



North Jersey Yacht Racing Association
Regular Meeting
February 5, 2008
Raritan Yacht Club, Perth Amboy, NJ

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Ann Myer at 19:35. The roll call of member clubs was called and a quorum was present; the attendees are listed below.

Recording Secretary Report:

The minutes of the January 2, 2008 meeting were approved.

Corresponding Secretary Report:

The Corresponding Secretary is still actively seeking current Officers, Jr. Coordinators, NJYRA representatives and racing coordinators for member clubs. He will coordinate with Webmaster Dave Long since Dave is receiving some updates using the on-line web system.

Treasurer Report-Bernie Kosinski:

There was no change in the financial condition from last month; no expenditures were made. Total cash on hand is \$10,468.09. 2007 ad revenue was \$2325 and dues revenue was \$1575. **The report was reviewed; a motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made, seconded and approved unanimously.**

Packanack YC, PHRF-Mid-Atlantic and Richmond County YC continue to be in arrears for their 2007 dues. The Treasurer will continue to attempt to contact them; if he is not successful, their status will be reviewed at the March meeting.

The Treasurer distributed dues notices for 2008; dues remain at \$75 less a refund of sales tax collected last year. Ad notices were also distributed: Cover page is \$200, Full page is \$125 and half page is \$75. Members were encouraged to get more ads. Clubs were requested to provide a complete ad layout in WORD format to avoid the yearbook committee needing to edit previous year's ads.

The Treasurer presented a proposed budget for 2008. Income of \$5,500 was projected and expenses of \$6,090 were initially projected with the yearbook being the largest single expense. After discussion about new quotes that Commodore Myer has obtained, the proposed budget was amended by reducing the yearbook expense reducing the total expense to \$5,490. It was agreed further to reduce the number of yearbooks printed from 600 to 500. Member clubs were asked to review the quantity of yearbooks they require so that this number can be further refined in the future. **A motion to approve the amended budget was made and approved unanimously as amended.**

Rear Commodore's Report-Kathy Wright:

No report



Vice Commodore's Report-Jeff Jacobi:

Vice Commodore Jacobi has met with the BBYRA Jr. Program Chair and the Immediate Past Chair to discuss areas of cooperation. There was agreement to work together on programs such as Junior Instructor training programs.

The Area C Rotation was reviewed and it was reaffirmed that the Mallory (Men's Championship) and Adams (Women's Championship) competition would be hosted by NJYRA this year. A venue for these events to be held in J24s was discussed; conditions for racing at last year's had some issues and an alternative venue is being considered.

Vice Commodore Jacobi has discussed the rotation with other YRA in an attempt to clarify the rotation for the future. Although Deep Creek is in Area C and are one of the YRA in the rotation their fleets of Optimists, Lasers, and Flying Scots appear to make it difficult for them to provide boats as required for some of the events.

With respect to the Junior Championships: Pam Keefer is the Area C Junior Coordinator. The Smythe, Bemis and Sears championships were discussed. The Area C semi-finals should be at Deep Creek targeted for the end of July. Deep Creek would probably race Flying Scots but the finals are in Lightning's. This difference in boat types needs to be discussed further with other Area C YRAs as it would seem to put Area c participants at a disadvantage for the finals. Bob Slook will work with Jeff to sort out these issues and organize these schedules.

The Vice Commodore began the bid process and significant progress was made. The status of bids is attached and the process will continue at the next meeting.

Commodore's Report-Ann Myer:

Commodore Myer reported that appointments are in progress and will report on appointments at the March meeting. She has been successful in getting quotes for the Yearbook. She requested volunteers to work on the Yearbook as a committee.

Unfinished Business

The Recording Secretary reported that the incorporation process has been completed and as of February 1, 2008 the North Jersey Yacht Racing Association is incorporated as a Not-for-Profit Corporation in the State of NJ. The Filing Number is 0400214498 and the Federal Employer Identification Number is 26-1783988. After discussion it was agreed that no corporate seal was required to be purchased at this time.

The Treasurer and Recording Secretary were delegated to rent a safe Deposit Box to keep the important records of the NJYRA.



Prices for NJYRA Burgees were obtained from several vendors and ranged for \$11 to \$13.50 for 12" x 18" size and \$45 to 50 for a 2' x 3' burgee. After discussion it was agreed that no further action would be taken to acquire burgees at NJYRA expense.

