



North Jersey Yacht Racing Association
Annual Meeting
November 15, 2009
Monmouth Boat Club, Red Bank, NJ

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Jeff Jacobi at 1530. The roll call of member clubs was called and a quorum was present.

Recording Secretary Report:

The minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting were approved.

Corresponding Secretary Report:

No report

Treasurer Report-Bernie Kosinski:

The current financial report was distributed and reviewed. Total cash on hand is \$9,891.20. Year to Date expenses of \$6,260.58 were incurred.

Rear Commodore's Report-Doug Brown:

No report

Vice Commodore's Report-Kathy Wright:

No report.

US Sailing Representative-Franz Schneider:

Franz reported on recent US sailing meetings. Gary Jobson is the new President of US Sailing and the 2010 US Sailing Annual will be in Arizona and the 2011 meeting in Arizona. A goal of the new president is improved communication and greater involvement of Yacht Clubs and YRA which Gary identifies as the "heart of US Sailing".

Commodore's Report-Jeff Jacobi:

Commodore Jeff Jacobi thanked all the member clubs and outgoing officers for their involvement and support. He indicated that attendance at regular meetings continues to be a challenge but ladder events participation was improved this year. NJYRA is continuing to explore other methods for attendance at regular meetings such as a conference bridge, Skype or a web seminar

Several perpetual trophies have gone missing and efforts are being made to locate them. In addition a new procedure to maintain records of the holders of these trophies is in place.



Jeff cited several areas of accomplishments

- Improved communication with other nearby YRA
- Insistence on holding ladder events for Mallory and Adams championships within Area C.
- Jr. Safety at Sea Seminar hosted by RYC, Storm Trysail and PHRF (with 11 participants)

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Bylaw Changes

The Recording Secretary reported that the required number of representatives and NJYRA officers had approved the proposed Bylaw changes. The next step is approval by a majority of clubs in attendance at this Annual Meeting. A motion was made and seconded that the Bylaws be approved and the motion carried unanimously by all clubs present.

Ladder Event discussion

A lively discussion was held over the participation in Area ladder events. Participation in these events has been low and US Sailing has encouraged that they be open to all participants. Several of the NJYRA champions who participated expressed concern about the fairness of having these events open to all since they tend to have a larger number of participants from the host clubs. Jim Walsh who chairs the US Sailing Competition Committee commented that concerns should be made to US Sailing but the objective was to improve participation.

Election of Officers for 2010

A nominating committee of PC Joe Richter, PC Ann Myer and PC Talbott Ingram reported on a slate of officers for 2010:

- Commodore Kathy Wright
- Vice Commodore Crissy Van Siclen
- Rear Commodore Robert Slook
- Treasurer Jeffrey Jacobi
- Recording Secretary Joseph Malik
- Corresponding Secretary Stuart Van Winkle

A motion to approve the slate was made and approved unanimously by clubs present.



Presentation of Awards

Commodore Jacobi and PC Joe Richter presented NJYRA Championship, Ladder Event Champions and C420 States Champions awards.

The Faye Bennett Award for Contribution to Junior Sailing was presented to Jonathan Winterbone of FHSC.

In a very close race the NJYRA Club Championship was awarded to Monmouth Boat Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 1630.

Ms. Betsy Alison spoke on US Sailing activities for members with disabilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Malik

Recording Secretary, NJYRA

Clubs Represented:

FHSC, HSC, LEHYC, MBC, NSC, NSIBYC, PHRF, RCYC, RYC, SHBCC & SSYC.