

Cottage Park YC

In attendance:

Jody Graul, Russ Chapman, Tom Anderson, Walter Murphy, Rachel French, Chris Zibailo, Kate Henderson, Mike Gahan, Melissa Verrochi

Reports

Offshore: Tom Anderson reports the book is finished, on line and available. The book is going to the printers this week and will be in the mail next week. Tom suggested this may be the last year we have a hard copy book except for specific requests from members. Ideas were shared as to how we can provide "on demand printing" for those wanting a hard copy.

Treasurer's Rpt: Walter noted we are down in membership for 2009 (183) from 2008 (about 200) which effects dues revenues. There was a major drop in membership in the junior division due to the Junior Olympics being held in Scituate under SMIRA's jurisdiction. Membership there was down to 58 from over 200. The one design ladders were noted as having low membership. Jody will look into what potential exists there. An important question raised is how can we lure college racers to participate in senior programs.

Jody proposed a motion to elect officers nominated:

- President - Russ Chapman
- Vice Presidents Offshore - Christopher Zibailo and Rachael French
- Vice President One Design - Jody Graul (interim placeholder)
- Vice Presidents Juniors - Dave DiLorenzo and Kate Anderson (subject to acceptance)
- Secretary - Melissa Verrochi
- Treasurer - Walter Murphy

Executive Committee

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| Mike Gahan | Tom Anderson |
| Jody Graul (upon appointment of VP One Design) | Ken Adam |
| Bill Zimmermann | Lou Pina |
| Bill Collins | |

The motion was seconded and those present voted in the proposed list.

Russ Chapman, as new president expressed desire to follow the constitution and asked about the next proper steps. Jody discussed the annual meeting which is usually held before the awards dinner. Discussion was had as to perpetual trophies-- who had them how were they held.

Russ told of his meeting with Blake concerning web development and his desire to put up a universal calendar which led to an enthusiastic conversation of ideas.

- improving the web site. In addition to the calendar which would allow a user to select the type of races to be shown, ideas included: crew match site (or at least providing links to local clubs' match lists); more detailed list of member organizations; creating an associate membership; comprehensive list of one design activities; news page including updates to book/races, seminars, etc..; a page listing radio contact info of various member organizations; map of area covered by MBSA.
- Luring college racers to participate in senior events. There is some more formal effort being done by MRA in MH. Worth looking at US Sailing to see what successes other organizations are having.
- Why join MBSA? What do we do for organizations? For Individuals?