

**DULUTH YACT CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MARCH 25, 2006**

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by commodore Eric Thomas at 2:20 pm ish.

Attendees: 20 members present

Minutes from Past Meeting: Minutes from the October 15th annual meeting were submitted for review by Heidi Hohnstadt, secretary.

Treasurer's Report. No official report; \$32,000 is a rough estimate of our total balances. Pay your membership!

Committee Reports:

DCSA: Now Duluth-Superior Sailing Association. Spaghetti feed on 4/20 at 5:30 pm at St. Paul's church. A movie on the Trans will be shown.

Race Committee: Eric Thomas reported that we bought a boat. Darrin Jones reported on it: 22' Boston Whaler that we got a heck of a deal on - \$8300. Scott Munsen will be using it helping with Wednesday night races (this will not replace the traditional volunteer committee boats). The old Whaler will be up for sale.

Scoring Committee: David Turnham reported on Boat of the Year. It will be high point system with tiered events (ie spring/fall weekends, spring/fall Wednesdays, etc in one tier, other LSYA in another tier, etc). It will be weighted based on numbers in each class. The goal is to be able to look week by week and see where you are in the "hunt." Also, this should be more objective and will do away with the application procedure.

Ratings Committee: Tom Rauschenfels reported that there is no report. He is, however, studying a possible credit for roller furlings (for boats designed for such).

Membership Committee: Susan Mattis Turnham reported that there are 34 paid members and race fees from 8. A reminder that all paid family and individual members will receive a new burgee; social memberships will get a trinket as well.

House and Dock Committee: David Turnham discussed picnic tables for the club house. He some potentially inexpensive ones at Walmart – should he look into it? The group decided he should.

Social Committee: We're here and we're social

Protest Committee: No report

Newsletter: The website serves as our primary conveyor of news. Thank you Erik Westman! Use the forum! Check out the race schedule.

Trans-Superior: Dale Hedtke had no official report – they are giving \$3000 to NYC for the boat purchase.

Leading Edge: Susan Mattis Turnham reported that she is waiting for info from the commodore. Thank you Susan for always doing an excellent job.

Historian: No report.

Website: Erik Westman reported that everything is okay. Continue to send photos in and use the forum.

Old Business: Nelson commented on the North U class. It was very good – well attended and a good instructor – Thank you Susan!.

New Business: No Report

Other Business: There was general discussion about the ice breaker race, some of the new boats that will be racing, some boats at Barkers interested in weekend races, giving some leeway to new boats on the race course, the date for the first frey in the bay, and a discussion about the possibility of having a jib and main class – if enough boats.

Adjournment: At this time, the commodore turned the meeting over to the program. Presentations were made by David Turnham – starting sequence, Susan Mattis Turnham – starting tactics, Tom Rauschenfels – upwind tactics, Tim Buck – downwind tactics, and Eric Thomas – boat maintenance/boat readiness. It was great presentation – special thanks to our presenter for a wonderful job!