

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Western Michigan Yachting Association

August 10, 2010

Location: Spring Lake Yacht Club

Attendees: Commodore Kevin Haviland SLYC

Vice Commodore Mark Wipper CLYC

Rear Commodore Ken Griswold MYC

Secretary Tom Munroe WLYC

Treasurer Carl Reid GRYC

Past Commodore Ted Keller TLYCC

Executive Secretary Joan Manny

Principal Race Officer Steve Schiller

Ex Officio Midge Verplank

At Large Pete Price

At Large Jack Rillema

Delegates present; J Gill, D Nelson, J Rillema, B VanFossen, L Swenson, J Allen, D Griswold, J Knape, D Chappell, J Minore, S Ralston, E Petersen, S Windemuller, D Fox, O Windemuller, V Peirce, M Terry, R Terry, S Fidler, A Price

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by Commodore Haviland

Steve Schiller moved that we forgo the reading of the minutes from the 2009 Annual Meeting. Seconded and approved.

Minutes from the Fall 2009 Board of Directors meeting were read by Joan Manny. Correction was made that Carl Reid was in attendance. Approved, seconded.

Treasurers Report; Joan Manny reported that we have \$22,738.27 in our account which includes Midge Verplank Perpetual Trophy fund and the Lifetime Membership fund. Approved/seconded.

Report of Officers;

Commodores Report – Kevin Haviland welcomed everyone to SLYC. He noted that the club has never looked better and thanked all of the volunteers for their hard work. He and all of the SLYC members are looking forward to a fun regatta.

Vice Commodores Report – Mark Wipper announced that CLYC would be the host August 4th-7th, 2011 and encouraged everyone to attend. There is a volunteer bonanza going on at CLYC to support the regatta.

Rear Commodores Report – Ken Griswold reported that MYC was looking forward to hosting in 2012. The dates are currently August 9, 10, 11, 12 Thursday – Sunday. Ken noted two major improvements. First the Octagon building is being improved and second that the Vikings lodge will allow MYC to use their beach area for launching.

Secretary –Tom Munroe reported that WLYC was looking forward to hosting Thursday- Sunday August 8th-11th 2013.

Treasurer – Carl Reid said GRYC is still in the planning process.

Old Business – The results of the recent poll regarding the Wednesday to Saturday or Thursday to Sunday format showed that the participants were split 50/50. It was determined that each member club would continue to have their choice.

New Business- Tom Munroe updated those at the meeting about Jim Young's coaching and video clinic that would be offered to the Butterfly sailors from funds received from the Lifetime memberships

Don Nelson announced that he would like to become a second builder for the Butterfly class. He is in the process of trying to work out an agreement with the National Butterfly Association. Vic Pierce the President of the NBA said that Don had not yet made formal proposal to the NBA, and that the NBA had not discussed this possibility, but that the NBA was not opposed to it. There may be trademark issues that have to be addressed. Ken Griswold asked if the NBA was satisfied with the current builder? Vic replied that the NBA had not discussed this. Jack Rillema commented that Don would be a great builder and that it would help to grow the class. Don Nelson noted that he wanted to prove himself to the NBA by building his first boat then showing it to the NBA to get their approval. Joan Manny commented that the WMYA does not approve builders and that it up to each class to resolve these issues. Joan asked Don if he was asking for experimental approval to build and sail his boats with the Butterflies at next years WMYA regatta. Don would like to do this. Vic Pierce was unsure of how this would work and wants to build and promote the class as well. Steve Schiller asked that Don and Vic continue this discussion report back to the WMYA. Both Don and Vic agreed to do this.

Joan Manny brought up the continuing issue of caring for and fixing the Perpetual Trophies. Joan asked that winners please fix broken trophies and take better care of them. The WMYA will pay to have any trophy fixed. This discussion will continue at the fall meeting.

Sean Fidler brought up and agreed to promote the WMYA regatta to the Laser fleets in the area.

Joan Manny noted the need to think ahead regarding the fund raising and use of the monies collected from Lifetime memberships. Ideas are welcomed.

Next Annual Meeting will be August 3, 2011 at CLYC.

Fall Directors meeting will be October 16, 2010

Election of Officers; Steve Schiller presented the 2011 Board of Directors of the WMYA.

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Treasurer – To Be Determined TLYCC

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PRO- Steve Schiller

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Motion Approved/seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm

Respectfully submitted by Tom Munroe, WMYA Secretary