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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The January Planning meeting was held in the warm and comfortable meeting room at The Zierden Company. We had over 30 members that showed up on one of the coldest nights of this winter. We ordered pizza from Pete's favorite pizza place, and everyone agreed it was delicious.

After a brief membership meeting, Daryl conducted the planning portion. We had spirited participation from the members, eliminating some events, bringing back or adding new. Some examples are:

- Replacing the corn beef and cabbage dinner with the Fox and Hounds dinner.
- Bringing back the White Elephant Auction in April by popular demand.
- Planning a sno-fun land cruise to Galena, Ill.

All traditional events are still in place. For a complete calendar, see page 2 of this edition.

We will hold the February meeting on the 23rd, at The Radisson Hotel in Menomonee Falls. This is a week later than usual. This will enable us to enjoy a warm and comfortable meeting room, and a bar and dining room for those interested in coming earlier to join Wayne and Lynne for dinner.

Wayne had a brief meeting with the owner of Harborside, Craig Duchow, to discuss increasing the temperature of the club room. Craig said he would explore several options.

Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to sponsor events this year.

Wayne Happel



BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

FEBRUARY

- 1 Judy Dorner
- 1 Lou Wier
- 9 Jim Goodnetter
- 15 Joe Miotke
- 18 Erv Bluemner
- 20 Steve Shaw
- 26 Donna Finch
- 26 Margaret Robinson

MARCH

- 5 Connie Heyden
- 7 Karleen Wilde
- 8 Dave Risch
- 9 Jim Mergener
- 10 George Graubner
- 12 Dave Schneckenberg
- 14 Lynda Nelson
- 16 Wayne Happel
- 16 Barry Goodstein
- 23 Dick McCormick
- 25 Donna Danowski
- 28 Scott Burke

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The entire 2012 calendar of events is printed in this issue. Please save it for future reference. Excerpts of the calendar will be included in future issues this year.

The Runabout deadline is the 4th of each month with the following exceptions: July is the 5th of the month; December is the 8th.

The Captains' (First Mates') gathering will alternate between breakfast (at 9:00 a.m.) and lunch (at 11:30 a.m.) on the second Monday of each month (except July and August). The captain is Donna Danowski. She will choose a different restaurant each month. Check future issues of *The Runabout*, MBC's web site, www.milwaukeeboatclub.com, or your e-mail on the Sunday before the scheduled date for details. Those members who are not on the club's e-mail list should call Donna Danowski the Sunday before for details.

2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTSFebruary

- 23 MBC Membership Meeting
& Educational Program
Captain: Dave Schneckenberg
- 25 MBC Sno-Fun Cruise to Galena, IL
Captains: Jim & Connie Heyden

March

- 12 MBC Captains & First Mates Breakfast
Captain: Donna Danowski
- 22 MBC Membership Meeting
and Dinner at Fox & Hounds Restaurant
Captains: Dave Schneckenberg & Dale Peck

April

- 16 MBC Captains & First Mates Lunch
Captain: Donna Danowski
- 19 MBC Membership Meeting
& White Elephant Auction
Captains: Gegners & Dorners

May

- 11 MBC Shove-Off-Spree Dinner
at Seven Seas Restaurant
Sr. Pilot: Jim Heyden
- 19 Joint MBC/WCF Dinghy Cruise
Captain: Dan Danowski
- 21 MBC Captains & First Mates Breakfast
Captain: Donna Danowski

June

- 11 MBC Captains & First Mates Lunch
Captain: Donna Danowski
- 15 16 & 17 MBC Cruise to LMYA Rendezvous
in Port Washington
Captain: Dick Harvey & Wayne Happel
- 27th "Big Bang" Fireworks

July

- 3 US Bank Fireworks
- 6, 7, & 8 Open House at SSYC
- 14 MBC Dinghy Cruise on Milwaukee River,
Pub Crawl & Dinner
Captain: Dave Dorner
- TBD MBC Golf Outing
Captain: George Graubner

August

- 5 MBC Gunkhole Get Together at Club Mooring
Captain: Dave Dorner
- 12 MBC Champagne/Cold Duck Party
& Milwaukee Airshow
Captains: Dick Harvey & Grey Halstead
- 17, 18 & 19 MBC/SSYC Joint Cruise to Racine
Captains Gegners, Dick Grabowski, & Dick Harvey
- 20 MBC Captains & First Mates Lunch
Captain: Donna Danowski

