



Punta Gorda Boater Alliance

General Meeting

March 16, 2017

Call to Order: 0900. Officers John Welsh, Chuck Millburg, and Mary Dorey present. 10 memberships and 6 advisors represented.

Minutes from February Meeting were approved.

All members present introduced themselves and told of what their organization is doing that might be of interest to PGBA.

Bylaws Committee Report: Voting members received emails of the Bylaws, changes and The Articles of Incorporation. Changes were made in the Bylaws to comply with the Articles of Incorporation. There is a change in the Election of officers to December as the articles of Incorporation state. It was suggested that we eliminate the November meeting and hold the December election meeting early in December. The changes to the bylaws will be voted on in April. It was suggested we vote by email with proxy. The Articles of Incorporation state the Board of Directors consist of five members, four officers and one Director. We currently have no director and need to elect a director to the Board of Directors to be in compliance with the Articles of Incorporation. John Welsh nominated Jack MacDonald as a Director, there were no nominations from the floor, a motion was made to elect Jack MacDonald to the Board of Directors and seconded by Mike Savino.

Alligator Creek Update: Dean Bloemke related some history of the project and where it is at this time. The contract was signed last year in July and at that time it was related that permitting would take 2 years. Many emails have been received asking what is the status? We are in the waiting for permits phase. This project from a PGBA standpoint has been completed. We are observing and waiting at this point. Expect more around July 2018.

Marina Days: Ron Schbeil has sent out information to area boating clubs regarding activities for Marina Days in June 10, 2017, 10-3pm. Asking all groups to participate by representing their club.

Marine Police: Officer John Kennedy offered to come to your club meeting and speak to your group. Encouraging boating safety to everyone and please encourage your club to boat safely. Please read the At Risk Statues handout and be aware of law changes. There are new rules on bow riders, derelict boats. There are 11 boats on anchor currently. Inform your clubs and groups on required paperwork when selling a boat, make sure the boat gets registered in the new owners name, because if the boat should sink, the person the boat is registered to has to pay \$6,000 to have the boat raised. Estimates for cameras for the canals and streets in PGI are being evaluated and decisions are being made. There are questions on who will pay and who will service the cameras.

Membership Dues: Chuck Millburg gave treasurer report. Our account shows \$2463.26, 17 members paid their membership dues and we have 1 advertiser paid since last month.

Weather Station Update: Ron Jones is scheduling the installation of the weather station. Candy Gulick is requesting photos of the installation to put on the website. Advertising to sponsor the cost of the weather station will begin after the station is installed and operating. Coast Guard Auxillary wants the opportunity to take pictures of the installation for sharing with St. Pete and Miami Coast Guard.

Advertising on the web: We will start advertising on the web as soon as the advertisers pay for the advertising. Kleen All Boats ad has been removed. Fishermans Village has paid and Pier 1

Yacht Brokers wants to advertise on our website. It was suggested that we allow restaurants on the water to advertise on the website. The ad cost is \$200/year.

Legislative Issues: John Welsh informed the membership of 3 proposed bills one dealing with derelict boats and anchoring, another with proposed changes to limiting small boat (less than 10 feet) handling by youth under 16 years of age. This bill has had some exception changes of sailboats. Encouraged clubs to watch and let your voice be heard.

Old Business: None

New Business: John met with the City Planning of Punta Gorda yesterday and Joan Lebeau was told a committee is being formed at the request of the Sheraton Hotel to have more of a living shoreline. This committee is looking at how they can have more of a living shoreline from Laisley Park all the way down to Fishermans Village. As part of that a break wall was discussed. John would like PGBA to be part of that committee. Joan Lebeau asked John to put a proposal together for the break wall at the Punta Gorda Boat Club. John asked Punta Gorda Boat Club to help achieve this. John was told by Joan Lebeau he needs to write a letter to the City Clerk to request a person to work with Boater Alliance, and wants that person to work with us on the plan for the Punta Gorda Waterfront. Need studies engineering, wave action, tides done in order to make plans for waterfront and break wall. These studies may already have been done and PGBA will check with Cathy Miller and Jack MacDonald for known studies and results.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mike Savino and seconded by Richard Northrup. Meeting adjourned at 1010.

Respectfully Submitted by

Mary Dorey