

Minutes of MBHCA EBoard Meeting 3/7/15 at Ted's House

Meeting called to order by President Ted at 7:40 pm. Also present were: VP Mark Hickey, Fleet Captain Debbie Caldwell-Connell, Fleet Captain Bonnie Marcel, and Ass't Fleet Captain Bud Welsh

Reports:

Secretary Ted handed out the minutes from the last meeting on 10/19/15 for review. Some items that came up during the presentation will be discussed below under Old Business.

Old Business:

Regarding a proposed By-law change regarding membership: This proposal was put forward at a previous meeting, but the Ass'n voted to send it back to the EBoard for more work. It was decided that we would do that at the next meeting of the EBoard.

Regarding a "Kick-Off Regatta," coupled with a launch day and some kind of meal: Discussion centered around whether it should be at the end of June because of afternoon high tides then, or on the long July 4th weekend. It was decided to recommend an end-of-June date. (The recommended schedule will be presented for a vote at a General Meeting, probably in April.)

Regarding the whereabouts of two perpetual trophies – the Floyd and the Lauritzen: Bonnie said that she thought she may have seen one, and will investigate.

Regarding the inclusion of new/younger members: It was suggested that a new standing Membership Committee of the Ass'n be established, and that a younger member chair it. Ted said that he would reach out to some likely candidates for that position.

Regarding raising awareness of Ass'n activities and scheduling: Various ideas were put forth, such as postcards, magnets, etc. More will be discussed in the future.

Regarding the collection of Ass'n dues: Ted said that a first notice would go out with these minutes. There was some discussion as to whether to make dues collection a priority, or whether the Ass'n should take the dues as they come, and focus on maximum awareness and participation.

Regarding work parties, there was some discussion as to organizing "boat-rolling" parties when the weather warms. Bud needs to have #165 rolled, and there are probably many others who could take advantage of this.

New Business:

Proposed Schedule

June 25/26	"Kick-off Regatta"	HT 3:48/4:38 PM
July 2/3/4	Open	HT 9:57/10:54 AM
July 9/10	Lipton Cup	HT 3:54/4:42 PM
July 16/17	Open	HT 9:26/10:14 AM
July 23/24	QBRW OL	HT 2:37/3:24 PM
July 30/31	Open	HT 8:44/9:45 AM
Aug 6/7	Nationals or Carven	HT 2:34/3:17 PM
Aug 13/14	Open	HT 7:53/8:47 AM
Aug 20/21	Nationals or Carven	HT 1:25/2:11 PM

Regarding the 2016 Racing Schedule: The above dates for the Lipton Regatta and QBRW are already set. With afternoon high tides most desirable, the remaining regattas – Carven and Nationals – would likely go as above. Ted said that he would contact Joe Carven to see if the Carven family was still willing to host a regatta, and which of the two recommended above, or another weekend, would they prefer. The Hull One-Design Regatta, run a few years back, does not seem to be returning. It was agreed that there should be some kind of awards for season-long performance, and for participation. The final recommendation for a schedule will be finished at the next EBoard meeting.

Regarding the collection of information on individual boats, whether in the form of “boat pages,” or an Excel spreadsheet, Ted and Mark said that they would coordinate on that. Ted collected what information that the EBoard had about the newest 10 Hustlers, and will include that. The next 10 will be tackled at the next EBoard meeting. The only boat not accounted for among the newest 10 was #183, formerly Bandwagon, built by John Healy, and sailed by his family before being sold. The most recent contact was a “John Hanrahan”, with no contact info, and no info about the boat’s whereabouts. If anyone has any info about this boat, please email me at randallnd@yahoo.com

Regarding boats for sale, Bud says that he has three: #148, #179, and #165 (work in progress) Call him at 781-878-6695 for info. Also, Scott Holbrook has #173 for sale.

The next EBoard meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 4, with a General Meeting to follow later in April.

Respectfully submitted,
Ted Randall, Secretary

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