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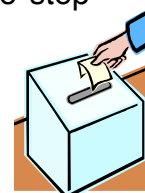
Time to dig out your favorite potluck recipe and mark your calendar for Saturday evening, December 6th. The Gold County Yacht Club invites you to come to our annual Awards presentation and Christmas Party. The club provides ham, turkey, beverages, table service and condiments. There will be more details as we get closer, but please contact Secretary, Tish Buti(273-7819) if you are interested in acting as Chairman for this event or if you would like to sign up for a particular dish and can't make our next meeting. We also have a great Pirate's Exchange during the party so start shopping now! (\$15 limit) We'll have a sign-up sheet at the October meeting. We'll need help with decorating, cooking hams & turkeys, shopping for groceries and the little ones, etc. If you can help out, sign up or call Tish.

If you have received one of our Perpetual Trophies, please bring it to the October or November meeting or get it to one of the Board of Directors so we may have this year's winner engraved in time for our December presentation. Some of these are : Good Guy Trophy, Toilet Seat Award, Chester Ramey Cruising Trophy, Racing – First Place Overall, Commodore's Award Trophy, Catalina Fleet 54 Trophy. If you're not sure, contact one of the Officers.

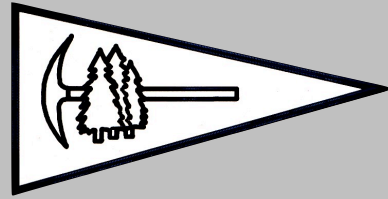


This month's meeting on Wednesday, October 8th, will be at Larry & Lena's Pizza Parlor at the entrance to Alta Sierra. Just come down Highway 49 and turn in to Alta Sierra. Larry & Lena's is located in the group of business buildings on the left at the entrance – just look for the signs. 6 PM to eat, 7 PM to meet. Come early or call your order in ahead of time - Larry & Lena's Pizza 272-1095.

Our nominating committee will present the nominees for the Gold Country Yacht Club's Board of Directors for 2009. Bruce Cutshall, Doug Epperson, Wayne Buti and Hugh Talman have worked hard at finding folks to step up to the challenge of being on the Board. Come and see who might be at the helm for the coming year. We will formally vote on the slate of officers at the November meeting.



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Secretary's Report – Tish Buti

General Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2008

Called to order at the Clubhouse at Scotts Flat Lake at 7:05 PM by Vice Commodore, Gary Dowd.

Officer Reports:

Vice Commodore – Gary Dowd: thanks to all volunteers for their help with the Go For The Gold. We had 52 boats participate and served about 140 dinners. We grossed \$3,300 – our most profitable regatta so far. We made \$1,000 on the raffle alone! Thanks to Jerry Lewis for all of his constant help in getting the Club and Club equipment ready for the Regatta. Thanks also to Lynn for the wonderful 4th of July float. We received a cool Participation ribbon for her efforts.

Secretary – Tish Buti: reported on the several new memberships received. Also reported on the Friendship Club Day activities.

Treasurer – Jean Cutshall: reported bank balance. Currently we have 64 member families – a lot of those are directly a result of our great Junior Sailing Program. We have paid the Property Tax bill for the Clubhouse to the tune of \$238.

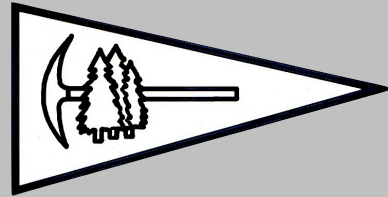
Cruising Chairman – (Captain) Ken Neely: Ken reported on receiving his Captain's license. Congratulations! He did a burgee exchange with the Richmond Yacht Club and presented that burgee to Vice Commodore Dowd. Ken and Janis reported on their British virgin Islands cruise including some tales of scuba diving. Saturday, Aug. 30, will be the next Bay Cruise. The international cruise for 2009 is shaping up to be in April, May or June to the BVI or to Mexico.

Port Captain – David Niedziejko: reported that we really need to deal with the dinghy dock. Anyone who uses it is responsible for helping to keep it afloat. The ramp has now broken off so this has now become a "winter project" to put on the repair list. There hasn't been a whole lot of racing and the barge is getting very close to shore. Might think about removing it from the lake real soon. David also reported that the Sunfish are getting a lot of use – partly due to the new dollies which seem to be working very well.

Racing Chairman – Jerry Lewis: Summer racing has been very poorly attended. Latitude 38 did do an article about the Go for the Gold. Jerry also reported on the Whiskeytown Regatta which was rained out. He also reported on the Huntington Lake Regatta – a lot of gas! There were 84 keel boats – he took 3rd place overall. Congratulations! The next scheduled race days are August 24 and September 6th.

Sailing Education Chairman – Lynn Buchanan: Lynn is all ready receiving inquiries about instructions for adults and juniors. There's been increased use of our equipment due to the great dollies David built. A reminder to all those who use the boats, please make sure you sign the Release of Liability forms

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Secretary's Report – Tish Buti - Continued

EVERYTIME you use them. We don't charge for members to use the boats so please make sure you do this to protect the Club. Lynn is willing to take anyone out for a tour with a Sunfish. Just give her a call (470-0511). David Niedziejko also offered to help folks out.

