

Minutes of Muscle Shoals Sailing Club Teleconference re Parking Area
May 6, 2008

On May 6, 2008, all but two board members participated in a teleconference arranged and hosted by Commodore Willson Jenkins. Horace Holland was unable to attend because he was using a bobcat tractor to distribute excess dirt on the upper area of the newly graded parking area. The purpose of this called meeting was to discuss options for finishing the newly cleared space, which is currently subject to muddy conditions after rain.

Prior to the meeting, board members received photographs of the current cleared area, along with a diagram showing a proposed plan for finishing this surface. This plan had been prepared by Land Vice-Commodore Rick McAdams and Horace Holland. The plan included a graveled access road, which surrounded two grass plots to be used for parking boats. In this concept, all boats/trailers could be pulled though their designated space without having to back in. This became known as Plan A. Rick had obtained a quote for gravel (\$7,000) plus the cost of seed (estimated at \$200).

Discussion ensued about pros and cons of grass vs. gravel and the need to maintain an attractive grounds appearance. The disadvantages of parking boats on grass included the possibility of fire ants while members work on their boat and additional lawn maintenance difficulties. Plan B was proposed in which the cleared space would be divided into two areas without an access road: one new area would be graveled and the other sown with grass seed. This option would likely be a temporary measure until membership size required additional parking. The consensus was that no matter which option was selected, we should pay off the harbor loan as a priority.

A vote was taken on Plan A vs. Plan B. Plan B passed by a margin of 6 to 2. A committee consisting of Rick, Horace, and John Glasscock will have a budget of \$8,000 to complete the project.

Submitted by Liz Stagg, Secretary