

Mieco Beach Yacht Club

Annual General Meeting at MIR, February 29, 2016

New Committee: *Commodore* **Becky Lathrop**, *Vice Commodore* **Cary Evarts**, *Secretary* **Pamela Perkins**, *Treasurer* **Allen Gale**, *Publicity Director* **Karen Earnshaw**, *Membership Director* **Bonny Taggart**, *Quartermaster* **Judy Moore**, *Race Director* **Will Lathrop**, *Events Director* **Janet Nixon**, *Prize Director* **David Mason**, *Membership Director Understudy* **Mary Connelly-Gale**.

There were 20 members present, and MBYC products were available for sale.

1. The Annual General Meeting was attended by 20 members. Commodore Clementine Ellasos called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm. At 6:23, it was established that there was a quorum and that voting could begin. The minutes from the previous meeting, February 27, 2016, were available to all present, and Karen Earnshaw moved that they be approved, seconded by Cary Evarts. Commodore Clementine Ellasos called for a vote. The minutes of February 27 were approved unanimously.
2. Reports
 - A. Outgoing Commodore Clementine Ellasos spoke briefly about how much she had enjoyed being a member, secretary, and then commodore of the MBYC. She recalled the fun of the races, quiz nights, and various MBYC gatherings. She remarked regarding the improvements of the MBYC moorings and agreements with RMI Ports Authority to notify and require compliance of the no wake zone at 100 meters when approaching the Uliga Dock.
 - B. Allen Gale reported that the current financial status of the MBYC was solidly in the black with a balance of \$2704, with two bills each of \$200 to be paid
 - Cary Evarts suggested that perhaps people who are leaving might choose to pay their membership fees one to five years in advance in order to be card-carrying yacht club members wherever they go. He reported that his MBYC membership has been highly beneficial when traveling as many other yacht clubs honor the MBYC membership and offer the use of their facilities as well as their friendship.
 - C. Vice Commodore Cary Evarts reported that because the play, *The King & I*, will be presented next week, Bonny Taggart was not available that evening but that she will make a complete report at the next Committee meeting. Bonny has offered to stay on as Membership Chairperson until she leaves Majuro in June 2016.
 - Outgoing Commodore Clementine Ellasos reported that there are currently 63 active members.

- D. Vice Commodore Cary Evarts reported briefly that there have been no races this year as there had been an insufficient number of boats during the usual racing season: December through April. Usually there are 5 races per season, and boats are offered handicaps in order to make racing competitive. He offered to help the incoming Race Director and shared some comments about how much fun the racing provides.

Former Commodore Pete Allen concurred that the sailboat races are the core of the yacht club, the best part, the most fun.

- E. There was no Quartermaster report because we do not currently have a Quartermaster, but Karen Earnshaw offered to help with the MBYC products which are usually produced locally.

F. No Event director report

G. No Prize Director report

3. Election of all officers RESULTS

Commodore: Becky Lathrop

Vice Commodore: Cary Evarts

Secretary: Pamela Perkins

Treasurer: Allen Gale

Publicity Director: Karen Earnshaw

Membership Director: Bonny Taggart until June 2016

Understudy Membership Director: Mary Connelly-Gale to take over in June 2016

Race Director: Will Lathrop

Quartermaster: Judy Moore

Events Director: Janet Nixon

Prize Director: David Mason

4. New Business:

A. Future events

- Swap Meet – only 3 boats have agreed to participate, and it requires 4 boats to held a swap meet. The morning news will invite all yachties to participate in a swap meet on Saturday, April 9. If one more boat agrees to participate, then the swap meet will be held.
- Picnic Rally to Enemanot, Sunday, May 8. MBYC will cover the \$25 entry fee.
- Reef walk from Enemanot to Shoreline, approximately 4 ½ miles – date to be determined based on low tide
- Beer Can Race date to be determined

B. Karen Earnshaw requested approximately \$75, not more than \$100, in order to make the MBYC website responsive: to allow access on you cell or iphone. Approved.

5. Announcements

A. Ashley Wright offered the services of the Assumption music program, band and specialty music groups, for events in order to provide opportunities for her students to perform, now through June 2016.

B. Fire Sale of MBYC clothing products – prices slashed dramatically

- Extra large sizes including 2X and 3X need to go
- Items that are somewhat dated

C. Mark Stege, Executive Council member for Maloelap Atoll Local Government, came to gather information as to the reasoning behind a seemingly lengthy period of time (2 months) listed on some lagoon entry permit applications. Some reasons were raised along with a broader range of issues surrounding lagoon entry permits to the outer islands, with a lively discussion in which nearly everyone participated. A meeting will be set up between the MBYC Committee members and Mark Stege to discuss these matters more fully. Mark asked that the Marshall Islands Visitors Authority and Ministry of Internal Affairs be invited to the meeting.

6. Adjournment

Moved by Cary Evarts

Seconded by Clementine Ellasos

Unanimous - 7:30 pm

Following the meeting, delicious snacks were enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Perkins