

**DULUTH YACT CLUB
ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2005**

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by commodore Mark Shefchik at 10:00 am ish.

Minutes from Past Meeting: Minutes from the February 27th 2005 general membership meeting were submitted for review by Heidi Hohnstadt, secretary. Jenny Townsend motioned to approve, seconded by Nelson Thomas – *motion carried*.

Treasurer's Report. The Annual DYC treasurer's report was presented; the report showed a total net worth of \$32,239.75 consisting of DYC checking, boat club escrow, trans-superior, San Juan, Smith & Barney funds, and feral gas credit. Income (ie beer sales) and outflows were discusses. Filing status was also discusses. Motion to approve the report made by Jenny Townsend, seconded by Nelson Thomas – *motion carried*.

Committee Reports:

DCSA: Dave Brown presented information regarding Duluth Community Sailing. This included a hand-out "DCSA 2005 In Review" and DCSA committees. Dave Brown discussed the information which regarded DCSA programming, boats and recommendations. 13 different community groups participated, serving 363 people. They are looking for volunteers to be instructors. David Turnham discussed that the club agreed to gift money to the DCSA last year and this year – motioned to give \$1000 for 2005 and \$1000 for 2006; motion seconded by Tom Rauschenfels; question called by Dale Hedtke – *motion carried*. Dale also suggested that we cut two checks so that the gift for each year is clear.

Race Committee: Eric Thomas reported for the committee. Discussed what worked this past year and what didn't; some comment from people about liking the distance races which used Bermuda starts – discussed an earlier start for some of distance races. Also discussed rekindling the triangle with a social at the end – possibly a Friday night start? (Used to be a knife river finish making it easier for the Bayfield boats to home). Wednesday races works well for buoy races – people are happy with that as-is; discussed mid-distance races as a time cruisers are more likely to participate – suggestions to add around the horn race or more Frey in the Bay. The Race Committee will compile these suggestions as they create the 2006 race calendar. There was also a Committee boat discussion – do we need a paid committee boat for non-buoy races? There was general consensus that Pat Joyal worked well with the weekend buoy races.

Scoring Committee: Steve Henry reported that races will be scored in fleet if there are not enough participants in each class (this primarily applies to weekend races). General comments that the classes are lopsided and we'll be looking at the class splits in an attempt to address this.

Ratings Committee: Tom Rauschenfels reported that there were no issues this year. If one has an issue, submit it in writing to the ratings committee. There was also general discussion about ratings as it relates to class splits.

Membership Committee: Susan Mattis Turnham reported that she has updated membership forms. She also reported that there were a total of 70 paid members for 2005, 2 paid members for 2006. Please send membership forms to her first as she compiles the membership list (she'll then send the info and \$ on to the treasurer). It was discussed that membership is down (membership used to be around 100). Members present had quite a lengthy discussion about developing membership; ideas generated included an placing an ad in Northern Breezes (or other publications), an evening event in the winter, a website link with the chamber of commerce; free 1st race; family racing or having a family/social class, a banner with "want to sail?" (or something similar) that the committee boat could display on race days, working to accommodate new crew better at the captain's meeting; assigning mentors to new boat owners/sailors; trinkets for new members (totes, hats, etc). The general consensus was that these are wonderful ideas, but need follow-through. These great ideas will be passed on to the new vice commodore who is in charge of the membership committee.

House and Dock Committee: David Turnham reported and capitulated with a thank you to Nelson Thomas for the flowers out side the clubhouse. David also reported that he believes the house will be there for the short term. He reported that the boat's bottom will need painting in the spring; with regards to it's motor, the hydraulics to lift the motor don't work making operation in waves more difficult. There was general agreement that the boat is good, but the motor needs replacing. Jenny Townsend motioned to shop and buy a motor before spring, seconded by Nelson Thomas – *motion carried*. Tom Rauschenfels suggested a committee gather, shop, and put forth a proposal to vote on at the spring meeting. He volunteered to serve on this committee as did Paul Danielson.

Social Committee: The big bru-ha-ha (Banquet) is tonight, Kris Henry is helping to organize, particularly the silent auction. A big thank you to her and her efforts!

Protest Committee: Steve Henry reported that protests are – fortunately – few and far between.

Newsletter: The website serves as our primary conveyor of news – but we'll continue to do two paper mailings per year – one in the fall and one in the spring..

Trans-Superior: Paula Hall was unable to be here, but did submit a financial report indicating a balance of \$7174.16; an increase of the entry fee this year helped the income. People discussed success and struggles of this years race; people felt the website was a huge success as well as the solo aspect of the race. Members would like to see merchandise, such as t-shirts, prepared earlier. Paula Hall's term with the Trans is complete and Dale Hedtke and Eric Thomas will serve as interim committee chairs.

Leading Edge: Susan Mattis Turnham and David Turnham have graciously volunteered to put this together again. Tom Rauschenfels thanked them for continuing to do an awesome job! (followed by a rigorous round of applause). Also discussed having the ads that are in the Edge put on the website (for a slightly larger fee of course!).

Historian: Susan M. Turnham reported that she'll add today's information.

Website: The website has been excellent and continues to grow and expand. See other sections of the minutes for how the website is utilized.

Old Business: The committee boat was revisited. Tom Rauschenfels stated that he thinks there needs to be a committee to put forth a proposal regarding a new motor which will be voted on in the spring. He volunteered to serve on this committee.

Other topics were revisited: Socials – there was discussion about a gathering at Giant's Ridge. Nelson Thomas thanked all for the many socials after the races. House and Dock – Paul Danielson wondered about picnic tables and a fire pit.

New Business: Susan M. Turnham facilitated a discussion about having a North U course. Not as many have attended as of late and it may not be held in Duluth unless there's an interest (and commitment). This year's topic will be Racing Tactics and Rules.

Bayfield Raceweek was also discussed – facilitated by Susan. Mountgay Rum will sponsor, but they wanted more feedback – and they wanted our mailing list. However, the group consensus was that we shouldn't be giving out that information.

Other Business: David Turnham brought up an educational/party in the winter.

Election of New Officers: David Turnham thanked retiring board members and presented nominations for incoming board members:

Eric Thomas – Commodore

Jeff Adams – Vice Commodore

Nick D'Aloia – Treasurer

Heidi Hohnstadt – Secretary

Second Year Board Members: Dale Hedtke, Krister Mattson, Jason Worsfold

First Year Board Members: Rob Finnigan, Tom Agerter, Erik Westman

And of course – Mark Shefchik – Past Commodore

Nelson Thomas moved to close the ballot – seconded by Tom Rauschenfels; *motion carried.*

Five persons were identified as serving on the next Nominations Committee for 2006: Mark Shefchik, Darrin Jones, David Turnham, Marty Forbes, and Paul Buckley.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Tom Rauschenfels, seconded by Paul Buckley – *motion carried* – meeting adjourned and noon-ish.