Old Business: nothing.

New Business: nothing

Announcements:

Beer Can/Wine Bottle Races: Wayne reported on the Beer Can/Wine Bottle Races – we've been treated to a delightful rum concoction which has been a trademark of these races. They really have been a lot of fun. The next one is scheduled for August 21st. They are reverse pursuit races to Cascade Shores usually. 8 legs on a boat required.

List of Boats for sale: O'Day 19, Ericson 26 (Ken Neely), Catalina 22(Lynn Buchanan).

Cruise to Stockton Sailing Club over Labor Day Weekend: Lynn Buchanan is hosting. Current schedule looks like Saturday night dinner out, Sunday night at anchor, Monday head home. Contact Lynn for more details (470-0511).

Farewell to Dave & Speranza: Dave Bloch and Speranza are pulling up stakes and moving to Alameda but will keep their GCYC membership. A huge "thanks" to Dave for all of his work on our updated bylaws. We wish them well.

Meeting was adjourned 8:10 PM.

Gold Country Yacht Club, Board of Directors Meeting August 26, 2008

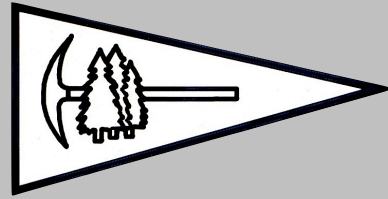
Called to Order: Cutshall home at 7:00 P.M. by Commodore, Pierre Chatelain.

Present: Pierre Chatelain, David Niedziejko, Tish Buti, , Jean Cutshall, Scott Muir, Ken Neely, Gary Dowd.

Absent: Jerry Lewis, Lynn Buchanan, Beth Buti.

Officer Reports:

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Secretary's Report – Tish Buti - Continued

Commodore, Pierre Chatelain: due to new time constraints of his job, Pierre will not be able to continue past the end of this year as our Commodore. 2 major projects before the end of the year: Christmas/ Annual Awards party (including annual awards) and the election of next year's board.

We also had a discussion of how to get more people involved: colored brochures to give to members to share and make sure they are at both Chamber of Commerce offices. It was also requested that a list of awards be sent to the Vice Commodore to make sure all perpetual trophies are accounted for and the individual awards ordered. Tish is to send job descriptions she might have on file to the officers.

Secretary-Tish Buti: board has received correspondence regarding the nomination of the Lynn & Dale Buchanan and Susan and Jerry Lewis to be awarded the status of "Plank members". Upon approval of the Board, it must be presented to the membership as a whole. Motion by Gary Dowd, 2nd by David Niedziejko, passed unanimously. Pierre will present at the next general meeting.

Member Susan Murphy has invited the candidates running for positions on the NID board to attend the next general meeting to visit with members of the Yacht Club at the Clubhouse.

Treasurer- Jean Cutshall: Jean reported bank balance with recent expenditures including expenses for the 4th of July Parade, paid property taxes and awards for the Go For the Gold.

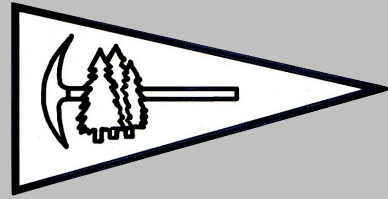
Port Captain - David Niedziejko: has been a busy guy. The Dinghy Dock is high and dry. He needs to fix rudders on the Sunfish, will be pulling the barge ASAP. Reported that the new dollies used for launching the Sunfish have been working great. Good to see folks using the little boats. Suggested having a "Purser" to keep supplies such as paper plates, charcoal, a bit of seasonings, etc. in the shed for the summer months for use of the members at the Club functions. We'll see if we can get a volunteer (someone with a Costco card). We do have a few things that are leftovers from the Club's events and a great supply of BBQ tools from assorted sources. But, member need to be reminded to clean the tools after using them.

Vice Commodore – Gary Dowd: all board members commended him on a great regatta. He wanted to make sure a letter has gone out to all participants thanking them. He also nominated Jerry and Susan Lewis for "Plank Member" status.

Gary also recommended that we require participation from our members to ease the burden on others. A minimum of 5 hours or a monetary assessment of \$40 per member family was discussed. It will be discussed more at future board meetings.

Cruising Chairman – Ken Neely: will host cruise on the Bay on Saturday, Aug. 30, but will not be available for September. He is planning on Bay cruises for October, November and December. Has had a

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Secretary's Report – Tish Buti - Continued

lot of interest for an International cruise for 2009. It will probably be in La Paz, Mexico in April, May or June. Final sign ups will be in November. Lynn was scheduled to host a Stockton cruise for Labor Day Weekend.

Newsletter Editor-Scott Muir: would like to have articles turned by September 1st. We have very few hard copies that we mail out these days. Big savings there!

