



**Minutes
Cruising Club of America
Governing Board Meeting
Via Zoom
Wednesday, April 13, 2022 1600 hours (EDT)**

1. Commodore Otorowski called the meeting to order, welcomed attendees and noted that he plans to convene 4 meetings of the Governing Board per year, tentatively set for: Wednesday, June 8; Wednesday, September 7; and Wednesday, December 7. He noted that additional special meetings may be called upon occasion in part because the CCA cannot pass resolutions by email unless there is 100% participation and a unanimous vote. He thanked Past Commodore Medland for his leadership of the Club and noted that the CCA is in good shape largely because of his efforts.
2. 30 people were in attendance, constituting a quorum, including Commodore Chris Otorowski, Vice Commodore Jay Gowell, Secretary Molly Barnes, Treasurer Kathleen O'Donnell, Historian Doug Adkins, Membership Chair Ernie Godshalk; the following Rear Commodores: Carter Bacon, Rob Beebe, Les Crane, Ernest Hamilton, Pat Montgomery, Mark Myers, Dennis Powers, David Tunick, and David Utley; the following Elected Governors: Amanda Balasubramanian, Rowena Carlson, Dennis Durgan, Jeff Gonsalves, Ami Green, Ian Gumprecht, Roddy Hearne, Hans Himmelman, and Chris Terajewicz: Invited guests in attendance were: Post Captain Peter Driscoll, Events Chair Anne Kolker, Past Commodore Bob Medland, Webmaster Michael Moradzadeh, Gulf of Maine Secretary Charles Tarbell, Fleet Captain Paul Hamilton and Fleet Surgeon Jeff Wisch,
3. Ernie Godshalk was called upon to present the memo on "Seafarer Status." Upon motion duly made, and seconded, the Board unanimously passed the Seafarer Resolution as presented in the April 10, 2022 memo to the board. Pat Montgomery raised the issue of possible dues relief for very elderly (90+ years old) or 50+ year members. Ernie Godshalk remarked that this issue had been previously discussed with Commodore Medland and given the ages of our club members, that would not be realistic. He also noted that if someone has circumstances surrounding his or her ability to pay, that member might be a candidate for the Seafarer program. Commodore Otorowski noted that a memo will be sent to each Rear Commodore with a list of those members who have already been granted Seafarer status in their respective station.
4. Commodore Otorowski extended special thanks to Nick Kennedy, Past Commodore Bob Medland, and Boston RC Carter Bacon for their work on dues delinquencies. He noted that 17% of the membership have not paid their dues, resulting in just over \$62,000 owed to the club. Upon motion duly made, and seconded, the board engaged in discussion. Ultimately, the resolution passed as written with one revision to the recommended plan. In point 2, the basic reminder to pay dues will be publicized in *Waypoints* in January and February only. The Board asked Kathleen O'Donnell and the Financial Affairs Committee to look into the possibility of instituting late fees for late payment of dues.
5. Treasurer Kathleen O'Donnell gave a brief summary of the budgeting process. She noted that Chace Anderson, Chair of the Financial Affairs Committee, will be sending a letter on May 1st to all

committee chairs, asking for their proposed budget for the year. Kathleen also noted that they are aiming to have a proposed budget in January for approval in March and that the Financial Affairs Committee is looking into changing the fiscal year so that it starts on January 1 (2024) instead of November 1. Finally, she noted that Chace has sent a request to the stations and posts to submit a list of their best practices so that he can compile the list, standardize it, and share it back to the stations and posts.

6. Treasurer Kathleen O'Donnell presented the need to appoint an Assistant Treasurer for Cruises. This would streamline the process for the Treasurer by reducing the number of people who need to be trained as Cruise Treasurer each year and it would be a potentially valuable stepping stone into the club Treasurer position. A more formal proposal will be brought before the Board at a future date.

7. Vice Commodore Jay Gowell explained that the Vice Commodore will no longer be the Chair of the Communications Committee. He announced that former Rear Commodore of the Boston Station, James Phyfe, has accepted the position. A notice will be sent out to the Communications Committee in the next couple of days.

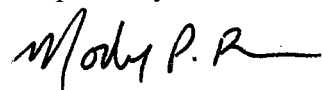
8. Commodore Otorowski gave an update on the planning for the 100th celebration in September, noting that the hotel is full with 133 rooms, there are 68 boats requesting moorage- resulting in approximately 350 people in attendance. He noted many excellent events planned for the week.

9. Commodore Otorowski introduced the COVID policy discussion by noting the two memos, one from the COVID Task Force noting that they are happy with the existing policy and one from the Commodore raising some questions. Specifically, he was looking for some direction from the board on 4 questions in his memo that can be summarized as whether the CCA should abandon the vaccination requirement for events or require hosts of CCA events to actively verify vaccination status. He called upon Vice Commodore Jay Gowell to explain the concerns about the existing policy and then on Fleet Surgeon Jeff Wisch to share the findings and recommendation of the COVID Task Force.

There was much discussion that concluded with the Commodore summarizing first that there is broad support of the Covid Task Force's recommendations with some differing opinions on whether the Rear Commodores should be required to affirmatively check vaccination status. He conducted a simple poll of attendees with 17 in favor of enforcement being part of the CCA Covid Policy and 4 opposed. There was a more even split, 11 in favor and 10 opposed to an advisory that gives discretion. Specifically: It is advised that the hosts verify vaccination status at CCA events but the methodology upon which they rely is totally up to the Rear Commodore or Post Captain. Commodore Otorowski concluded the discussion by noting that the COVID Task Force should discuss this further now that we have heard input from the Governing Board.

10. Commodore Otorowski asked if there was any new business to bring before the board. Past Commodore Medland noted the arrival by post and showed the beautiful hull that he had been given in recognition for his excellent service as Commodore. There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 1815 hours.

Respectfully submitted,



Molly P. Barnes
Secretary

