

Mid-Atlantic Chapter Meeting Minutes November 14, 2022

In attendance: Ed Andrews, Joe Gartner, Gloria Gartner, Brian Gagnon, Ellen Gagnon, Joyce Turner, Steve Ingraham, Carmen DeLeo, Bill Murphey, Chris Brown, Austin Berndmaier

President Ed Andrews called the meeting to order via Zoom at 7 pm. There was a call for the approval of the previous meetings minutes and they were approved without correction or amplification.

Secretaries report: None as there were no meeting note corrections needed.

Treasurer's report: The most recent report period showed an approximately \$4000 loss as expenses exceeded revenues. Joyce Turner requests that 50% of the reported \$1700 profit from the Pt. Pleasant show be returned to the NJMB due to all the work they did to help. This request was deferred until the Chapter has a budget in place for 2023. There was ample discussion as to whether whatever contribution may be made should be half of the profit from the event or some other amount made as a contribution. Joe Gartner also noted the Fulton bank balance is about \$215,000, up from \$208,000 just a few days prior. But this latter amount is still down for the year.

Presidents report: There has recently been a Chapter Roundtable on dealing with common Chapter issues with others coming up having to do with membership and another specifically targeted toward new officers. Ed Andrews also covered the upcoming AC boat show, to which the Chapter has again been invited back. The show starts 3/1/23 and he is looking for boats. The exact floor space available is unknown at this time. Ed will follow up.

Vice Presidents report: This was covered by Carmen DeLeo as Jack Brooks was not in attendance. Bristol Day was already covered at the previous meeting so it was omitted from discussion. The upcoming Holiday Party is scheduled for 12/17 starting at 3 pm. Games and prizes are planned including a give away membership. Entrees will be served via trays and the club will reimburse the Gartner's for those items. Local hotels will also be noted with the invitation in case any attendees would like to stay over, possibly visiting Bethlehem Pa which is known for its holiday celebration.

Carmen DeLeo continued with the activities planned so far. The AC show runs 3/1-3/5 starting at 10 am each day. Carmen and Ed A. are in charge, With the loss of Ed Ferris, there is a need for outboard motors. Stan Struble will be contacted by Ed. Ed would also like to get a "great" boat to showcase the event. . . possibly Peter Takvorian's Riva. Other events discussed included Somers Point Bayfest on 4/29, hours 10-4 with Sea Scouts likely in attendance. Last year there were 4-5 boats there. Sunnyside is 3/23-26, Chesapeake Bay is 6/16, Hopatcong date is to be confirmed, another Delaware South cruise is planned sometime in May. The Bristol show is 7/15 with dinner again at the King George Inn, with the need to develop an ad book to defray some of the expense. Joe Gartner, Carmen and Joyce Turner will meet shortly after this meeting to discuss how to do it with action toward making it happen occurring in January. Joyce Turner suggests potential advertisers be approached with ads to appear in The Nautical Mile and the show programs of BOTH Bristol and Point Pleasant, Ed Andrews reports a new program from Hagerty which they are currently using on the car side of their business and which will be tested in Tavares in March. If it works, it could be beneficial to the boat side of the house.

Bill Murphey suggests a cruise to watch sailboat racing in the Barnegat area. Carmen will send out his tentative calendar for review and further discussion at the January Chapter meeting. Also briefly discussed were a Mullica Rive cruise, an Egg Harbor river cruise, Historic Bristol Day and Historic Somers Point Day. All of these latter dates are TBD at this point. Bristol has also extended an invitation to the Chapter to participate in their Christmas parade. Joyce Turner notes she would like to wrap up her chairwomanship of the Point Pleasant event after 40 years of involvement (in 2024).

The event discussion ends with a circle back to the upcoming AC show again noting the contact with Stan Struble re the outboards previously provided by Ed Ferris with contact to the local AOMCI Chapter also a possible as well as possible loan of motors from the NJMB (through Ken Motz)

Membership report: Membership has gone from 103 to 101, with no new members in the covered period. This kind of fluctuation is normal. Name badges for those that haven't received them are now on order.

Nautical Mile: This has been further delayed due to Editors hand injury. It will be completed ASAP. While we have lost a few advertisers (McCollister) we are also getting some back (Fisher Canvas). Thanks to George Hulse for his efforts.

Nominating Committee: A slate of officers is completed and will be presented to the membership for voting in the near future.

Web site: This is a somewhat slow time of the year but the Holiday Party is posted

New Business: Gloria Gartner notes that a link to the Bristol show will be posted on Social Media. Thanks to Chris Brown for the complimentary articles about the Chapter and its events in Prop Talk. Steve Ingraham withdraws his pending motion to donate \$3000 to the Sea Scouts for 2022 (\$1500 was the final amount agreed upon). Bill Murphey asks what type of formal proposal he should make for Sea Scout funding for 2023. Ed Andrews notes the Chapter will get back to him. Ed is also ask Meg Keyes/Poltarek to get involved as she is apparently knowledgeable in writing grant requests.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Gagnon, Recording Secretary.