

# **Meeting Minutes**

## **Philadelphia Chapter of ACBS**

### **Bi-Monthly Chapter Meeting –May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7PM at The Eddington House, 2813 Hulmeville Road, Bensalem, PA.

**Attendees:** Members Gloria & Joe Gartner, Brian Gagnon, Doug Mehring, Bob Meimbresse, Ed Andrews, Frank Mallin, Carmen DeLeo, George Hulse, Tony Esposito, John and Sewall Hornsey, Ed Ferris, Jack Brooks and potential members Russell and Nancy Jamison and Matt Turner

#### **Officers and Committee Chairs for 2017**

President: Brian Gagnon

Vice-President: Ed Andrews

Treasurer: Joe Gartner

Secretary: Gloria Gartner

Director: Bill Carley

Director: Jack Brooks

Advertising Committee Chair: Chris Brown

Newsletter Editor: Brian Gagnon

Database: Brian Gagnon

Membership/Youth Development/Public Relations/Safety Chair: Jack Brooks

Membership Retention Chair: Ellen Gagnon

Facebook Manager: Gloria Gartner

#### **INDIVIDUAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS (In no particular order)**

##### **President: Brian Gagnon**

Minutes of the meeting dated January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 were presented for discussion. No changes were suggested by the membership. Joe Gartner made a motion to accept the minutes. Doug Mehring seconded the motion. Members unanimously approved the motion.

Brian gave the president's report on membership. Chapter is doing well. Currently there are 78 members with 2 lapses. Ellen Gagnon, membership chair, has been contacting lapsed members to remind them their membership is up for renewal

##### **Vice President: Ed Andrews**

Ed Andrews gave a report of the Atlantic City Boat Show which took place in February, 2017. According to Ed, the show was a great success. Many members volunteered to man the booth. About 50 to 60 people expressed interest in the chapter. An email was sent out to all those interested to come to the meeting tonight. Russ and Nancy Jamison were among them.

The Delaware River Cruise will take place on May 21<sup>st</sup>. 2017. The cruise will begin at Neshaminy Marina and proceed south past the Battleship New Jersey, and then over to Penn's Landing before heading to lunch and return to the Marina. On June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 we will be having our Lake Wallenpaupack cruise. That cruise begins on the south end of the Lake at Ledgewood Marina and will be approximately a 13 mile round trip cruise. The next event will be the Mullica River Cruise on July 8<sup>th</sup> followed by the Stone Harbor Yacht Club Boat Show on August 26<sup>th</sup>. The Cape May Nautical Flea Market takes place on September 23, 2017 and our final event of the season will be the Long Level Marina Boat Show and River Cruise.

Carmen DeLeo produced a copy of the registration form and flyer for the Stone Harbor Yacht Club Boat Show for approval. Everything will be pretty much the same as last year with exception of the lunch this year. We will need to supply lunch bands for members. Carmen's company will be providing lunch for members but visitors to the

show will be charged. A shuttle will be provided from the parking lot to the show as parking is at a premium. We will have more in water boat slips this year. The show ends at 3PM followed by the awards ceremony and dinner will be at 4:30PM. High tide is at 12:38 which works better this year than last. The show will be judged. A discussion took place concerning the awards to be given to participants.

Jack Brooks will be taking charge of the youth judging for the show. In addition, we will try to promote the show together with the Chesapeake and Harvey's Lake Chapter. Once the registration form has been approved it will be posted on the website and Facebook page.

Bob Meimbresse gave a report on the Cape May Nautical Flea Market which will be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.. We will need 3 or 4 trailered boats to display, a membership table and have a flea market. The purpose of the event is to increase membership to the Chapter. Lunch will be at the Lobster House.

**Treasurer: Joe Gartner**

Joe Gartner gave the Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year to date. Total cash in bank is \$8,375.90. The inventory is \$505.58, which includes hats, shirts and plaques. Our total revenue for the fiscal year to date is \$3,031.46 and total expenses were \$3,439.82 leaving a net loss of \$408.36 for the year to date.

**Secretary: Gloria Gartner**

Gloria Gartner gave a report on the Long Level Marina Show. Joe and Gloria met with the new owner, Brandon Kline. He is willing to do everything that Mindy Hickman did to help produce the show. There are about 8 water slips and the same amount of ground spots as last year. The Gartner's will be providing lunch for the show. She also talked about the possibility of incorporating the Turkey Hill Experience Factory Tour as part of the itinerary for the day.

Based on previous requests from the members, Gloria secured a credit card processing mobile device for the purpose of taking to shows. The card is through our PayPal account. She is authorized as Secretary to take payments. In addition, she has an additional device which can be used by another officer of the Chapter.

Brian requested that Gloria make a presentation to members concerning the various programs the chapter can participate in to encourage charitable donations to the chapter such as Amazon Smile Program and the Canvas Photo Program.

**New Business.**

Chris Brown resigned from Advertising Chair due to health issues. Brian thanked him for his service in helping to increase advertising in the Nautical Mile.

With no further business to discuss, Carmen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM, which was seconded by Joe Gartner. The motion passed unanimously.

After the meeting Brian gave a presentation to attendees about the process of judging a boat show so members can be better informed about what is required.