

Minutes of Muscle Shoals Sailing Club Board Meeting  
July 9, 2008

Attending: Steve Blazier, John Glasscock, Horace Holland, Willson Jenkins, Russ Kerl, Rick McAdams, Liz Stagg, Bob Stagg, (member of the Finance Committee)

Commodore Willson Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the law firm of Jester and Jenkins.

Secretary/Membership Status

The minutes were approved. Clarification of Class B membership was discussed. Two of the new member applicants qualify for this membership category: Peebles and the Taylors. Class B members have no vote and are not eligible for Sailing Seminar discounts. Class B members are not entitled to a boat slip. The club membership application should be revised to show the year Class B member applicants will reach 30 years of age, and therefore will no longer be eligible for this category.

Members Adcock and Ferry should be contacted one more time, and then removed from the roster if they fail to pay dues. If dues are not paid immediately, their membership will be terminated per the bylaws for failure to pay dues within 90 days of the due date. The secretary should send a certified letter to this effect. [Unofficial note: I called and left messages several weeks ago. I never heard anything back. I will send the certified letter when we return.]

New Clubhouse

Building Committee Appointment: Commodore Jenkins recommended that the building committee consist of only five members, so they can be “nimble and quick” in making decisions. Rick McAdams moved that the committee consist of five members, counting the commodore as an ex-officio member. The motion was seconded and passed. Jenkins nominated the following members to the committee:

- Horace Holland, Superintendent/Owner’s Representative
- Bob Stagg, Finance
- Joel Verplank, General
- Ken Renfro, General
- Willson Jenkins, Liaison between the Board and the Committee

Steve Blazier moved that the board accept these nominees. The motion was seconded and it passed. Willson charged the committee with “Getting the job done, and getting it done right.” That is, the new building should “look good, be within the budget, and have substantially the same design that has been presented to members.”

Building Contract: After discussion, it was agreed that the construction bid should be competitive as opposed to a negotiated sole source contract. We will ask architect Rich Lyles to draw up detailed plans so the bid can be distributed to at least two contractors.

### Membership/Publicity

We need to consider having a Membership/Publicity Chair and committee so that we are ready for a serious membership campaign by the March/April timeframe. Liz Stagg will write an article in the *Lifted Tack* soliciting volunteers.

### Treasurer

In Treasurer Tom Comer's absence, Willson Jenkins brought up issues proposed by Tom regarding the role of treasurer. Bylaws need to be clarified regarding membership dues payment, and members must be more diligent in paying on time. Membership is supposed to be annual, but some members who pay quarterly perceive otherwise. Also collecting late dues on a quarterly basis creates an undue burden on the treasurer. More discussion is needed. It was suggested that annual dues bills be sent out earlier, with a due date of February 1. It was also suggested that we use Quick Books software for bookkeeping and for billing. Bob Stagg suggested that the role of the Finance Committee be expanded to include an audit function.

### Dockmaster

Horace Holland reported that several members have brought boats to the club. There is one slip available on C Dock and 2 available on A dock (narrow). Rick McAdams (Land Commodore) asked that he be notified when boats were brought to the club.

### *Lifted Tack*

John Glasscock will get out the current issue as soon as possible. He gave a deadline of August 20 for the next *Lifted Tack*, which will include notice of race for the Vice Commodore's Regatta. It was suggested that the party have an SEC theme.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15. The next meeting will be August 6.

Submitted by Liz Stagg, Secretary