September

- 8 MBC Annual Picnic at Fox Brook Park
in Brookfield
Sr. Pilot: Jim Heyden
- 10 MBC Captains & First Mates Breakfast
Captain: Donna Danowski
- TBD Joint MBC/WCF Wives & Lovers Dinghy Cruise
Captain: Dan Danowski
- 22 MBC Oktoberfest at Bavarian Inn
Captains: Leo & Sue Wagner

October

- 8 MBC Captains & First Mates Lunch
Captain: Donna Danowski
- 18 MBC Membership Meeting with
Chili Dump, Trivia Contest
& Officer Nominations
Captains: Hesers & McElwees

November

- 12 MBC Captains & First Mates Breakfast
Captain: Donna Danowski
- 15 MBC Meeting & Educational Program
with Officer Elections
Captain: Dave Schneckenberg
- 30 MBC Commodore's Ball at Radisson Inn
Sr. Pilot: Jim Heyden

December

- 10 MBC Captains & First Mates Lunch
Captain: Donna Danowski

January 2013

- 14 MBC Captains & First Mates Breakfast
Captain: Donna Danowski
- 17 Membership & Planning Meeting
Vice Commodore

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OFFICERS

Commodore Wayne Happel
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 Yeoman..... Lynne Happel
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 Director of House & Equipment Tom McElwee
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 Past-Commodore Grey Halstead

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 Patty Heibel, and Connie Heyden
 Publishers of Club Directory Bonnie Merryfield
 and Todd Weiler

The Commodore said that Christine Grubbs responded to his past requests that members offer suggestions or constructive criticism. She said that we have 100 members, yet only 20 to 30 members attend each membership meeting. She suggested polling members to determine the reason for low attendance. Wayne thought her suggestion had merit and asked members for comments. No responses were forthcoming, but members may still contact him by phone or email.

Dave Dorner presented the Purser's report. He reported a November 17th starting balance of \$1,517.28 and ending balance for January 18th of \$3,046.57 for a net gain of \$1,529.29. Most of this gain is from the collection of the annual dues in December.

Bonnie Merryfield thanked members via email for submitting their dues before she left for Florida. She reminded members that John Grasse now resides at Trinity Village, 7300 W. Dean Rd., Rm. 309, Milwaukee, 53223 and suggested we send a card or letter.

Old Business: None

New Business: Sam Graubner suggested changing annual dues so everyone pays the same. Wayne thanked her for the suggestion and said he would bring it to the board for consideration.

Dave Schneckenberg, Program Director, announced that the educational meeting for February will feature our one and only Denis Molloy, who will give a report on his recent stay in the country of Ecuador. He will talk about his reason for considering moving there permanently. Wayne added that Denis has done extensive research on the wisdom of moving to another country, which should prove interesting for those who would rather not share in paying off the national debt.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Lynne Happel
Yeoperson

**MBC MINUTES FROM
 JANUARY 19, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. in the meeting room of The Zierden Company. Wayne thanked Pete Zierden for inviting us to use his facility again.

The minutes of the Nov.17, 2012 membership meeting was approved as printed in the December issue of *The Runabout*.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 19TH, 2012

The commodore opened the Board meeting at 9:25 PM.

An audit report prepared by Nancy Grabowski for the year 2011 was presented. Nancy wrote that she carefully reviewed the Purser's records and found them to be in order. The report was so noted by the board and it was filed in the club records.

The Purser presented a budget for year 2012. It was carefully reviewed by the board and approved. The budget projects a \$205 surplus for the year ending. From this it is apparent we need to increase our income. To that end the board decided to:

- 1) Ask members to solicit three (3) couples or individuals to join our club.
- 2) Plan a booth at the January 2013 boat show to solicit new members.
- 3) Increase advertising in our club directory. To that end, the board wants to form an ad committee, with club members as volunteers.
- 4) Consider a club brochure.

