

Hosted Events at the Clubhouse

Background: The RCYC Clubhouse Use and Rental Rules allow a member to sponsor Clubhouse rental on behalf of an outside organization to which they belong. These events are charged a \$200 fee+\$200 cleaning deposit.

The Rules also allow what are called Hosted Events, described as:

“There shall be times when Committee Chairs or other RCYC members will host an event, such as a CRYA meeting or a post-race function that does not require a clubhouse rental agreement but includes non-member attendees.”

Hosted Events do not require a rental agreement, or payment of a \$200 rental fee. But what is the difference between a Sponsored Event and a Hosted Event? The Rules do not clearly state.

Analysis.

The Rules provide two examples: a CRYA meeting and a post-race function. Those examples suggest that a Hosted Event is a meeting or event that the Club itself is hosting (as contrasted with a Sponsored Event, which has a sponsoring member, but the member does not represent RCYC and the event may have little or nothing to do with RCYC). In the CRYA example, RCYC is a voting member of CRYA, which is an important Corinthian organization that, among other things, organizes the cruising calendar and conducts other business that RCYC is involved in or benefits from. The host member represents RCYC to CRYA. A similar example might involve the RCYC race captain hosting a meeting with other area yacht clubs to set the racing calendar each year. In each case, it seems appropriate to view the meeting as an RCYC event, hosted by an RCYC representative, even though it is partially or even wholly a meeting of another Corinthian club or a group of other Corinthian clubs.

Recently RCYC was asked to host another Corinthian Club's board meetings, and Gary and I had to decide whether that qualified as a Hosted Event, and if so, what are the features that distinguish a Hosted Event from a Sponsored Event. We decided that the following events (among others) may qualify as a Hosted Event:

1. A monthly board meeting or similar business meeting of a local Corinthian or non-profit boating organization (e.g. CRYA, SYSCO, OCSA, OWSA, USCG Aux, etc.), held on a weeknight at the Clubhouse.
2. The meeting is hosted by an RCYC representative who is the committee chair or lead, or a member delegated by the chair or lead, who is associated with the subject matter of the meeting. For example, if we host a cruising calendar meeting, the RCYC cruising leads (or their delegates) would act as host. Similarly, a racing-related meeting is hosted by the race lead or delegate. If there is no RCYC chair or lead that is associated with the meeting or organization, then the Commodore, with the Board's consent, may appoint a member who volunteers to act as host and represent RCYC at the meeting.
3. The RCYC host must attend the meeting and is responsible for compliance with all Clubhouse rules (gate duty, clean-up, etc.)

NB: the category of Hosted Events does not include parties or social gatherings by outside organizations, even Corinthian organizations. For example, an OWSA holiday party or SYSCO end of race season party. Such events usually involve large numbers, require exclusive use of the Clubhouse, and can be approved only as Sponsored Events, subject to a rental agreement, etc.