

MINUTES FROM HSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 25, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:42 PM by Peter Burg, Commodore.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Commodore, Peter Burg:

- Stated that thanks are due to **Steve Roberts** for our new water fountain; **Bobbie _____** for getting potholes filled on the entrance road; and to Joel Hurley and Trish Gibbons and all others organize and execute a successful Founders' Cup Regatta.
- As required by HSA By-Laws, a registered letter has been sent to two members advising that they are in violation of rules for Gold Member boat storage and one has not paid membership dues for this year. If not corrected, the BoD will next approve appropriate actions to be taken.
- The Commodore talked to members of Halifax River Yacht Club to find out how they handle these type problems. They stated they have not yet had to deal with delinquent members due to differences in their club's structure.
- A new battery charger has been purchased for club use.
- Some members have been using boats without signing them out. We need to remind everyone at the next General Membership Meeting.

First Vice-Commodore, John Miskewitz: Absent.

Fleet Vice-Commodore, Bob Benhke:

- Bob asked what has been done for marketing the "Summer Wind" if we are going to sell it and use the newly obtained 23' Kittywake as its replacement. There was discussion about needing to modify the Kittwake's motor mounting in order to keep the boat in the water or if we should consider selling the boat and using the proceeds to obtain another vessel that could be a better choice for the club's use.
- Reminded the BoD that the J-24 moored at the dock needs to be removed because club rules do not allow for long term use of the dock for mooring or repairs. A question arose concerning use of the HSA mooring to get the J-24 off the dock. It was determined that the mooring buoy needs to be cleaned and the diver will need to check the status of the anchors and chain before the mooring

should be used. We will use the club safety boat and a volunteer to serve as safety tender for the diver while checking the mooring.

- There are two more boats that need to be hauled for maintenance. “Summer Wind” needs bottom paint, and “Cherlyn Tu” needs the keel cable, turning ball, cable winch, and cable hose replaced. The parts have all been ordered and should arrive soon. Hauling of each boat will be scheduled as the weather and tides permit.

Education/Training Vice-Commodore, Jake Morgan:

- Our training season has now ended. Six courses were run covering a total of 60 students. Kudos and many thanks go out to the Instructors and Assistants for the untold hours spent teaching others how to enjoy the sport of sailing.
- Jake explained to the BoD the process of switching from our present online registration system to “Regatta Network”, the online system employed by U.S. Sailing Association for member clubs. Various modules are used for membership registration and paying of dues and for registration for events such as a race regatta or training class. Our website now has the classes for next year posted under this new system and we are working to get the annual membership registration modules in place to allow their use online in October. There were many questions from members of the BoD and much discussion regarding the many details to be addressed as we go forward.

Membership Vice-Commodore, Lynda Mosher: Absent

Events Vice-Commodore, Trish Gibbons:

- HSA is having a BBQ for alumni of sail training courses. This event will be held in combination with the October 5 Big Boys Race (BBZ). A notice has been sent to the membership.
- All known club events for the remainder of this year and for next year are listed on the web page calendar.

Treasurer, Thanos Nikolakopoulos: Absent.

Secretary, _____: Absent. (Meeting Minutes taken by Dewey Beliech.)

ERAU Sailing Club, Chris Herbster:

- The club is up and running strong. They have a race regatta in St. Petersburg this weekend.

- There seems to be lots of new interest in the club from ERAU students; and the new club officers are hoping to have additional members joining.

Halifax Youth Sailing, Steve Caron:

- Now that the Summer Youth Camps have ended, HYS has started up their Fall Racing Program. They have their first race regatta of the season in Jacksonville this Saturday, 9/27.
- There will be a youth race regatta at Lake Eustis in October.

Hobie Fleet 80, Dave Dunn:

- There are several multi-hull regattas coming up during the next few months.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The club's CPA, Minna Hardesty, related the history and present status of our November, 2012 application to the IRS for approval as a tax exempt 501 (c) (3) organization. The IRS has finally offered to issue the "Letter of Determination of Tax Exempt Status" approving HSA as a 501 (c) (3) organization as of the postmark date of our application. The BoD voted unanimously to accept this change in status.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.