

Meeting Notes: (Not minutes as there was no official meeting due to no quorum)

Duluth Yacht Club Board Meeting: 9/12/05 – (no meeting held in August due to no quorum as well)

Attendees: Mark Shefchik, Erik Westman, Eric Thomas, Jason Worsfold, Steve Henry, David Turnham, Heidi Hohnstadt.

Call to order: The meeting was not officially called to order as there was no quorum.

Minutes from past meetings: Minutes from the 7/11/05 meeting were presented by secretary Heidi Hohnstadt, but were unable to be approved due to no quorum.

Treasurer's Report: A treasurer's report was submitted by John Spierre via Erik Westman (John was unable to attend). As of 8/31/05: current checking balance is \$6091.50 – and still waiting for a check from the beer sales. Trans Superior balance is \$5783.05, and \$169.41 (in an old account); boat club escrow \$500.11; San Juan account \$3077.44, Ferrel gas credit \$67.73 and Smith Barney \$14502.19 – Total net worth \$30460.43.

Race Committee: Steve Henry posed the questions regarding A and B class – should they remain as they are? Eric Thomas suggested leaving classes for now and looking at next year – also suggested relying on a solid race committee to look at this issue.

Scoring Committee: no report **Ratings Committee:** no report

Membership Committee: David Turnham has posted the latest list on the board in the clubhouse; he will add the latest payees to this as well.

House and Dock: David Turnham spoke regarding this and realized that this committee included the committee boat. Dale Hedtke and Eric Thomas have discussed a new motor which could cost \$8600 if purchased new. The motor has been worked on, but still doesn't tilt. Perhaps it would be used more if it was more reliable. Some discussion about purchasing a new boat rather than just motor as that might be more economical – tabled for now as this could be a winter project.

Nomination Committee: David Turnham presented a list of people nominated for the DYC Board of Directors. Voting on these members will take place at the annual meeting 10/15/05 at 10:00 am – basement of the Kitch. The nominations are:

Commodore: Erik Thomas

New Board Member: Tom Agerter

Vice Commodore: Jeff Adams

New Board Member: Erik Westman

Secretary: Heidi Hohnstadt

New Board Member: Rob Finnigan

Treasurer: Nick D'Aloia

Returning for second year Board Members: Dale Hedtke, Krister Mattson, Jason Worsfold

Social Committee: Regarding the Banquet scheduled for October 15, 2005: Kris Henry is making flyers for the silent auction and Rebecca Butler is preparing the registration which will be sent out shortly. Shevy has lined up the band for \$400.

Protest, Newsletter, Trans-superior, Leading Edge, Historian Committees: No report.

Website Committee: Erik Westman presented a printed report complete with color graphic which impressed all those present. The website was well used during the Trans; the Duluth Boat Club accepted his proposal to build and manage their website and will share server and software costs with the DYC for the next year. Erik W. will continue to develop the site and make some adjustments so that adding scoring and updating of the site can be accomplished should he be out of town.

Old Business: none

New Business: John Spierre made two motions via email which the board was unable to act upon due to no quorum. They were:

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Be it that our Web Site chair has done exemplary work with our Duluth Yacht Club website and has shown extraordinary loyalty to the club, going above and beyond what is expected in maintaining our website and keeping it fresh with new material, and Be it also that he unselfishly volunteered his time and efforts in the development of the Trans Superior Website and expended tremendous effort in keeping the race results up to date in real time during the race, let it be motioned that the appreciation of the DYC board and DYC members be reflected in the form of a bonus of no less than \$150.00. This Gratuity shall have no bearing on the subsequent "salary" negotiated for web service during the 2006 season.

There was agreement among members present, but not the necessary quorum to make it so.

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Be it that increasing participation in weekend racing series is a valuable goal for the DYC, and that over the past two years different approaches have been made to increase weekend participation, with unique and varying success, Let it be moved that the board of the DYC create a weekend race chair in addition to a Wednesday race chair to serve as a two point race committee. Let it further be moved that the bi-laws be modified to allow this if deemed necessary. Let it also be moved that such a weekend chair be empowered to recruit a dedicated committee boat, i.e. the arrangement we had the past to years with Pat Joyal. The board will strongly encourage the development of a weekend program encompassing one or two races every other weekend with numerous toss outs. This should allow members participate when they can without worrying about accumulating too many DNC's.

Eric Thomas suggested splitting up committee – which coincide with current bylaws; Jason Worsfold suggested looking at this issue this winter.

The meeting was unofficially ended as none of this was official. Next meeting will be October 3rd at the Club House.