

Minutes of Sonar Fleet 5 Annual meeting

Howard Noreen called the meeting to order at 7:10

15 Boats in attendance: 4,22,24,25,137,159,233,239,370,371,391,464,486,508,822

Minutes of last meeting discussed, motion to accept by Troy, seconded by Hans. Motion carried

Treasurer's report presented. Current account balance is \$3775.71, plus \$90 in petty cash. Motion to accept by Ernie, second by Lew. Motion carried.

New slate of officers was presented: Captain Ken Stieers (137), Treasurer Alison Hubel (424), Secretary Tom Brown (548) Motion to accept slate as presented by Ben, seconded by Hans. Motion carried

We made an acknowledgment of Howard's service to the fleet, WYC, and the WCSC.

Ken then took over the meeting.

Setting of dues. Current dues at \$40. Motion to keep dues at \$40 per season by John Sligh, seconded by Troy. Motion carried.

Presentation by Terry Foster, WYC Race Committee Chairman

The number of of protests that went to the committee was excessive last year (97 for WYC). In an effort to "leave it on the water" the following changes to NOR/SI for WYC will be made:

- 1 foul penalty now 1 turn unless in the zone or at start.
- 2 Loser in arbitration now loses 40% of their place (was 20%)
- 3 Loser in a hearing if its determined foul happened to gain advantage will be charged with a rule 2 violation, and scored as DNE (disqualified, can't be thrown out)

M-Series changes – the poor races that happened were noticed.

May have 2 starts, in different parts of the bay/lake

May take place on main lake

We need race offices. If you know someone, paid positions are available.

Race Committee Cert program will be happening

Stuff that WYC needed

Rumbles – Sonar fleet is going to have rumbles, but we may do other things with them. Most likely team racing. Motion by Ernie, seconded by John Sligh. Motion carried.

SotN is Sep 15-17.

Sonar Worlds are Sep 6-10

JR is going to continue hosting the Friday night thing... That ISN'T a Sonar specific thing. Please invite others, sailors or not.

Fleet special rules – we had a discussion of the current fleet special rules, and change that they needed as there were some vague spots. 3 points of discussion

The rules as presented had exceptions for some scow racing and any one design championships. Motion to drop by Carmella, seconded by Lew, motion carried.

The rules as presented had no requirement of when/how the request for redress for scoring corrections had to be made. Motion for it be before the warning of the next race, and email was sufficient. Motion carried.

Stuff for Fleet 5

B-Series coordinator – Warren Weck volunteered again.

Another Rules night? Kevin Kenny said he and Bruce are willing...

4th and 5th place glassware – Confirmed that the Sonar fleet will continue to pay for this.

Galveston Team Race event – We've gone before, but it's now an invite only event.

Sonar White Elephant party – Feb 11 at Fittipaldi's

Lifts/Dry sailing – Newer boats coming into the fleet have been dry sailed boats. Some buyers are looking to campaign/travel with these boats and are requesting to dry sail them. There was some discussion about costs, environmental concerns, how this request was treated before (poorly). J.R. supplied us with information from the WYC regarding how ready the club facilities are to support many more lifts (they aren't ready: A & B dock slips are narrow. A is shallow, power is an issue). Motion to not allow dry sailing for 2017 made by Troy/Lew, seconded by Aaron. Motion carried.

Amid a parliamentary discussion regarding what was allowed to be presented as new business and a motion to require everyone to be a member of the class, Ken adjourned the meeting a little after 9pm.