

**DULUTH YACHT CLUB
BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2006**

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Commodore Eric Thomas at ~6:00PM at Sir Ben's.

Attendees: 13 members present.

Minutes from Past Meeting: Minutes from November meeting were not reviewed as the new secretary was absent from the November meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Nick D'Aloia submitted a detailed summary of the balances in each of the 5 accounts; approximately \$19,500. The summary also shows recent inflows (\$4,088.00) from the Banquet and (\$637.00) from Dues, as well as recent outflows. The DYC basically broke even on the Banquet.

Committee Reports:

DCSA: They will be meeting on January 8, 2007.

Race: David Turnham submitted the proposed 2007 race schedule which was adopted by the Board as proposed. Weekend races will have a start time of 2 PM, with the theory being that no matter what time of day the race begins, the remainder of the day will be spent enjoying the convivial afterglow at the marina, and therefore it would be prudent to allow racers time to mow their lawns in the morning.

There were very few boats that participated in the 2006 Mid-distance races. Discussion of strategies to promote participation, included "Boat sign-up/Crew sign-up" sheets at the Clubhouse, reminders by email and at Wed night races.

Scoring: One race out of 7 maybe thrown-out in the Spring Wednesday races; one of 8 races may be thrown-out in the Fall Wednesdays; and No races thrown-out in the Mid-summer Wednesday races as there are only 4 races in that series.

Ratings: No report.

Membership: Noted that for example, membership in the Thunder Bay Yacht Club affords the member free winter boat storage. Are there benefits that could be offered to DYC members that might encourage larger membership?

House & Dock: The Clubhouse lease has not been signed, nor check cashed. Structural improvements or comfort enhancements are impractical as the DYC has no long-term lease agreement for the Clubhouse building.

Social: Discussion facilitated by Kris Henry and Krister Mattson. Recapping the Banquet as a money maker, Kris reported that the Silent Auction didn't generate as much income as last year, perhaps due to the items' being spread over a large area, thus decreasing likelihood of competitive bidding. Ideas for next years' banquet: Will go back to a more concentrated

grouping of items for the Silent Auction. Discussion of planning for the 2007 banquet; will pursue space at the DECC overlooking the bay. Kris will call for info and to reserve the space.

Purchase of a refrigerator for the Clubhouse would be very nice. We want to continue to have social gatherings after the Wednesday night races. Would like additional membership interest in planning the social events after races.

Protest: No report.

Newsletter: Amy Carlson has graciously offered to notify members of meetings by email on a regular basis.

Trans-Superior: Will discuss at next month's meeting.

Leading Edge: Will be updated, of course, based upon 2007 membership.

Historian: No report.

Website: The Website is operational. A couple of people have access to update information on our Website.

Old Business: No report.

New Business: The Board appreciates Rob Finnigan's thorough investigation of the feasibility of the DYC leasing Slips 2 and 3 from the City. In summary, he advises that will never happen. Such an arrangement would have no support from parties involved in decision-making about that land usage.

The DYC owns a one acre plot just past the Coast Guard marina. How will/could that waterfront land be used?

Work recommended on the committee boat—railing along the front and/or some sort of hand rail for safety. Perhaps the DYC could take advantage of heated space at Barker's to do the work during a "down" time for Barker's

Other Business: Brainstorming about the appeal of the DYC renting, for example, 20 slips AND the Clubhouse, making it possible to lease space to two smaller boats in one slip and reducing cost to DYC members. Would star docks (8 boats per dock) be appealing to DYC members? No power on the star docks, of course. Permanent moorings? (Dry sailed? ←what is "dry sailed")

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Monday, January 15 at Sir Ben's.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by DYC Secretary, Ardys Richards