

Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2008
Bay Head Yacht Club

Call to Order – Commodore Robert Morrow called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 10:37 a.m. Commodore Morrow welcomed all and thanked BHYC for hosting today's meetings. An updated agenda was circulated. All were asked to add #5 under New Business: Club Trophies vs. BBYRA trophies.

Roll Call – All BBYRA Clubs were present except Bay Head Yacht Club, Island Heights Yacht Club and Toms River Yacht Club. Pine Beach Yacht Club entered the meeting at approximately 11:15 a.m. Also present were BBYRA Officers Commodore Robert Morrow, Vice Commodore Rich Proko, Rear Commodore Ed Reardon, Measurer Jim Carson, Treasurer James Maida, Secretary Sue Oksen-Pereira, P/C Bill Scheyer, P/C Jack Heacock, P/C Harry Foote, P/C David Loughran, and Fleet Captain Bob King entered the meeting at approximately 12:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – Steve Foster motioned to approve the minutes of the April 2008 Executive meeting as presented. Since there were no changes Commodore Morrow declared the minutes approved as presented.

Correspondence – Secretary Sue Oksen-Pereira reported the following correspondence has been received since the April 2008 meeting:

- ❑ Correspondence dated June 9, 2008 from IHYC RE: BBYRA Individual Dues;
- ❑ E-mail correspondence dated June 26, 2008 from Dave Patnaude/NJ Performance Powerboat Club RE: Poker Run;
- ❑ Multiple e-mails in August for Dale & LaPier nominations;
- ❑ Correspondence dated September 4, 2008 from P/C Bill Scheyer RE: report of BBYRA Nominating Committee;
- ❑ Correspondence dated September 17, 2008 from Frank Parisi/Secretary of Island Heights Sailing Foundation providing BBYRA with a \$1,500 grant for partial reimbursement of Junior Sailing expenses for 2008;
- ❑ Correspondence dated September 22, 2008 from SPYC Commodore Ed Vienckowski RE: SPYC bid to host 2009 BBYRA C of C Regatta;
- ❑ Correspondence dated October 1, 2008 from Eric Wagner, MCRYC Commodore, appointing Jim Carson his representative for both of today's meetings ;
- ❑ Correspondence dated October 2, 2008 from Clayton Sandford, PBYC Commodore, appointing Kevin Kearney his representative for today's Executive meeting;
- ❑ Correspondence dated October 3, 2008 from Chip Hillyer, IHYC Commodore advising of his absence today;
- ❑ Correspondence dated September 26, 2008 from Rob Zilai, MRYC Commodore, appointing June Kingman his representative for today's meetings; and

- E-mail from Teri Dawson, SAYC Commodore, appointing Betty Jane & Bob France her representatives for today's meetings.

Old Business

1. 2008 IHSF Grant application: Commodore Morrow prepared the application per the Delegates direction. Grant in the amount of \$1,500 was received this past week.
2. Financial Structure: Treasurer Maida reported that there is approximately \$94,000 in the operating account and \$34,578 in the Feirer Fund. There is approximately \$25,600 in surplus derived from: approximately \$16,000 from 2008 Commodores' Ball hosted by TRYC, approximately \$900 from 2007 Commodores' Ball hosted by IHYC, approximately \$3,500 in-kind donation (marks) from Stan Switlik, and IHSF grant. If those extraordinary items were removed, the surplus would be approximately \$4,000. All were thanked for their efforts to be conservative in spending. Individual memberships were discussed. Treasurer Maida believes that nine clubs paid for 90 - 100% of their members, while five clubs forwarded individual memberships. Treasurer Maida recommends that the individual dues remain at \$10.00, that Commodores' Ball be "zero" for 2009 moving forward, in-kind donations be "zero," clubs that pay 90 - 100% individual memberships have their BBYRA club membership drop from \$200 to a lower number (\$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, etc.) (clubs that do not pay 90 - 100% individual memberships will have their club membership remain at \$200), keeping registration fees the same. The lunch weekly average for sailors only was approximately 70. Clubs were reimbursed \$5.00 per sailor lunch - checks were mailed out September 1st. Discussion followed on balancing the budget without being dependent on the Commodores' Ball, in-kind donations, declining interest, etc. Commodore Morrow advised the committee that at this afternoon's Delegates meeting, he will ask that \$5,000 of general funds be moved to the Feirer Fund principal, and that a portion of the Callahan Foundation gift to the Feirer Fund (\$500) be used for distribution for the Feirer Fund and the balance (\$1508) will go to principal. Feirer Fund is not "rich enough" to fund all the eligible expenses (registration fees) submitted to the Feirer Fund. There will then be \$ 1,400 available for Feirer Fund distribution for 2008. In 2007, \$2,035 was distributed (a sizeable difference).