The Commodore proposed amendments to the bylaws that would stipulate an annual audit and budget. It was pointed out however, that any change to the bylaws requires a copy be sent to the IRS for review of our exempt status. Accordingly, the board decided we can avoid this simply by calling for an audit / budget each year.

The lack of proper heat in the club room at Harborside was discussed. The Commodore said he mailed a letter to the owner of Harborside asking that he consider a solution to this problem. He has not received a response and the board asked him to follow up with a personal visit.

The Commodore reported he received a phone call from the membership chairman of Waukesha Cruise Fleet (WCF) who asked that we consider a merger because of a decline in their membership. After review, the board decided that the Commodore should inform WCF that we appreciate their request but that we are not interested in pursuing a merger and therefore respectfully decline this offer. Also, members of WCF are welcome to fill out an application for membership in MBC.

We had some discussion on where we will hold the February meeting. We are in the process of deciding if we can heat the club room sufficiently with portable heaters. If not, we will move the meeting to the Radisson hotel a week later due to availability. You will get an announcement by email.

The board said they would like to have members order clothing with our MBC logo. It was suggested by several board members that this would be a great recruiting tool. Nancy Grabowski, club sales chairperson will be asked to obtain selections and prices.

Sam Graubner asked that we consider adjusting the dues so seniors pay the same as other members. Since dues have already been collected for 2012, the request was tabled until fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 PM.

**Lynne Happel
Yeoperson**

WHERE DO YOUR DUES GO?

Milwaukee Boat Club Membership Dues
Uses – 4 year average 2008 – 2012

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Club Function | 15% |
| Club Merchandise | 3% |
| Commodores Gift | 3% |
| Corporate Filing Fee..... | 0% |
| Dry Dock & Welfare | 4% |
| Dues LMYA & NBF..... | 5% |
| Entertainment..... | 6% |
| Office Supplies | 1% |
| Photo..... | 3% |
| Postage..... | 4% |
| Postal Box Rental..... | 2% |
| Printing..... | 18% |
| Publishing Newsletter | 24% |
| Scrapbook..... | 4% |
| Website | 3% |
| Emergencies / Contingencies | 5% |

**Dave Dorner
Purser**

LOCATION CHANGE

FEBRUARY 16, 2012 MEETING

The educational membership meeting will not be held at our usual location, the Harborside Yacht Center, on February 16th. Instead, we will meet at The Radisson Hotel in Menomonee Falls on February 23rd. This was the location of the Commodore’s Ball.

Club members are invited to have dinner before the meeting at The Radisson. Let Wayne know if you will join him and Lynne for dinner.

Submitted by Wayne Happel

**A THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER AND
CLUB MEETING
MARCH 22, 2012
FOX & HOUNDS RESTAURANT**

Join us in the private dining room for a “buy one entree, get the second one free” special. The bar is comfy, the food will be great, and the price is right. What more could you ask? Come join the party.

If you’re hungry for drinks or conversation, join us at the bar around 6:00 PM. We will depart for the dining room at 7:00 PM. Following the dinner will be a short club meeting.

If you are planning on joining us, please contact Captains Dave and Carollyn Schneckenberg by Friday, March 16th with your entrée selection. Call 262-695-9907 or e-mail schneckenberg@att.net. We need to get the count to the restaurant.

Entree Choices: 8 oz. tenderloin filet
 Grilled salmon
 BBQ back ribs - full rack

We look forward to seeing you there!

JANUARY PLANNING MEETING AT THE ZIERDEN COMPANY



Wayne Happel, Jim & Connie Heyden, Lynda Nelson



Tom & Cam McElwee looking over the MBC calendar



Donna Danowski, Sam & George Graubner

JANUARY PLANNING MEETING AT THE ZIERDEN COMPANY



Pete Zierden's fantastic train collection



Running the Planning Meeting -Vice Commodore Daryl Grubbs along with Commodore Wayne Happel



Grey Halstead, Host Peter & Char Zierden, Trisha Peck, Peggy & Joe Miotke, Dave & Judy Dorner, Dale Peck



Carol & Greg Gegner, Dick Harvey



Board Members - (standing) Daryl Grubbs, Jim Heyden, Wayne Happel (sitting) - Dave Dorner, Grey Halstead, Leo Wagner, Dave Schneckenberg

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