

**Halifax Sailing Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2011**

Officers present: Gary Smith, Kevin Dammer, Lee Strong, Pete Haley, Melinda Matheus, Marcella Scaccia, Joel Hurley representing Chris Herbster

Guests: 4

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm, and adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Old Business:

1. Lawn care. The board voted to spend up to \$600 for a mower and weed-eater. Kevin will make the purchase.
2. The Capri rigging has been completed and paid for.

New Business:

1. There is an individual who would like to donate a 15' Designers Choice Racing Class boat to the club. It comes with a main, jib and spinnaker. Kevin will contact Bill and/or Thonas to see if they will look at the boat. The Board approved paying \$100 for the boat versus giving the individual a one-year membership due to accounting issues.
2. The Board approved using Registration Solutions for credit card payments effective immediately. Jeff will complete the preparations for this. The service would allow the club to take credit card payments, track registrations/memberships, etc....
3. The Board approved changing the check-out system for the Swing Keel boats. This applies to the 21 to 25 feet boats only. The 30 foot Pierson is NOT included in this change.

The new policy is as follows: If an individual has gone through the entire orientation of one of the boats, including the rigging, sailing and docking of the boat, has successfully passed the written exam, and has been checked out by the Boat Captain, that individual will be able to sail all of the Swing Keel boats without having to go through the entire process with another Boat Captain. The person sailing the boat will be expected to do their due diligence before sailing the boat and an "idiosyncrasies" list for each boat will be posted for their assistance. Further, if a member is checked out on one of these boats, they may "train" another member to sail the boat and the second member need only go through the final checkout with the boat captain.

Examples:

- a. New member who not checked out on any of the Swing Keel boats – this person must go through the entire orientation of one of the boats, including the rigging, sailing and docking of the boat, successfully pass the written exam, and be checked out by the Boat Captain. Once approved, the individual would be able to sail any of the other Swing Keel boats.
- b. Experienced member checked out on one of the Swing Keel boats – this person is eligible to sail any of the other Swing Keel boats.

Officers' Report – None made