

ISMA Lodge 3
March 14th Meeting Minutes
Billy Goat Tavern

Start Time: 1901

Invocation: Marko gave the invocation tonight.

Roll call of officers:

President: Gabe Argumedo - Present

1st Vice President: Paul Ryzak - Present

2nd Vice President: Ray Novak - Present

Outgoing President: Tom Blakely- Present

Secretary/ Treasurer: Kelli Kovach - Present

President's report:

1. We had our first Industry Day since 2020- truly appreciate all those that helped put on our event. Very proud of how well it turned out as well as how many showed up, being the first one back, was not sure how many would be there.
2. Currently working with Tom and Khalid for our outreach committee
 - a. Appointing Tom Blakely as chair for this committee
3. Next month will be our final meeting for the summer till fall.
 - a. For June through August we are looking to move summer meetings to be more social since we are so busy during this time of the year.
 - b. We will keep you posted on what, when and where these social events will be.

Secretary/ Treasurer Report:

1. Collecting 2023 Dues! Due by April 15th!
 - a. Dues can be paid by the following options
 - i. Checks
 - ii. Cash
 - iii. Zelle: treasurer@chicagoshipmasters.com
 - iv. Paypal: link on our website- reminder there is a fee for paying this way.
 - b. If you are questioning if you paid dues for 2023 please ask! Email me at treasurer@chicagoshipmasters.com
2. Reminder to please use the correct email
 - a. Treasurer for anything money related
 - b. Secretary for everything else
3. Read the audit report created by Bob Hansen from our audit committee
 - a. August made a motion to accept the audit report
 - b. Nels seconded the motion
 - c. All were in favor/no nays

Committee Reports-

Membership Report:

1. The following candidates were put up for nomination to be members
 - a. Rich Anderson
 - b. Paul Bornstein

- c. Kevin Johnson
- d. Ernie Howard
- e. Adam Mills
- f. Matt Runion

- i. Nels made a motion to approve all become members
- ii. Tom made a second
- iii. All in favor/no nays

2. There were a few people that submitted applications and will get those over to Marco.

Scholarship Report:

- a. N/A

Industry Day Report:

1. We had 150 people turn out
 - a. In 2020 we had 180 so pretty good for first time back
2. Had roughly a \$2,300 profit
3. Paul was able to pull off \$224 from selling goodies for the scholarship fund
4. MSU and Captain of the Port were extremely happy.
5. Survey cards:
 - a. Had 81 total turned in
 - b. 31% were negative toward the location – this has been brought up every year
 - c. 3 or more for most other categories
 - d. Notes on how Chuck K was missed, we should have noted before hand they he could not make it, that was our bad.
6. We had a follow up meeting after the event to look at ways we can stream line the process going forward.
7. Excited to be back in person!

Website Report:

1. N/A

Blessing of the Fleet/Maritime Day Report:

1. Not much new to report
 - a. Joe and Tom are still working out the details

Christmas Ship Report:

1. N/A

Harbor Safety Report:

1. PAWSA is March 15 &16 at Navy Pier
 - a. We heard your notes and what you would like addressed
 - b. This happens roughly every ten years
 - c. Chicago Harbor Safety Committee is what came of the last time we did this.

Grand Lodge Report:

1. Reminder our Dues at GL level will be going up \$10 next year so we will also be upping our dues in our lodge
 - a. Last time the dues went up on the GL level we did not raise ours internally
 - b. We heard you and will discuss among the board and let you all know what the raise will be next year for 2024.
 - c. If you know someone that wants to join, do it now before the price goes up.

Outreach Committee Report:

1. We are co-sponsoring the Bareboat Workshop on April 11th at the Monroe Clubhouse, 6pm-9pm. More details to be sent out later.
2. May is going to be a busy month
 - a. We will have out welcome back BBQ May 9th 3pm-7pm at the Chicago Harbor Lock
 - b. Blessing/Maritime Day TBD
 - c. Lake/River captain meeting TBD
3. Would love ideas in this, if you have any please reach out to Tom.

Social Committee Report:

1. This committee needs a chair- if anyone would like to step into this roll please contact Gabe
2. June-August will be social events rather than business meetings.

Motion to Accept Committee Reports:

Motion by August

Second by Nels

All in Favor/ no nays

New Business/ Good of the order:

1. We had three guest this meeting
 - a. Kitten Gray
 - b. Jamaica Sicat
 - c. Alaysia Hall
2. Yachtplauza (misspelled my apologies) at Crowley's will be March 18th starts at 8am
 - a. Food/Music and seminars
 - b. Head to Uncle Bobby's bar after to an after drink and a Polka band will be playing from 3pm till close
 - c. We will also put out a questionnaire on this for feed back
3. Reminder you are always welcome to bring new ideas to the table
 - a. Call/text or email any time
 - b. This is how we continue to grow as an organization!
4. Our next meeting is Wednesday April 12th at 7pm on Odyssey Chicago River

End Time: 2029