Adjourned: 8:30 PM

GCYC Monthly Meeting 9/10/08 - minutes taken by Janis Johnson for Secretary Tish Buti

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM at the Clubhouse.

Membership/ Publicity: Beth not here; no new members present

Newsletter: we did have a newsletter go out – lots of news! We still have some who receive the newsletter by snail mail.

Port Captain's Report: Thanks to barge-boat-moving party; race didn't happen due to lack of participation. Dinghy dock is dry; needs to be redesigned (fall/winter project that David is considering)

Cruise Chairman's Report: Great day on the Bay 8/30. He's busy planning the international cruise La Paz in March, April or May 2009; will present more details in Nov. Ken recently got his Captain's license.

New Business:

Christmas / Annual Awards Party will be December 6th, at the Nevada County Board of Realtors Building.

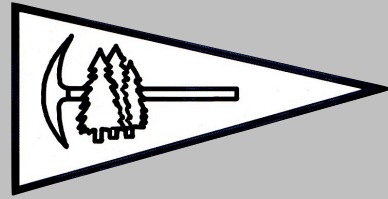
Ken reported Tish will bring to-do list for the party to the next meeting.

This is a reminder to bring perpetual trophies to THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING or get them to one of the officers.

Meetings for remainder of year will be at Larry & Lena's Pizza at the entrance to Alta Sierra. More details in the newsletter.

Melinda Day is adding their "the Adventures of Daydreams" journal of their cruising in Mexico to our library.

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Secretary's Report – Tish Buti - Continued

Ken & Janis are selling their 26-ft Ericson. See them if you're interested.

Nominations for Board for 2009: Past Commodore, Bruce Cutshall, to head nominating committee for 2009 Board of Directors. Other committee members, all past commodores, Doug Epperson, Wayne Buti, Hugh Talman.

Old business: none.

Special Guests:

NID Candidates

Nick Wilcox (div 5-west county, [Englebright not included in district])

-(from sailing New Bedford Quaker heritage)

-career at SWRCB in Bay Delta studies/regulation

-water issues important, especially with global warming and growing pressures

3 main issues

1. Long range planning

2. NID's involvement w/ hydroelectric (6 plants), FERC (new contracts in 2013); must re-evaluate instream flows for future use

3. Raw water master planning: esp. w/ global warming and greater future demand

Michael Strait [spelling?] (Div 3 So. County into Placer Co)

-local RE broker (VIP Properties); serves on Board of Realtors

-South County doesn't have access to NID; but they pay for it on their taxes

-started organizing group (150 constituents) to get NID access (8 yrs as President of local group); and negotiated with NID to complete project; was frustrated with Board's representation

-would like to see Needs Analysis and work with Grass Valley & Nevada City to see where people need water within our County and to work with finite resources and demand

Both candidates recommend consolidating concerns in a letter to:

Ron Nelson (General Manager)

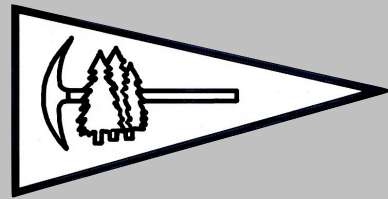
Cc: all 5 directors

-directors direct staff to make changes

Both support Save our Historic Canals, but realize that there are property rights issues.

The Lincoln project would result in essentially no difference to NID output; it would just convert output from agricultural use to residential use.

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Membership Report – Beth Buti

This past month we had one new family join our club!!!
Please Welcome:
Terry and Guy Davis

Another big welcome to all of our new members over the past few months. It was a busy summer, and I didn't get a chance to meet everyone as I have missed a few meetings recently. We look forward to seeing all of you at this month's meeting at Larry and Lena's Pizza. Please don't hesitate to call or e-mail if you have any questions about our club.

Beth Buti

Newsletter Editor - Scott Muir

The summer is winding down - though there's still lots of great sailing to be done. I unfortunately haven't made it to the lake in a while, but I have been sailing on the bay.

I've had some new adventures crewing on a 43' cruising catamaran. I know that Ken and others have been on big cats before, but if you haven't had the chance to try it, well, it's different. One day we sailed in the Berkeley Yacht Club "beer can race" with a crew of experienced monohull racers on board. They were all rather shocked when we set off from the dock with cups, bottles, and a glass bowl of fruit sitting on the saloon table. Everything stayed in place even though we managed to sail to first place in our division and hit over 14 knots on the reaching leg. With 26' of beam there's lots of room and not much heeling.

Sailing has many different experiences to offer - from dinghies to cruisers there are lots of ways to have fun playing with wind and water.

Good sailing and fair winds to all.

Upcoming Events

October

- 8 - General Meeting-Larry & Lena's Pizza Parlor
- 25 - Cruise on SF Bay - \$50@
- 28- GCYC Board of Directors Meeting

November

- 9 - Lake Washington Sailing Club Turkey Shoot Regatta
- 12 - General Meeting-Larry & Lena's Pizza Parlor
- 18- GCYC Board of Directors Meeting
- 29 - Cruise on SF Bay - \$50@

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