

NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter of the ACBS
Minutes Wednesday, July 17, 2024 4:00 PM
Jordan Lake In-person meeting

Board:

Alan Hills, President
Jeff Martinson, VP
Judy Hills, Secretary
Bill Conley, Director

Jim Hartman, Director
John Justice, Director
John Dougherty, Director

Absent: Jim Alexander, Kevin Leiner

Members Present: Rob Weller, Sharon Conley, Neal Keeter, Mike Triplett, Robert Blanchard

1. Welcome by President Alan Hills
2. Call to Order at 4 PM
3. Approval of Agenda—**Motion by Jeff, seconded by Rob. Unanimously approved.**
4. Approval of minutes of the last meeting—24 April 2024—**Motion by Jeff, seconded by Jim H. Unanimously approved.**
5. Treasurer’s Report --None
6. Reports:
 - a. ACBS—Judy

ACBS Membership Committee met. Plans are being finalized for the ACBS 50th anniversary in 2025. It will be a year-long series of events.
 - b. Events of the first quarter of 2024—all went well. We agreed to have regional get-togethers in the first quarter of 2025 and the Bath weekend was so successful that we are repeating the opportunity in September.
 - i. January 13th Workshop at Gary Lowell’s shop in Greensboro
 - ii. February 17th Regional get togethers
 - iii. Sunnyland Show Tavares, FL
 - iv. March 9th Trailer Workshop in Pittsboro
 - v. March 30th Day trip to Mariners’ Museum in Newport News, VA
 - vi. April 13th Cape Fear Community College Boat Show in Wilmington
 - vii. April 27-28 Bath weekend at Cindy Jordans’ family home

c. Scholarships—No report.

d. Membership

As of July 1, 67 members, 56 of whom list us as their primary chapter. One new member for July: Jim Quinn of Wilmington. We had 58 members on January 1, 2024 and 57 members on July 1, 2023. Slowly gaining new members and having good luck with renewals.

The Board approved a membership contest (via email), so the Chapter is having a 6-month membership contest. Member or co-member who brings in the most new members (primary or secondary) to the chapter will win a 50th-anniversary ACBS Directory. Contest ends December 31st. [Must email name of prospect to Judy Hills](#) prior to that person's name appearing on the ACBS membership report.

e. Website—Judy—Keeping it updated—changed out some pictures.

f. Newsletter—Judy—Thanks to those who have been contributing. The deadline is the 25th of each month.

7. Old Business

a. Elections and Annual meeting for the chapter. We discussed holding the annual meeting & elections in conjunction with the boat show. Discussed pros and cons.

Motion by Jim H. to hold the annual meeting on Friday October 4th in conjunction with the boat show welcome party at Blackbeard Sailing Club. Seconded by John D. Motion carried unanimously. We agree that the only order of business would be elections and voting on the Bylaws.

b. Boat Show registration: Need to get this set up soon. Suggest using [TicketSpice](#) for online registrations (used by NorCal ACBS and others for boat shows) at a cost of 99 cents per ticket + standard credit card processing rates of 2.9% +30 cents. (Rating of 4.9/5 over 400 reviews). It is time that we allow for this option. **Motion by John J. to use TicketSpice for online boat show registrations. Seconded by Jeff. Unanimously approved.** Alan reminded those present that he would need help and would be expecting members to step up.

c. Bylaw changes--Judy

Because we are incorporated, we no longer need a constitution. A constitution is only used by an organization until it becomes incorporated. Our chapter incorporated with the state of North Carolina on August 24, 2022. From that point on the Articles of Incorporation and its Bylaws are the guiding document of an organization. We have combined our Constitution with our Bylaws to create a Restated and Revised set of Bylaws. Per the current Bylaws, the membership votes on Bylaw changes. We emailed the restated and revised set of Bylaws to all the current members along with the notice for this meeting so they would have an opportunity to provide input. If you have comments or suggestions, [please email them to me](#) by August 30th. The final draft will be emailed to our members with the agenda for the Annual Meeting where we will vote on them.

8. New Business

a. Possible relationship with one or more Sea Scout Ships

- i. One way to interest young people in old boats would be to associate or collaborate with a Sea Scout ship.
- ii. Each Sea Scout group is organized as a “ship.” There is one ship where our members are grouped that is not sponsored by an existing boating group--Ship 244 Cary—The Dawn Treader. I interacted with this group once when they used the Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern for a sailing experience. Click here to read about this ship and its history: <https://sss244.org/> Or check out their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/20415305499/>
- iii. Looking at programs they offered at a special academy in VA, the following topics were presented: outboard engine maintenance, operating and troubleshooting outboard engines, propulsion systems, electric systems, boat maintenance, paint & varnish, and fiberglass & epoxy repair. We have expertise with all of these.
- iv. We agreed that this is worth exploring. **Motion by Jeff that Alan is to contact the adult leaders of the Dawn Treader to discuss collaboration between our two organizations. Seconded by John J. Unanimously approved.**

b. Upcoming chapter events

- i. August to December:
 1. August 17th International Vintage Boating Day & Wilmington event (still working on details with Jim Dean and Mike Loch)
 2. Shows in September: 7th Reedville, VA show (Woody Boater), 9-15 ACBS International Show I Brainerd, MN, 14th Smith Mountain Lake show, 28th Wings, Wheels, and Keels show in Topping, VA
 3. Bath—three sessions at Cindy’s: 9/16-9/19, 9/19 to 9/22 and 9/22 to 9/26. Still have vacancies for all sessions.
 4. October 4th Chapter Boat show cruise and welcome party at Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern
 5. October 5th Chapter Boat show at BSC in New Bern
 6. Oct 18-19 Georgetown, SC show
 7. 26th Roanoke Island Maritime Museum show in Manteo, NC
 8. November 2nd Southport, NC boat show
 9. November 16th, possible chapter event
- ii. December 14th Chapter Christmas Party at Conleys in Raleigh
Sharon and Judy have been discussing the possibility of an early afternoon luncheon instead of a night meeting to allow more to attend as some members do not like to drive at night and some live so far away that they

need to stay overnight which is an expense. All present agreed that this was worth trying. Sharon and Judy will work out the details.

iii. Any additional ideas for 2024? None.

9. Additional comments/concerns--None

10. Adjourned at 4:30 PM