

ACBS Mid-Atlantic Chapter Meeting

Date: 01-12-2021

Time: 700pm

Location - Virtual via ZOOM due to COVID

Call to Order - Chapter Pres. Ed Andrews called the meeting to order, with approx. 21 members in attendance via ZOOM.

Pledge of Allegiance - was omitted due to the ZOOM meetings format.

Secretaries' Report - was also omitted as none was available.

Treasurer's Report - Joe Gartner presented an overview of the chapter's **financials**. Brian Gagnon asked for an update on the status of the chapter's selection of an investment manager, and expressed concern about how long it was taking to put this program in place. Jack Brooks explained how the chapter's guidelines are being followed, and also provided perspective on how our investment firm options are limited due to the modest size of our account. A meeting with the prospective investment manager is scheduled for January 25th, in hopes the chapter will have a qualified investment program in place in February 2021.

Jack Brooks presented the **Endowment Committee Report**, stating the goals include promoting membership, and working with youth, including the Seas Scouts programs.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Steve Ingram, seconded by Dave Bernard, and unanimously accepted.

President's Report - Ed Andrews presented the election results, which were unanimously approved by those who voted. Requests were made for a list of Board members be sent to all members, and also to have that list published in the *Nautical Mile*. Ed also stated the year-end report was being prepared and will be sent to ACBS National.

Vice President's Report - Jack Brooks provided an update of the **Sea Scout** program, including an update on their project boat and new members. Jack introduced "Skipper Bill" Murry, who made a comprehensive presentation and slide show of the goings on in their Sea Scout Ship. Skipper Bill made a point of acknowledging and showcasing the results of the chapter's contribution to their 40' Coast Guard boat project. Bill presented an itemized list of costs for 2021, stating he anticipates a mid-year launch in order to join the chapter on the water in upcoming events as well as other activities. Brian Gagnon, acting on his own behalf, requested a formal proposal from the Sea Scouts for the additional funding. Ed Andrews steered the presentation back to the limits of tonight's agenda. Jack stated other collaborative options will be explored regarding funding through the Endowment Program.

2021 Activities were present by Carmen DeLeo. He shared a spreadsheet of the "wish list", featuring a variety of locations and venues. Carmen stated the list is subject to change due the ever-changing COVID situation. Special emphasis was placed on the upcoming Judging Symposium on February 16th. It was noted the Atlantic City Boat Show was postponed until April 7-11, 2021.

Membership Report - Ellen Gagnon reported there are 89 members in the chapter, noting this number may not be exact due to issues and delays with the postal service. She also noted the number of members has been stable over the past few years.

Nautical Mile - no report. RE **Advertising** - George Hulse requested all members provide him leads for potential advertisers, and outlined the benefits of advertising to a highly-qualified group.

Old Business

Web Site - a liaison is needed to interact between the chapter and ACBS National

Social Media - a volunteer is needed to manage the chapter's social media

Name Tags - Brian confirmed name tags have been distributed and requested he be contacted about any changes or omissions.

Apparel/Ships Store - Meg provided an overview of products and prices in anticipation of things "opening up" in 2021. There was discussion about providing items exclusively to members vs. selling the public. Ed Andrews requested a proposal be submitted to the Board for review.

New Business

The **Judging Symposium** will be held February 16th, 2021, conducted virtually by Terry Feist, ACBS Head Judge, and Brian Gagnon. All who are interested in judging, or need a refresher, are encouraged to attend.

The possibility of additional symposiums was discussed, especially with regard to addressing the technical needs to get boats ready for the season after spending the winter in storage.

RE the **AC Boat Show** - Ed stated the need for exhibit boats for the show. Joyce suggested contacting Forsberg's Boatyard about display boats and possible promotion.

Next Meeting will be March 9th, 2021 at 700pm. The meeting will be on ZOOM and, possibly in a hybrid format from the Eddington House.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Joe Gartner, seconded by Carmen DeLeo, and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Wilson Black, Chapter Secretary.