

In attendance: Doug R, Lance R, Zandy P, Sue H, Ernie H, Steve K, Karen T, Julee C, Alan M, Jack C, Susie S, Paula F, Carl D, Jody G, Ellen G, Ken A, Melissa V, Jim W, Tom A,

Welcome and Thanks to all for all their efforts throughout the year.

I. Charitable Giving:

Doug updated us on MBSA's charitable giving. The most recent gift was a \$1000 check to Sail Salem. Work will begin to create a page on the MBSA website with an application and instructions for community charities that align with MBSA's mission to apply to be future recipients. In the past, MBSA has supported other community boating/ learn to sail programs, individuals on Olympic campaigns and other big sailing endeavors.

II. Delegate Feedback:

The floor was opened for general feedback from delegates present as to how the past season went. Other than weather complaints, reports were good.

III. Seminar Support:

MBSA mission includes sponsoring and supporting seminars and learning opportunities for its constituents. MBSA realizes that local clubs/fleets are already doing this quite well. In order to support those efforts, MBSA is happy to contribute a morning serving of coffee and doughnuts etc..

IV. ONE UPDATE:

Reviews for the 2015 ONE were all great. Thanks to Russ for a terrific event and job well done.

For 2016: MBSA is contracting with Carter White again as promotor. The new MBSA chairperson is Jeff Silverman (Rama). He will be making all appropriate contacts etc. soon. EYC etc.

MBSA was asked to step in as the Organizing Authority (OA) in 2014 to fill a void and to keep the event going through the three club rotation. 2016 is the final year of that rotation. MBSA believes it is not in its mission to be the OA of such an event and will be looking for other appropriate entities to take over the task. Any ideas/suggestions are welcome. MBSA is committed to help the new entity through a transition period. You'll be hearing more as the year unfolds.

V. Champion and Pursuit Series:

Multipliers will not continue.

Flip Flop back in as a P

The Multiplier: After giving it a two year try to incite more travel, all agreed it had no significant impact.

A motion was made to do away with the multiplier; it was seconded and passed. The Beringer will keep the 1.25 multiplier as it requires more preparation and more effort than an afternoon race. **A Motion was made** to keep the multiplier as it is on the schedule (Beringer at 1.25 and no other race with a multiplier); it was seconded and passed.

Pursuit Series: **A Motion was** made to reissue a P to the Flip Flop for 2016 as a qualifier in the Pursuit series making a total of 9 races scoring the best of four. It was seconded and passed.

Other: We reviewed the travel requirements, qualifiers, and new ideas, etc. and it was decided to keep the status quo.

VI. Yearbook:

Pages Due Date: Feb 15

Instructions to follow.

In an effort to slim down the yearbook, we reviewed ideas of eliminating pages that are published just before the information is updated with US Sailing – rendering those pages out of date (judges and appeals etc). It was decided to present links to updated information. Any information that is a service to sailors will remain in the book.

Distribution of yearbook: Each member is mailed a copy. Bulk copies are distributed to member organizations to distribute to their members. Some got too many; some got too little. We'll work on this. Additional copies can be purchased \$5.via online.

Question came up about some races that require two pages of information and whether each pages warrants full price especially if that OA has several pages in the book. This will be worked out.

The book is considered to be NOR and general instructions for a race. Updated event SI's should be available at the OA's web site.

DUE DATES for pages is **February 15**. Pages should be submitted as word documents or pdf's submitted by drop box, mail, or email to Lance.

Pages and edits: To encourage a more collaborative effort in getting pages updated, edited, and ready to print, Lance will be emailing detailed instructions.

Sailing Instruction Review: The last major overhaul was three years ago. Since then, there have been additional changes. The next big overhaul will be 2017.

VII Current Status of PHRF NE

Big changes at the PHRF NE organization bring mixed review. Some feel cautious, others complimented its transparency and new efforts.

- The rating adjustment for symmetrical spinnaker boats converted to A-syms, which was voted in last year and not implemented pending further study was voted down..
- A conference held last Saturday on measuring got positive reviews for its transparency, valuable information, and good humor.
- Ratings: The handicapper, John Collins, retired and will be replaced with a new system. More responsibility will go to fleet handicappers. A committee will consider changes to ratings for boats making changes.
- Certificates: US Sailing dropped its TCF rating used in Marion last year. Marion said it was very useful and they would do it again if TCF were offered. Marion found the finishes were tighter and they got fewer complaints about ratings overall.

MBSA will continue its stand that local OA's may use certificate systems they choose. MBSA just needs the results for series scoring.

VIII. SCHEDULE

Lance emailed version 2 (updated) version. **Next meeting penciled in for Wed, JAN 13**

Lance distributed a schedule based on last year's schedule with this year's dates. The group went through the list approving specific dates with few exceptions. The only outstanding issues involve the Phil Small, Patton Bowl Constitution Cup; Jubilee confirmations; and AYC, EPYC date confirmations. Groups involved will work out these points for the next meeting penciled in for Jan 13.

Motion to Adjourn: Seconded, passed.