

## **Sonar Fleet Annual Meeting Minutes:**

Attendance: Boats 24, 36, 113, 137, 311, 370, 391, 424 were represented.

Howard called the meeting to order at 7:15

Odell wasn't able to come to the meeting, Howard presented the results from the survey and solicited further feedback. The one outstanding item was that most of those in attendance wanted to drop the mid-distance race. Duane asked about band/no band, and there was a comment about 2 days vs. 3 days. Ken commented that if SCA sanctions the regatta (see items below), and if Catalina sanctions the regatta, we should keep the band and do 3 days.

Ken gave the treasurer's report. \$3618.19 in the bank, \$50 in petty cash, 2 expenditures in 2015 were the B Series party and the glassware for places 4 and 5. See balance sheet below.

Howard asked for a Sonar fleet rep for the Star of the North. No volunteers were forthcoming, Howard will continue for now. Ken asked about any obligation Fleet 5 has for the out of town boats for SotN as their fees are being waived.

Hans has volunteered to take over the Sonar Fleet 5 web presence.

Warren volunteered to continue coordinating our fleet's responsibilities for the Series B party.

We discussed the Team Racing schedule, and elected to "Add all the Fridays". Basically lets put all the dates on the schedule so we're covered by the permits, and cancel as need arises.

Fleet Special rules: the one point of discussion was trying to codify the wind limits for the Lonar. Ernie is going to dig up his old notes. Howard is going to talk to the board/race committee to get a good "on the water" wind reading so we can make a go/no-go decision.

Rumbles: do we do them/not do them? Ben mailed in a comment about scheduling making it hard for MYC racers to get over in time. Others noted the lack of participation.

Motion by Hans: that the Sonars not do the rumbles for 2016.

Seconded by Ken

Motion carried.

There was related discussion about our "Champ of Champs" entry.

Motion by Ernie: Champ of Champ rep is our Thursday race champ for 2016

Second: Stieers, Olmstead

Motion carried

Ken made a report about what's going on with the Sonar Class Association.:

New board members: Ken Stieers, Jon Chiasson

Rondar Sonar list is \$45000, rigged, trailer, no sails. Ben emailed some info to Howard about if 4 or more bought, there's a discount available. Dan @ Rondar joined a recent class exec board meeting.

NYYC got their 8, 13 going to Waterfront for delivery in May, a couple more for NY North Shore Long Island are next...

About the new boats, first 8 boats the weights were within 1 kilo. A few minor bugs have been worked out. (bailers, tiller too long, small keel issues) . Performance much like Ontarios.

Sonar NA's 2016 – Manhasset Bay Yacht Club, September 30-Oct

Sonar Worlds 2017 – Lunenburg, NS Sept 6-10 , 2017.

“Sonar Midwest Championships” – SCA wants to sanction SotN. This would require one participant on each boat to be a member of the Sonar Class Association, and for the boat to have a measurement certificate. There was discussion about pros/cons of this.

Motion by Ernie: Request an online discussion and online vote of the whole membership for the sanctioning the SotN as a sanctioned event.

Second: Olmstead

Motion carried. Ken and Howard will start this discussion.

New business:

Marty brought 3 items up:

1. Troy is looking for a partner. Is this part of what leads to fewer boats out on Sundays? Are others looking for help in getting their program going?
2. How do we facilitate knowledge transfer within the fleet? Swapping crew, Friday nights/team race nights, Sundays, rumble times were all discussed.
3. How to push the fleet and the boat: This wrapped back around to discussions on how to get participation up on Sundays, and more specifically how to get Sonar fleet participation up on Sundays. We drew Nate Olmstead into the discussion and through him we'll approach the high school sailing teams as they are using Sonar's for national level regattas. He suspects we could get 2 teams out, assuming we can get boats volunteered.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm

**Sonar Fleet 5  
Treasurer's Report  
20-Feb-16**

Beginning Balance \$ 3,344.08

Income

2015 Dues	19 boats @\$40	\$ 760.00
Petty Cash deposit		\$ 100.00
Sales of gear		<u>\$ 120.00</u>

Total Income \$ 980.00

Expenditures

B Series Party		\$ (325.89)
Glassware		<u>\$ (380.00)</u>

Total Expenditures \$ (705.89)

Ending Balance \$ 3,618.19

\*Current Petty Cash \$ 50.00