

SM Sailing Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2009

Meeting called to order via conference call at 19:35 by Nick Peirson

Present on call: Nick Peirson, Cotuit Mosquito YC, Lisa Patten, Stage Harbor YC, Gary Doodlesack, Falmouth YC, Tom Tullius, Quisett YC, Joel Hanneman, Beverly YC, Rob Reifeiss, Plymouth YC, Peter Johns, Wianno YC, Rob Hurd, Tabor Academy, John Field, Hyannis YC, Phyllis Partridge, Beverly YC, Tonya Stevens, Vineyard Haven YC, Rick Schulz, Falmouth YC, Sarah Wilsterman, Stage Harbor, Stuart Gilfillen, Beverly YC

1. SM Sailing Administrator Position: Nick Peirson reported on this new part-time position. Job Description was sent in advance electronically on Jan. 25 for all to review. Main responsibility is to help President; assist member organization with keeping its website current; work with Regatta Networks; organize the Skills Clinics and hire coaches. Compensation would be \$4000. Discussion on the President reserving the right to pay more as an option. 1 year contract. Nick wanted to move forward with filing the position because he has an interested candidate under consideration. Motion was made and accepted.
2. Grand Prix Events: Nick presented that he did not plan on much change to the Grand Prix in 2009. In large part due to significant changes made in 2008 and current geographic spread. One change is adding Falmouth and New Bedford into 420 Grand Prix. Nick reinforced that all Grand Prix events are required to have online final results. Was proposed that Lasers be best 2 out of 5 events, 420s be best 3 out of 8 events and Optis be best 3 out of 7. Much discussion on changing to Lasers best 3/5, 420 best 4/8 and Opti 4/7 to produce a true championship. Motion was made and vote was taken on this change. All voted in favor of this change. Possibility of island events being back-to-back. Discussion on other changes to Grand Prix to bring it back to its roots or alter it more. Good ideas were brought up e.g. rotating clubs in and out of Grand Prix schedule each year, two day events, etc. Rob Hurd suggested taking a step back and come up with criteria for what a Grand Prix event should be. Tabled further discussion of changes for future meeting.
3. Team Racing: Joel Hanneman reported that the A group will be the same for 2008. Beverly could host the championship only if after the BJR. Clubs need to provide Joel with their program directors names/contact info. B group is work still in progress.
4. Brief discussion on Ladder events.
5. It was generally agreed that Monday evenings were good for the majority. Next conference call is scheduled for Monday, February 23 @ 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 20:45

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Calnan