

DULUTH YACHT CLUB
January 8, 2008

Call to order by Commodore Kris Henry at 6:08 PM at Sir Ben's. 11 members present

Motion to approve **Minutes** by Mark Darby and seconded by Robin Ketchen with clarification that no Clubhouse bill has been received by DYC as of this date.

Treasurer's Report submitted by Robin Ketchen. The DYC checking account will be at about \$300 after the current bills are paid. The 2008 Membership dues have not started coming in yet.

Bob Maki of Harbor Cove Marina has advised he will be asking \$3000 for 2008 lease of Clubhouse. (This is separate from the committee boat dock fee of \$1,157 which has been paid.) *Refer to Clubhouse and Dock Committee Report below for more information.* Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Mark Darby, seconded by Derron Jones.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Race: David Turnham reports the committee has drafted the **Race Schedule** for 2008. Spring Wed season begins May 14. We'll use best 5 out of 7 races. Mid-Summer will use 4 of 4. Fall Wed will use best 7 of 8 races. The last Wed race will be Sept 17.

There are 7 weekend races scheduled. One of them on a Sunday afternoon, due to interest shown by Club members. Mid-distance races will all be Bermuda starts. The **Race Schedule** was accepted by the Board, after so moved by Mark Darby and then, Derron Jones.

Ratings: Although Tom Rauschenfels is not present to report, the Board is aware there are no challenges before this committee currently with regard to boat ratings.

Membership: Confirmed co-chairs are Eric Thomas and Rob Finnegan. The committee is discussing a membership package to include "*what you need to know about DYC*" to encourage new members to join. A membership form will be emailed to all current members, encouraging payment of dues now.

Social: Amy Carlson reports as Chair, that this committee will be meeting within the month to map out plans for Social Events for 2008. There has been discussion of a winter event to be planned, but nothing on the schedule as yet.

Clubhouse and Dock: Eric Thomas reports that Bob Maki of Harbor Cove Marina will be sending a bill for \$3000 for the lease of clubhouse in 2008. (In 2007 it was \$2000). Eric proposes that DYC *not* pay the rental agreement until closer to spring. He recommends that the Board evaluate the value of the clubhouse to DYC. Mark Darby moved to do as Eric has proposed, seconded by Derron Jones and approved by the Board.

Also pertinent to further discussion of this issue, the Club would be required to rent our own Portable Toilet and dumpster. We are not to paint or roof the building (part of previous discussions). The DYC has been advised by Mr. Maki that parking and auto traffic are problematic and that DYC must find a way to NOT have crew members park near the boats. Eric suggests sandwich board signs directing crew to *park in the winter boat storage area*, and to remind us to *drive slowly* in the Marina. Eric has calculated the cost of the clubhouse lease for

2008 would be \$3/person per social event, based upon 50 people participating in 20 events. The Board is aware that other building space at Harbor Cove cannot be rented due to its' "no sublet" contract. Paul Danielson and Eric Thomas will lead the committee in exploration of alternatives to the clubhouse. The building has been housing our race buoys as well as tables, chairs, etc.

Website: Steve Henry reported that Susan Mattis-Turnham has offered to help with managing the website. The site is at webpages.charter.net/hank838. The new DYC website is looking better all the time. Thank you to both Steve and Susan for taking on this responsibility. It will be appreciated by everyone!

Leading Edge: David Turnham reports that he will again act as ad chairman. Thanks, Dave. Sales of all advertisements will need to be in by April 2008 for the 2008 Leading Edge. This committee would like to see a specific letter from the Membership Committee be included in the new publication, as well as a letter from the Social Committee.

TransSuperior: No committee report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

All committee chair positions are now filled. Any and all DYC members are invited to participate on committees of their interest. At present, in addition to the Chairs, participants on the Membership Committee include Tim Buckley, Robin Ketchen and Dale Hedtke.

If DYC participates in pouring beer at Grandma's Marathon, we will not be *giving* DYC hats to the pourers due to cost to the Club, but hats may be *purchased* by pourers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Remainder of Board meeting designated to brainstorming three questions:

- 1) What are the DYC products and services?
- 2) Why are we the best group to deliver these products and services?
- 3) What should DYC look like in 1-2 years?

DELIVERABLES:

Before the next DYC Board meeting Monday, February 4 at Sir Ben's, 6:00PM:

- 1) The Social Committee will map out tentative social calendar for 2008.
- 2) The Board will test out the brainstorming we did this evening, for topics of concurrence.

Motion to adjourn by Ardys Richards, seconded by Derron Jones. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Submitted by Ardys Richards, DYC Secretary