New Business -

1. *Second afternoon racing circle:* Commodore Morrow reminded the group that issue has been discussed for quite some time. However, now that the E-Scow fleet is using an asymmetrical spinnaker, which renders the fleet "blind" while flying the spinnaker as well as the increased number of A-Cats sailing each week (currently twelve) has reached a critical mass. Commodore Morrow would like to refer the issue to Regatta committee, Class Liaison committee and the Sailing Instructions committee for their evaluation and to have those committees come back to the 2009 spring Delegates meeting and advise the delegates if a second afternoon racing

circle is feasible and, if so, how it would be implemented. P/C William Scheyer motioned to support the authorization of, and encouraging the Delegates to authorize the Liaison, Regatta and Sailing Instructions Committees to discuss amongst themselves as well as the current eligible fleets of the Season Championship Series the feasibility of establishing, on a trial basis, a second racing venue for afternoon Season Championship Series races. Should the aforementioned determine that a second racing venue for afternoon Season Championship Series races is feasible, then BBYRA's Committees shall take all steps necessary to implement said second racing venue for afternoon Season Championship Series races in 2009 on a trial basis. Paul Wright seconded the motion. Discussion followed: how to plan and implement by 4/15 notification deadline; system is currently not error-free as it is, perhaps A-Cat fleet can provide support with BBYRA representation on board; Regatta committee approves the SI's in February – the need for sufficient time to plan and implement; need for fleets to support this venture – most clubs would not be able to support a second circle; possibility of creating factions within the Regatta committee; where will the second circle race be placed for upbay and downbay weeks; many challenges will be presented, etc. Rationale was reviewed: safety, less congestion on each course, Q course staff from the morning could be utilized to staff afternoon course, Regatta committee would be finished earlier – a shorter day for all since there would be simultaneous starts, precedent has been set with the A-Cat anchor start at OGYC. Issue of who approves this: Regatta Committee or the delegates discussed, possibility of by-laws change, etc. James Maida motioned to remove the second sentence of the motion, seconded by Harry Foote. After discussion, Bill Scheyer agreed to amend his motion to the first sentence only, Paul Wright agreed also. James Maida withdrew his sub-motion. The amended motion carried. The issue will be brought to the afternoon delegates session.

2. *Posting of the Annual Meeting Minutes to the website:* Commodore Morrow would like to post the Annual Delegates Meeting Minutes to the BBYRA website in the interest of transparency, full disclosure and good communication with the BBYRA membership. P/C Heacock recommended that the minutes be placed in the private section of the website – not on the public portion. To access the private section, the login is: BBYRA, the password is: Barnegat. Suggestion was made to post the budget also so BBYRA membership is aware of what the actual expenses are. All thought that was a good idea. It was further suggested that only the approved minutes be posted (minutes will be distributed electronically with a notification that all corrections/revisions/additions must be received within two weeks. A lack of response represents agreement with the proposed minutes.)
3. *2009 Champion of Champions* - Vice Commodore acknowledged receipt of the bid from SPYC to host the 2009 BBYRA Champion of Champions. Bid was read into the record (a copy of the bid is attached to the original minutes). It was clarified that the BBYRA does provide trophies and flags

for the event. Steve Foster motioned to accept the SPYC bid to host the 2009 BBYRA Championship of Champions Regatta as outlined in the bid, seconded by P/C David Loughran. Motioned passed by unanimous consent.

4. *Dave Perry Seminar*: Commodore Morrow reported that BBYRA is looking to reprise the Dave Perry Seminar – working with OCC's Don Doran and Drew Seibert. Tentative date is June 19, 2009. Details will be worked out over the winter months. Regatta schedule commences on June 27th.
5. *BYC Bay Day/Leukemia Cup* – Sue Oksen-Pereira asked permission to speak to the Delegates to explore the possibility to designate BYC's 2009 BBYRA Regatta Day as "Leukemia Cup Day." Bill Scheyer motioned to explore the possibility at the Delegates meeting, seconded by Bob King. Motion carried.
6. *Club Trophies vs. BBYRA Trophies* – Commodore Morrow advised that questions are being directed to him regarding giving out club trophies. It is a club's decision as to when trophies should be sailed for, etc. Clubs need to decide these issues – not BBYRA. Jack Heacock also pointed out that there are many club trophies that are historical that are not being used. Club is asked to consider re-dedicating any historical un-used club trophies to become BBYRA trophies.

Other Business – None

Adjournment - With no other business to come before the Executive Committee, Commodore Morrow adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Oksen-Pereira

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Secretary