

## **ILCA Annual Winter Meeting**

**Minutes - March 23, 2018 - DRAFT - to be approved at July 2018 Meeting.**

**St. Petersburg, Florida**

President Wake called the meeting to order at 5:55pm.

Secretary Lange took roll call. Fleets Represented: 6, 12, 36, 42, 50, 51, 52, 85, 109, 126, 146, 187, 225, 226, 228, 253, 262, 266, 318, 329, 348, 430, 488, 511, 521.

**Meeting Minutes** from August 2017 were presented, Bill Mauk made a motion to dispense the reading and approve as submitted, Bill Cabrall seconded, all approved - motion passed.

### **President's Report:** Todd Wake:

This is a busy time for the Lightning Class. The summer will be packed with multiple major events in all corners of the Globe. 80th Anniversary Regatta, Youth Worlds, Europeans, NAs, ACCs, WJMs and even more regional and local events. The biggest challenge the class faces is coordinating the efforts of volunteers all over Lightningdom with the work Laura Jeffers is doing in the class office. It is imperative that volunteers and the office work together, so we can all go sailing. Until you get involved it is hard to understand how much is going on in the class.

The work that has been done on the new website is finally starting to pay off. It is starting to make membership renewals easier and has provided us with features not available in the past. It is still a work in progress, but I am confident it will help us in the long run.

### **Chief Measurer's Report** – William Cabrall

The Chief Measurer will be present at both NAC and WJM NAC Regattas to help oversee measurement. If you have any measurement issues, please see Bill.

### **Treasurer's Report-** Hugh Hutchison

The year-end 2017 Profit and Loss Statement was virtually identical to 2016. Skipper and fleet dues continue to slowly decline. It is possible that the erosion this year is a function of the conversion of the website. The finances of the International Lightning Class Association remain generally stable and overall strong.

### **Secretary's Report:** Philip Lange

The Class is looking for volunteers to help with the Flashes Newsletter, 3 publications a year.

### **VP and Committee Reports:**

#### **North American Championships** - Todd Wake reported on Josh Goldman's behalf

The 2018 NA's will be at the Mission Bay Yacht Club in San Diego (July 23-28). Please sign up if you are planning to attend. There are some trucking options from the East Coast/Midwest. It is estimated at \$2,500 round trip per boat based on a full truck of 4 boats per 53-foot truck. Please contact Goldman if interested. Pontiac YC will host the WJM NAC August 2-5.

#### **Southern Circuit** - David Starck

With 52 boats in St Pete and 30+ in Miami we have a good showing. We are fortunate to have so many teams traveling a long distance to participate – Thank you! Other thanks went to Kathy Ahern and Bill Mauk on chairing these regattas and Doug Wake for helping with promotion. For 2019 and beyond the Southern Circuit Committee will be evaluating dates, number of participants, and other venues. 2019 is tentatively scheduled for Miami - March 16-19 and St Pete – March 20-23. The committee is looking for input from participants.

#### **Classic Boats** - Robert Astrove

The state of the Classic Group is strong. There are many restorations, new builds being done. There is a lot of excitement for the Classic Boat Get Together the last weekend of June in Hammondsport and then the following weekend at the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Regatta and Celebration, July 6-8, 2018 in Skaneateles. It is estimated that 30+ Classic

Boats will attend. Please register for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Regatta as soon as possible. If you register before April 15<sup>th</sup> you will be entered in a drawing for a basket of local Skaneateles stuff worth your registration fee.

**Atlantic Coast Championship** - Brian Hayes

Nyack Boat Club will host July 14-15. The NOR will be published soon.

**Lightning Labs** - Gary & Joan Hurban

Labs are a great Fleet or District building event. They asked fleets with interest to contact them.

**Charters ratified or revoked:**

Wake announced the approval of a new Lightning Fleet 527: Kingston Lightning Fleet located in Kingston, NY. Founding Members include Carter Blease, Peter Kricker and Christin Ripley (Fleet Captain). There are 4 active boats sailing on the Hudson River out of the Hudson River Maritime Museum.

**Ratifications of Executive Committee Rulings**

None at this time

**Unfinished Business**

None at this time

**New Business**

Wake announced that an amendment to the By-Laws was in the works. This amendment is regarding VHS radios and would allow for radio use at all regattas. This would alleviate the need for special wording in all NORs since it would be included in our Class Rules. It would still be at the discretion of the RC to use them or not at any regatta. The idea will be to formally propose this amendment for vote at the next meeting.

Wake made an additional comment on giving back to the Class. Volunteer for the good of the Class – it gives back to you.

Bill Mauk made an announcement on the Jib Raffle Tickets for sale.

Lisa-Marie Lane favorably commented on the new website.

**Adjournment**

Wake called for a motion to adjourn David Werley made the motion, Terry Burke seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 6:26pm.

Prepared by Laura Jeffers, Executive Secretary