

Mid-Atlantic Chapter of ACBS, Inc. meeting minutes for 3/8/22

President Ed Andrews called the Zoom meeting to order at 7 pm. On the call were the following members: Wilson Black, Joe Gartner, Steve Ingraham, John Hornsey, Doug Mehring, Joyce Turner, Bill Murphey, George Hulse, Mike Songer (new member, welcome), Chris Brown, Dave Bernard, Brian Gagnon and Jim Kenney

President's Report (along with Sea Scouts report): Ed Andrews noted that the missing meeting minutes from the September meeting have apparently been permanently lost. Ed will try to reconstruct from memory in the near future. If this cannot be done, Steve Ingraham is requested to note "minutes unavailable" in the minutes section of the website.

Ed reported good success with the Atlantic City boat show. He noted there were 4-5 members or volunteers present during all of the required time slots. The Chapter produced "Come Aboard" flyer was well received with about 300 of the 1000 printed distributed. He also noted there was some money spent for banners and electricity (reimbursement to be sought) and that the Chapter had been invited back for next year. Bill Murphey, reporting on behalf of the Sea Scouts reported showing both a sneakbox and a duckboat and that about \$700 was raised at the show to support the Scouts program. He further noted he is looking to raise about \$20,000 to get the "40" boat back together and is looking for major contributors. He is also asking the Chapter for approximately \$5200 that he feel has been committed in one lump sum. The requested letter was not distributed in time for the Board to study the request so that request was tabled for tonight and will be discussed when most of the Board members are in Florida for the Sunnyland show, It was noted the invoices for the fuel lines were not included with the letter.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Gartner reported there was \$19,523 in the savings account, \$237,212 in the investment account and \$15,860 in the operating account. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as p[resented].

Activities report: In Carmen's absence, Ed Andrews presented. There was not much change in the calendar except the very good news that the town of Bristol, PA is going to welcome the Chapter to put on a concours show on July 9th. Details are being worked on behind the scenes. Joe Gartner offered to help in whatever way was needed. Other dates/events noted were Lake Wallenpaupack 5/22, Chesapeake Bay show in June, Hopatcong the week later, etc. Steve Ingraham has the schedule to date on the website.

Joyce Turner reported that work on the Pt. Pleasant event, now dubbed a "festival" is underway, and that she is going to target specific boats to attend to try and increase interest.

Membership: Brian Gagnon reported it has now nearly stabilized and that we are welcoming two new members since the last meeting. Concern was expressed about the non renewal of the Allen's (health?) and two others. The email renewal campaign seems to have worked quite well.

Nautical Mile: The latest issue, featuring last years Pt. Pleasant show, has been mailed from Florida on 3/7. George Hulse was successful in getting Tony Esposito to renew as an advertiser and is trying to get Planks and Power to increase their ad size as well as soliciting Salem Yacht Club, among others.

Website: Steve Ingraham reported no issues and he was thanked for his efforts to keep it new and interesting.

Social Media: Gloria Gartner was not on the call but all appears up to date. Thanks to her for the efforts expended.

Old Business: Ed Andrews suggested we have apparel to sell at the Bristol judged show. Most seemed in agreement but the subject was tabled for tonight to be brought up again at the next meeting.

New Business: Bill Murphey suggested that if there are any extra copies of the Nautical Mile (there are), they be distributed to the ;local yacht clubs in hope of scoring new members. A good idea that needs legs to move forward..

The next meeting date is 5/10 and it is currently open as to whether to have live or again via Zoom. President Ed Andrews will make that call as we get closer in.

The meeting was concluded at 8:20 pm

Respectfully,
Brian Gagnon, Secretary