

**DULUTH YACHT CLUB  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 2, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Commodore Eric Thomas at 6:00 PM at Sir Ben's.

**ATTENDEES:** 9 members present.

**MINUTES FROM PAST MEETING:** Minutes reviewed and approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Nick D'Aloia reports that accounts are essentially unchanged from last meeting. The Trans Account is at \$4280. Harbor Cove has finally cashed our checks. The cost of mailing the spring meeting flyers will be submitted for reimbursement. Anticipating many paid memberships coming in soon. Treasurer's report was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**DSSA:** The Duluth Superior Sailing Assn will be hosting a Spaghetti Feed on Sunday, April 15. Dale Hedtke will attend their board meeting tonight and will notify DYC members of time and location of the Spaghetti Feed by email. There will be a Silent Auction at the event. DSSA has sold a San Juan which is helping them stay "afloat" at present. The DYC will revisit the issue of what sort of financial assistance will be offered DSSA at our General Membership meeting on April 29, 2007.

**Race:** Dave Turnham will convene the Committee before our spring General Membership meeting in order to: 1) make a working draft of the list of possible race courses (on the Lake and in the Harbor), and 2) make a prototype of a race board with (e.g.) large velcro letters to display on the Committee boat (identifying the race course). Meanwhile, Kris Henry will design 3 brightly colored flags for the Committee boat to indicate 3 separate start sequences: 1) A&B 2) C&D 3) Jib & Main. There will also be matching colored streamers to fly off the backstays of each race boat.

Dale Hedtke reports that Northern Breezes would publish our summer race schedule if we like, in the May or June edition.

**Scoring:** Steve Henry has a new version of the scoring software and a new computer to do calculations.

**Ratings:** Tom Rauschenfels has done a lot of research on ratings since last meeting.

**Membership:** The deadline for new memberships will be May 2, after our spring General Membership meeting. Proposal discussed of designing a Nalgene water bottle with DYC logo for all paid social memberships. Paul Danielson will investigate this further before General Membership meeting.

**House & Dock:** Dave Turnham reports that the lease paperwork has been received. That will be turned around immediately with Eric Thomas' signature.

**Social:** Kris Henry reports that it will be possible to RSVP to General Membership and Crew Appreciation Event via the evite link with our DYC website. The Crew Appreciation party will be fun! There will be sailing videos, potluck and swimming for whole families at the Country Inn & Suites on Haines Rd.

Present members are interested in scheduling specific “theme” social events in advance, which will make advertising them easier. After Wed night races for example: a “Cajun Rage”, “Hawaiian Hurricane”, “Mexican Fiesta” .....

**Protest:** No report.

**Newsletter:** Flyers to be mailed tomorrow.

**Trans-Superior:** Things are progressing nicely in preparation. There will be a color ½ page ad in Northern Breezes for the next three months, donated by Tom Rauschenfels. Thank you, Tom. The Aquarium has been leased for the Trans-Superior. Slip 2 has been leased. Dale Hedtke reports a good amount of participation for the Trans-Superior.

**Leading Edge:** Will be published with all members listed (due by May 2, 2007). The Turnhams are actively soliciting ads for the *Leading Edge*. The *Leading Edge* could publish diagrams/descriptions of all race course options which the race boats could then use in correlation with the large race board that would be displayed on the Committee boat. Crews may want to laminate the course diagrams for easy reference while racing. (*Reader should reference the minutes under Race Committee for further explanation.*)

**Historian:** No report.

**Website:** May need to spend a little bit yet to make the website more functional. The secretary will learn how to make a PDF file so that Minutes will be on the website.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The notion of colored backstay flags that correlate with 3 starting sequences was discussed at last meeting and confirmed today. General Membership will review the flags in addition to the large race board to be displayed on the Committee boat.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion of getting one consistent person to run the Committee boat ALL the time. This has been an unpaid position. It *could* be a paid position. Work hours run from ~4:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Do we offer a bonus at the end of the season to ensure reliability? Anybody have any ideas on someone to hire?

**NEXT MEETING:** General Membership meeting on April 29, 2007. The next Board meeting would ordinarily fall on Monday, May 7. We'll decide at the General Membership meeting whether a meeting on May 7 is needed.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Submitted by DYC Secretary, Ardys Richards

