

**DULUTH YACHT CLUB
BOARD MEETING
January 15, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Commodore Eric Thomas at ~6:00PM at Sir Ben's.

ATTENDEES: 15 members present.

MINUTES FROM PAST MEETING: The motion to accept Minutes from December meeting was deferred until the end of the Board meeting to give members an opportunity to review for accuracy.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nick D'Aloia provided the attendees a detailed summary of the balances in each of the 5 accounts: approximately \$19,200. Inflow from Leading Edge ads was \$75.00. Total outflow was \$229.20 for the PO Box, Glenwood Signs Trophies and to Nelson Thomas for Socials. Harbor Cove has not yet cashed checks for dockage or the Clubhouse.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DSSA: Current membership is modest. They discussed strategies to provide more lessons to the community in hopes to build membership. Essentially the DSSA is broke. We considered further gifting to DSSA. (Name now inclusive of Superior: Duluth Superior Sailing Assn)

Race: Follow-up discussion on work needed on the Committee boat. The Club anticipates some cash outflow for having the Committee boat painted and console repaired. Discussion of cost to install a used, rebuilt steering mechanism of ~\$200. A handful of DYC members...Danielson, Rauschenfels, et al, are planning to do the work on the boat. Also, they planning to hard mount a radio on the Committee boat.

Scoring: All boats in the mid-distance races were scored in the same way. Will do so again in 2007. Steve Henry initiated discussion about scoring splits (the gist of which this writer did not understand.)

A couple of ideas tossed out: 1) should the Club have one race series which is optional for trying out spinnaker racing? No decision to do so.

2) Should we use (various colored) flags to clarify the separate race classes? No decision but some favorable interest voiced to do that.

Ratings: Lengthy discussion about possible use of Michigan perf ratings, pros and cons. One disadvantage is that the local club loses much of its' flexibility. Opposition to Michigan perf ratings outweighed proposed benefits in this discussion.

Boats that want to have their rating reviewed need to present that request in writing and direct to Tom Rauschenfels. There are a few rating requests up for next committee meeting within the next month or so.

David Turnham raised the question: How can the Club best orient new racers to the ratings methods used?

Some discussion of having an additional cruising class that can fly a spinnaker attached at the bow (without a spinnaker pole). Consensus was that this would dilute an already small pool of cruising class boats. When we have more cruising boats that race, we may want to have this discussion again.

Membership: No report, per se. Dale Hedtke had ordered new burgees last year and we have approximately 6 remaining. Will distribute those as needed to new members.

House & Dock: No report, but mention made of charitable organizations such as the Zeppa Foundation, whose mission and intent is to further the Duluth community.

Social: Discussion of a “crew appreciation party” spring 2007 initiated by Krister Mattson and Kris Henry. No specific plan established but options of where (Grandma’s Sports Garden or Bridgeview?) and when (March, April?) and what sort of program (photo/slide show of sailing season?) discussed. In the past we’ve had such things as raffling “X” number of seconds off the boat’s race time. Three years ago, we organized a Charity Regatta. Gift ideas for crew members?

Protest: No report.

Newsletter: No report.

Trans-Superior: Dale Hedtke encourages members to contact him if they have interest in working on the Trans-Superior Race. He’ll contact members if he needs more help.

Leading Edge: Waiting for paid memberships to come in to complete the book. The Turnham’s will do a paper mailing in February to remind members to pay and to provide them the race schedule for 2007.

Historian: No report.

Website: Website is operational.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday, April 2 at Sir Ben’s at 6:00 PM.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by DYC Secretary, Ardys Richards

