

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 7:03 by SMSA President Mark Conroy

Mark Conroy – Grand Cove YC

Rob Hurd – Tabor Academy

John Field – Barnstable YC

Rick Schultz – Falmouth YC

Beth Smith – Hyannis YC

Warren Silver – Orleans YC

Michael Callahan – New Bedford YC

Tom Tullis – Quissett YC

Karan Galanis – West Dennis YC

Wes Durant – Wild Harbor YC

1. President's Report – Mark Conroy

- Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management Mooring Issue
- A permit was going to be required for any anchor or mooring put in the water; this would include race marks.
- At a public hearing in Boston this week, CZM backed off this requirement
- President Mark Conroy will monitor the situation and alert clubs through website and e-mail if any further action is required.

2. Treasure's report – Chuck Leonard

- In 2014, SMSA collected \$19,700 in dues, \$1800 more than 2013.
- Increase was not due to additional members as much as one member club catching up on past years dues not paid.
- Treasurer recommends leaving the dues structure the way it is:
\$100 for schools
\$300 for small clubs and
\$600 for large clubs
- What is the dividing line between small and large clubs? I am not sure, but I know that Chuck knows. I will ask him and include it in the minutes before publishing.
- Motion to approve dues structure passes unopposed.
- 2015 Dues Invoices will be mailed out at the end of the month.

3. Administrator Report – Rob Hurd

- **2015 Schedule:**
 - Cumming (June 25-26) at Pleasant Bay CB
 - Gill (July 27-29) at Dennis YC
 - Durant (Aug 12-13) at Hyannis YC

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- Area A (July 11-12) (Bemis/ Symthe) at New Bedford YC
- Chubb Jr. National (Aug 2-6) at Wianno YC
- Grand Prix Schedule posted
- 2015 Regatta schedule posted. More regattas being confirmed each week, so check back frequently

FYI: Duxbury Bay MS Jr regatta will be a Jr Olympic regatta this year

- **Instructor Training**

- 7 Level-1 Instructor Course, 1 Level-2 Instructor Course and 1 Level-3 Coach Course with open registration
- Possibility of more courses being added if demand increases and clubs are willing to host
- All registrations are first come, first served through US Sailing. Contact them with questions, comments, or concerns.

4. Discussion Topic: Which regattas (Opti & 420) does your organization participate in each year and why?

- New Bedford:
 - Sponsor four regattas, which means we will send a coach.
 - Take input from parents and if four 4 boat want to go, we will consider it.
 - Usually do VH, NBJR, BJR, and rotate the 4th.
- Hyannis:
 - A Team – Grand Prix regattas and HYC regatta
 - B Team – Smaller local regatta (WDI, Yarmouth Rec, Wild Harbor)
 - C Team – HYC Invite, Chatham
 - All the kids tend to want to sail everything regardless of which “team” they are on. This leads to sailors being tired by the end of the summer season.
 - When we travel, we tend to send a lot of boats – too many? Not sure.
 - Don’t tend to go outside SMSA
- West Dennis:
 - A Team - Grand Prix regattas, HYC regatta, BBR
 - B Team - local regattas (WDI, BRI, BofW, HYCI, etc.)
- Wild Harbor:
 - Support regattas on Buzzard Bay
 - Kids like the Grand Prix; only go to the Island if it is a Grand Prix; Grand Prix plays a critical role in our choices
 - Prefer two day event
 - UNCI Cup (Optis): Chapoquiot, Buzzards, Wild Harbor, Quissett, and Megansett. Rotate from club to club with cumulative scores. Really popular with majority of Opti sailors/parents
- Quissett:
 - UNCI Cup is very popular with the Optis.
 - Grand Prix tends to be popular with C420s
- Barnstable:
 - Sponsor 4 regattas a year and pick them based upon the kids we have

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- Always go to Dennis YC b/c they are on the North side of the Cape, but the other regattas rotate.
- Parents don't like the 2-day regattas as it involves more work.
- Questions
 - If there were a reduced number of Grand Prix C420 regattas, how would that affect your summer plans/program/regatta?
 - Hyannis – Probably no change b/c our team travels everywhere with a ton of boats
 - West Dennis – Allow us to focus more locally
 - Falmouth – Suspect it would not affect our program
 - Wild Harbor – special trophy for Girls who compete in a Girl-Girl boat in the Grand Prix
 - New Bedford – Large part of NBJR participants come from outside SMSA. Little parent involvement as compared to past years so a lot of what we do has to do with the program and not the title (Grand Prix)
- Conclusion:
 - A reduction in the number Grand Prix regattas by creating a different rotation system, might allow clubs to focus more locally and probably would not affect Grand Prix Regattas too much

Next meeting is Thursday March 19, 2015 at Duxbury Bay MS. Report time is 6 pm; dinner and the meeting to follow. A registration form will be sent out in February.

Meeting adjourned 7:46