

RMCC ACBS
Annual Meeting Notes
Abrusci's Restaurant – Wheat Ridge, CO
October 15, 2011

Attendees: Bob & Chris Braaf; Jim Brooks; Doug Brown; Charlie Geuin; Wayne & Dawn Grabow; Tom & Kathy Lange; Jim & Rhonda McGaughy; Mike Novick; Bob Phillips; Jerry & Chris Ross; Mike & Vickie Rutkowski; John Stiller; Chip Taft; Mike, Diane, & Jack Vannier; Jeff & Diane Waco

1. President Bob Phillips called the meeting to order at 1pm sharp.
2. Attendees reviewed the 2010 Annual meeting minutes.
 - a. Tom Lange moved to approve them.
 - b. Bob Braaf seconded it.
 - c. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report – Charlie Simons
 - a. Charlie is out of town until 10/26.
 - b. No report available at this time.
 - c. Treasurer's report will be published as soon as it will be available.
4. Ship's Store Report for 2011 – Michael Vannier
 - a. Generated revenue of over \$800
 - b. Total starting inventory value: \$1,978.75
 - c. Total ending inventory value: \$1,678.50
 - d. For 2012, looking for member input on other products we might sell. Example – caps with wood bills.
 - e. Looking at an app for the iphone that allows us to accept credit cards without establishing a bank credit account.
5. Website – Michael Vannier
 - a. Working on scanning and posting historical Bilge Pumps and other items
 - b. Site currently hosted by a friend in California; looking at having it hosted by ACBS.
 - c. Planning to setup Paypal on the site, allowing for online Ship's Store sales.
6. Bilge Pump and Post Cards – Vickie Rutkowski
 - a. 4 Post Cards, printed & mailed per year
 - b. 2 Bilge Pump print issues, March & October, printed and mailed per year
 - c. Using CU Boulder for printing cut Bilge Pump print costs by 45%
 - d. Total 2012 print/postage budget estimated at \$1045, 85% of our 2012 revenue from dues
 - e. Agreed we'll encourage companies to purchase ad space by offering a 6-month link on our web site with every ad purchased.
 - f. Discussed making emailing the Bilge Pump the default, with print editions available on request, but didn't agree to implement this.
 - g. Chris Braaf suggested that we need to identify someone to sell advertising, someone to collect stories, and someone help put the Bilge Pump together.
7. Membership Report – Bob Braaf
 - a. 82 members, down 26 from last year's 108 total
 - i. Once we have a members-only section on the web site, we'll post the roster.

- b. Discussed raising RMCC due by \$5, to \$20.
 - i. Pros –
 - 1. Our dues are at the lower end of ACBS chapter dues.
 - 2. \$5/membership increase recoups the \$400 in revenue lost from losing 26 members
 - ii. Cons
 - 1. Might encourage members who don't participate regularly to drop their membership
 - 2. Might discourage potential members from joining
 - iii. Agreed to leave the dues unchanged and look for other ways to drive membership and other sources of revenue.
 - 1. With broadband access at club events, we can access the ACBS web site and sign up new members immediately.
 - 2. Club could sponsor a 1-yr membership or raffle a 1-yr membership
 - 3. Look for additional venues where we could set up the Ship's Store (right now, Frisco is the only venue we have that allows it.)
8. ACBS Annual Meeting Report – Chris Braaf
- a. 600+ attendees, 130 gorgeous boats, and they were turning some away
 - b. Steve & Susie Frasier from Steamboat Springs also attended.
 - c. Next year's annual meeting is Sept 19-22
 - i. Big Cedar Lodge, Table Rock Lake, MO.
 - ii. Pre-event Classic Wake on the Lake, Sept 16-19
 - 1. Cruising 3 arms of the lake, into 2 states!
 - iii. We'll add it to our event calendar, so those interested in going can make plans (relatively close, should be good weather, sounds like a good time.)
9. 2012 Events Schedule
- a. Event Coordinators need to submit an estimated event budget to Bob and Charlie Simons.
 - i. Budget includes parking if applicable, decorating to match event theme if necessary, etc.
 - b. Last year we discussed establishing an Event Committee, but that didn't happen
 - c. January: Denver Boat Show – Jeff Waco coordinator
 - i. Denver Convention Center
 - ii. January 13-15, 2012
 - iii. Budget for this event to include decorations per the theme and also parking for the coordinators.
 - iv. Theme still tbd
 - v. Bob will get the ACBS insurance form for Jeff
 - vi. Looking volunteers to:
 - 1. Help coordinate the event
 - 2. Help Diane with decorating
 - 3. Show their boats – particularly boats that haven't been shown at this event before.

