**Pacific Northwest Station of**

**The Cruising Club of America**

**Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting and Monthly Meeting of November 9, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Rear Commodore Rick Meslang. The ongoing pandemic necessitated another virtual meeting. The formal agenda had been preceded by an informal gathering and Zoom conferencing practice led by Susan Stillman.

**In Attendance**: RC Meslang, Doug Cole, Roddy Hearne, Rod and Jill Hearne, Roddy Hearne, Peter and new member Ginger Niemann, Mike O’Byrne, John Robinson, Ernie Godshalk (BOS/BUZ), Peter Brown and Janet McKinnon, Elaine Cashar, Peter Powell, David Utley, John Kennell, new member Kent Powley, Don and Sharry Stabbert, Douglas and Susan Adkins, Brian and MaryAlice O’Neill, Susan and Charlie Stillman, Tom White, Joe Golberg, Jim and Susan Corenman, Frank Bohlen(ESS), Bill Cuffel, Elaine Cashar, Chuck and Peggy Stewart, Rusty and Haley Lhamon, Joyce and Tad Lhamon, Howard and Stephanie Conant, Phil Swigard, Ed and Sharon Sweo, , Dan Schwartz, Chris and Shawn Otorowski, Roy and Margie Solstig, Dan and Linda Newman, Paul Baker, Phil Swigard, John Pedlow, Gerry and Barbara Mauer, Gil Middleton, new member Anne Candy Masters and guest Dr. Jacques White.

RC Meslang announced that this month’s meeting would serve as our Annual Meeting and called it to order. There being no elections scheduled, the only order of business was a resolution proposing, given the lack of expenditures by the station during the course of the past year due to the pandemic and given the sound financial state of the Station, that Station dues for the year 2121 be waived and reinstituted in the following year. After some discussion, the resolution was approved. The Secretary/Treasurer’s report followed immediately with an affirmation of the Station’s financially sound condition. The Rear Commodore and others then made special mention of Susan Stillman’s extraordinary efforts in arranging the Fall National Meeting, avoiding financial losses created by the cancelling of venues and overseeing the technical management of a challenging and very successful event. Susan thanked her team and made special mention of Michael Moradzadeh(SAF) for his expert technical direction. There being no additional business, the Annual Business Meeting was adjourned.

**Monthly Committee Reports** were asked for and given as follows:

**Membership**: R C Meslang introduced Vice Commodore Otorowski who, in turn with membership chairman David Utley, introduced the new members elected at the Fall Meeting. Kent Powley, Ginger Niemann and Candy Masters all reported in from distant locations and gave informative reports about their sailing experience and offered appreciation to their sponsors. Bruce Johnston was unable to join but a short video of him was played. They all bring to the Station wonderful resumes of sailing and adventure.

**Safety at Sea:** Mark Roye provided the attached memorandum on the sensible management of that important navigational tool AIS.

**Historian’s Report**; Station Historian John Kennell gave a rousing report citing tomorrow’s birthday of the United States Marine Corp, founded on November 10, 1775. ( *….If he had not done so, there would have been hell to pay at the hands of one Brian O’Neill, USMC Ret.*) John also reported on the anniversary tomorrow of the tragic loss of the SS Edmund Fitzgerald in 1975 and the resultant impacts on safety measures in ship management.

**Cruise R**eport: Cruise Chairman John Pedlow recounted the great fun of the Fall Non-Cruise Cruise and stated that the uncertainty of the year to come included only the hope of a similar gathering during the week following Mother’s Day. More will be announced as events unfold but an opening of the Canadian Border is still unclear and certainly unlikely in the first quarter.

**Speakers Committee**: Chairman Peter Brown gave a summary of up-coming scheduled speakers. Robert d’Arcy, Captain of the B.B. Crowninshield schooner *Martha,* will be our speaker at our virtual Annual Dinner Meeting on November 22nd to begin at 5:00. December’s meeting will feature a discussion by Richard McCurdy of the Puget Sound Pilots. In January our own Joe Golberg will narrate an account of his skippering of the famous Philip Rhodes 12M *Weatherly* in a blustery Southern Straits Race some years back, complete with film footage. In February Phil Swigard has been convinced to recount his duty aboard Destroyer 846 during the Vietnam conflict and comment on the authenticity of the newly released Tom Hanks film “Greyhound”. Peter urged members to develop and present ideas for additional speakers to fill out our calendar for the coming year.

**Next Watch Committee**: Committee Chairman and CCA Governor Roddy Hearne urged us all to be watchful for new member candidates in our cruising, with particular attention to younger sailors.

**Bonnell Cove Foundation**: Board Member Joyce Lhamon reported that four proposals were being approved for grants, those four being the only applications submitted. They include support for a reef protection initiative in Hawaii, an infrastructure support grant for Sail Maine, a sailing leadership project in conjunction with the Storm TrySail Club and a grant to a New York City youth sailing program. She urged all of us to be on the lookout for worthy sailing and environmental initiatives to support and further stressed the importance of members filling out the seven item questionnaire on Bonnell Cove emailed to members and posted on the CCA website. Perhaps you might be interested to directing your cancelled station dues toward Bonnell Cove Foundation.

**Featured Speaker:** Peter Brown introduced Charlie Stillman, Chairman of the Environment of the Sea Committee who, in turn, introduced Dr. Jacques White, scientist, oceanographer and Executive Director of Long Live the Kings.

Long Live the Kings is devoted to the recovery of wild salmon and steelhead in the Salish Sea. While not an advocacy group as such, LLTK is focused on scientific research, collaboration and the involvement of private, public and tribal communities who can commit resources and advance policies which will enhance the health of chinook and coho salmon runs which can, in turn, sustain Orca populations. His discussion of survival rate declines, efforts to address population loss at Hood Canal and other areas and initiatives in the industrialized areas of Harbor Island were fascinating and encouraging.

Following questions and an invitation to join the Annual Dinner remotely, R C Meslang adjourned the monthly meeting at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Adkins

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