New Business

Vice Commodore Jacobi reported that Sarah Mergenthaler would be available as a guest speaker at the 2008 Annual Meeting. With respect to Instructor Training, Instructor Bruce Cattanch reported that two slots remained in the Level I program at MBC. A Level I program is listed on the US Sailing web for June 16-19 at Avalon YC. Spray Beach YC usually holds a Level I class around June 24-27 but that is not yet posted on the US Sailing website. The BBYRA will hold a Level I class on May 22-25; the venue was unclear. Level II training is presumed to be at Barnegat Yacht YC and is usually held during the first week of June (June 7-8) but that is also not yet posted on the website.

Kim Hapgood is ready to conduct a Junior Program Seminar and the possible dates are March 8, March 30 and April 6. Vice Commodore Jacobi suggested that April 6 is the most desirable and will work to schedule the event for that day; March 30 is the backup. The venue could be at Raritan YC or a BBYRA venue. Jeff will inform other interested YRA of the dates.

The NJYRA incorporation requires that our By-Laws provide for Trustees and a By-Law Committee was formed to propose updates to the By-Laws for the next Annual Meeting. VC Jeff Jacobi, Commodore Ann Myer, PC Talbott Ingram and PC Jackie Cattanch volunteered to serve on the committee. The committee would review the By-Laws in general for needed updates and specifically propose a process for election of Trustees in the future.

Doug Brown, coach of the Monmouth University sailing club was a guest and a discussion was held of how NJYRA could assist these programs. The question of membership was discussed and it was affirmed that organizations such as Monmouth University sailing club are welcome to apply for membership as a non-voting member as provided in the By-Laws. A discussion on the objectives of collegiate and scholastic membership was held. At such time as an application was received, other details such as dues, if any, would be resolved.

As part of the discussion of NJYRA Championship Events, some guidelines and process for dropping classes from the roster of championships were agreed upon.

1. At least two clubs must participate to constitute a NJYRA Championship Regatta.
2. If a class does not show up with sufficient boats to meet criteria #1 for a championship for one year at a scheduled regatta, it should be dropped next year from the list of NJYRA Championship regattas.



The Safety at Sea Seminar is still of interest and Commodore Myer will contact Bob Berringer to determine if he is interested in organizing it. This event provides the participants an opportunity to learn safety techniques and skills in larger boats.

Additional Action Items for All Member Clubs

1. Each member club is asked to provide as soon as possible **contact information** to the Corresponding Secretary Rich Warren consisting of the address, phone number and Email address for
 - Club Officers
 - Junior Program Coordinator
 - Race Program Coordinator
 - NJYRA Representative
 - Contact information will be distributed to the Yearbook Coordinator and other officers and committee chairs by the Corresponding Secretary.
2. Each member club is asked to post their calendar of racing events on the website.

The meeting adjourned at 2130

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Malik

Recording Secretary, NJYRA

Attendees:

Clubs Represented:

FHSC, JSC, LEHYC, MBC, RYC, SHBCC, SSYC, SCYC.

Name	Club	Position	Attending
Ann Myer	RYC	Commodore	Y
Jeff Jacobi	SSYC	Vice Commodore	Y
Kathy Wright	BLYC	Rear Commodore, Rep	N
Bernie Kosinski	SSYC	Treasurer	Y
Rich Warren	SCYC	Corresponding Sec., Rep	Y
Joe Malik	FHSC	Recording Sec., Rep	Y
Stuart Van Winkle	SSYC	Past Commodore	Y
Franz Schneider	LEHYC	PC, Rep.	Y
Woody Woodie	JSC	PC, Rep.	Y



Talbott Ingram	SSYC	PC, Jr. Coordinator, Rep	Y
Bob Griswold	HSC	Rep.	Y
Bob Curtiss	AHYC	Rep	N
Robert Slook	SSYC	Rep	Y
Joe Richter	SSYC	PC	N
Jim Walsh	PHRF	Rep	N
Alan Deekan	KYC	Rep	N
Jackie Cattanach	MBC	PC	Y
Bruce Cattanach	MBC	Instructor Trainer	Y
Dave Long	BBYC	Webmaster	N
Kathy Kulkowski	SHBCC	Rep	Y
George Drawbaugh	LHYC	PC, Yearbook, Rep	N
David Watts	NSIBYC	Rep	N
David Kempf	RYC	Rep	Y
Richard Twitchell	Rutgers	Guest	N
Doug Brown	Monmouth U.	Guest	Y