- d. February: Fall in Love with Classic Boats – Tom & Kathy Lange
 - i. Kathy proposed a pot-luck meet-up for potential members
 - ii. Lots of discussion on this but no final decision
 - iii. Kathy will discuss with Bob offline.

- e. March: Colorado RV, Boat & Travel Show - John Stiller, with Jerry Ross's Help
 - i. March 1-4, 2012
 - ii. No details yet on location (National Western Complex or Aurora) or theme
 - iii. John will contact Maggie & Pete to get their contacts for this one
 - iv. Camper is available.

- f. June: Shakedown at Lake Loveland
 - i. Rich, Lu Ball hosting picnic?
 - ii. Date?
 - iii. Kathy Lange will check with Rich on the details

- g. July: Grand Lake Show – Chris Braaf
 - i. This year we had beautiful weather and large attendance – about 27 boats!
 - ii. Next year's date: July 14, 2012
 - iii. Same format as past years.
 - iv. Picnic, but location is TBD. At the docks, like this year, seems the favorite idea, and then maybe a cocktail party at the islands.

- h. August: Frisco In-the-Water Boat Show – Bill Tordoff, Wayne Spalding
 - i. 33 boats attended this year; beautiful boating day!
 - ii. Need to confirm 2012 date; Bill said Town of Frisco has already set it for Sunday, Aug 12
 - iii. Vickie is confirming w/ the Marina manager
 - iv. No Corvettes next year

- i. Late Aug/Early September: Horsetooth Reservoir – Doug Brown
 - i. This year beautiful weather and generally good boating (water tends to get rough in the afternoon), but not a big turn-out (\$14/boat fee the issue?)
 - ii. Club members, Bud and Gail McMahon, got us access to the Sail & Saddle Club and really went all out with food including fruit and pastries.
 - iii. In 2012, we'll plan this rendezvous for late August/early September, 2012, and encourage club members to come in the morning when the water isn't as rough.

- j. October: Sloan's Lake - Mike Novick
 - i. GREAT boating day – sunny and beautiful.
 - ii. Denver Parks & Rec would like us to make this an annual event.
 - iii. We officially added this to our annual calendar for the 1st Saturday in October

1. 2012 - October 6
2. We'll try for more publicity and maybe put our banner on the street the day of the event.

10. President's Cup Award

- a. Bob awarded the 2012 President's Cup to Vickie Rutkowski for her work as secretary and Bilge Pump editor.

11. 2012 Election Results:

- a. President – Bob Phillips
- b. Vice President – Tom Lange
- c. Secretary – Vickie Rutkowski
- d. Treasurer – Charlie Simons
- e. Director – Charlie Geuin

- f. Bob passed the gavel from his left hand to his right in the transfer of power, and noted this was the first time in politics that the right hand knew what the left hand was doing.

12. Other business

- a. We noted that we need a publicity/media coordinator since we might have better luck having one person establishing a relationship with media reps.
- b. Noted we need someone selling ad space in the Bilge Pump
- c. Gave kudos to Tom, our restaurant employee attendant. Tom did a great job of making sure we had everything we needed for lunch.

13. Bob Braaf moved to adjourn the meeting; Jerry Ross seconded it and the meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm.

14. Immediately following the meeting, Jim and Rhonda McGaughy raffled off several goody bags. The raffle netted \$92 dollars for the club treasury! Thank you Jim & Rhonda!