) and Piston Power Show were discussed. Currently there is no pre-show storage being made available and there are no members offering to display their boats at this time. Cliff had an idea to contact the Hacker and Gar Wood builders in New York to see if they would be interested in having their boats displayed. He understands no mention of those boats being for sale could be displayed at the shows. We discussed that we may have to pay an estimated \$2,000 to have those boats transported to and from the shows. Mike raised the suggestion of paying our own members to display their boats. Gary also brought up that there is no chairman willing to coordinate all the details. Doug offered to talk to the IX facility manager to see if some storage between the shows could be provided. Participation in these shows depends on members offering their boats and currently there is not much interest.

Dave reported that NCO won \$100 at the international scholarship raffle. A motion was made and unanimously approved to donate that \$100 back to the ACBS scholarship fund.

John Vorhies noted that he investigated available dates for the 2020 Portage Lakes Show. To avoid a conflict with the fireworks association having their show on Saturday June 29, and July 4<sup>th</sup> being on a Saturday, we should have our show on Saturday June 22 (one day earlier than we did this year).

A thank you was made to Gary and Deb Kosiba for arranging a very successful rendezvous event at Lake Milton in which 12 boats and over 40 people enjoyed boat rides and many fine dishes.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday Nov. 11. A meeting place will be announced later.

Respectfully submitted, Gil Maringer