

DYC Board Meeting – Minutes 11/7/05 (NOT YET APPROVED)**

Attendees: Steve Henry, Eric Thomas, Dale Hedtke, Rob Finnigan, Mark Shefchik, Nick D'Aloia, Jason Worsfold, Heidi Hohnstadt, Jeff Adams, Keith Stauber, Tim Buck, David Turnham, Mark Darby.

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by the new Commodore Eric Thomas at 6:ish pm.

Minutes from Past Meetings: Minutes for the 10/3/05 DYC board meeting were presented by secretary Heidi Hohnstadt – motion to approve made by Rob Finnigan, seconded by Jason Worsfold.

Treasurer's Report: A Treasurer's report was not presented, but checks from the silent action were given to the new Treasurer, Nick D'Aloia.

Committee Reports:

Race Committee: David Turnham has started working on a race schedule for 2006; lots of questions and discussion. It was decided that a Wednesday race will take place on July 5th to make a full mid-summer Wednesday series. Questions and discussion about weekend series and regattas – and how to include them in scoring. There were lots of ideas about different races (Frey in the Bay, race to Port Wing, adding a cruising component, etc). No definitive plans were made, but David T. indicated that he would work out some ideas for a schedule based on the discussion and present it to the board at the next meeting.

There was also lots of discussion about the class structure and the need to do something to make them more balanced. Some ideas included re-distributing them based on ratings, breaking them into classes based on displacement – lots of ideas, but no specific plans were made as of yet.

Scoring Committee: No Report

Ratings Committee: No Report.

Membership Committee: Continued discussion from the general membership meeting about marketing ideas and increasing membership. Discussed how one used to get a Newsletter with the social membership and what are some things we could do to replace that as the Newsletter is on the web now. Also discussed ideas about a “new crew package”, “cruising class package”, a sort of welcoming type of thing – which could include some cute goodies to delight and titillate the senses (not to mention help us market ourselves and facilitate a welcoming environment). There was further discussion about ordering flags again as they are popular, but haven't been available for awhile; Dale Hedtke offered to look into ordering some more of these. We also discussed various ways to entice new boats and crew into the club such as using mentors, having an experienced crew sail on a new boat to help them learn the “rules of the road,” and assigning aspiring crew more purposefully: Commodore Eric T. asked Vice Commodore Jeff A. to serve as a potential liaison between boats that can accept new crew and potential newbys.

House and Dock Committee: No Report, but Eric reminded us that Tom Rauschenfels and Paul Danielson offered to head up a group to buy a new motor for the Whaler before next year.

Protest Committee: No Report

Historian: No Report

Social Committee: The banquet was more lightly attended this year in comparison to previous years. There were about 70 attendees. Thanks to Kris Henry for organizing the silent auction, she did a great job. Also, Thank you to Rebecca Butler for setting up the Kitch. Speaking of Kitch, there was discussion about using them as a continued venue for the Banquet. Conversation centered around the ticket price, the high drink prices, and the limited use of the dance floor. Ideas about potential other venues were kicked around (Northland, the DECC, Greysolon), but wondered if we could perhaps further negotiate with the Kitch to get a little more bang for the buck. Rob Finnigan offered to look into this matter.

Leading Edge: No Report

Newsletter: No Report

Trans-Superior: No Report

Website: The website continues to look great – Thanks Erik Westman! Try to start using the forum more.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Other Business: None

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn at 7:50 – unanimously made and seconded by all. Next meeting at Sir Ben's
NOTE THE NEW TIME: **5:00 pm** December 5th.