

Manitoba Sailing Association
Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors
4 December, 2006 1830hrs

Present: Kevin Stewart, Chris Aldridge, Wolfe Smythe, Earl Phillips, Cliff Durston, Brigitte Smutny, Marilyn Ferguson, and Barb Parke (part time)

1. Kevin Stewart called the meeting to order at 1832
2. Approval of the minutes of the November 6, 2006 meeting as circulated was moved (W. Smythe, C. Durston) Carried
3. Correspondence
 - a. Kevin briefed the Board on the CYA Long Term Athlete's Development Model. This is a framework that begins with development of the athlete all the way from five years old right through to the National Team. CYA is looking for comments to ensure that each level of instruction is relevant in that development.
4. Business Arising from the previous Minutes
 - a. The Membership policy was first introduced at the November meeting and was referred to a committee comprised of C. Durston, M. Krauss, M Ferguson, and B. Smutny. There has been no final recommendation from this group, but C. Durston indicated that neither Silver Harbour nor Gull Harbour clubs favour mandatory enrollment in the MSA/CYA. B Smutny introduced a survey intended to gather additional information, and received several constructive suggestions on its implementation.
5. President's Report
 - a. See 3a.
6. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Earl Phillips circulated an up to date financial report. He indicated that the 2006-2007 year is still on target for a modest surplus, but cautioned against relaxing control of expenditures. Some uncertainties:
 - i. We await Performance Appraisals before finalizing salaries
 - ii. Chris Aldridge expressed the need to refurbish radios, specifically to replace batteries which will no longer hold a charge. He was advised that there were funds to proceed with this, but to seek lower priced alternatives e.g. specialized battery shops.
 - iii. The Coach Boat desperately needs to be replaced. B. Smutny has done considerable shopping to obtain the best price, but some suggestions were added. Approximately \$10,000 has been collected and is being held in reserve for this purpose and an additional \$5,000 is likely needed. A trailer repair was also discussed as a possible need.
7. Racing Report
 - a. Nothing to Report
8. Training
 - a. B. Smutny reported on behalf of Training. She outlined Team Midwinter's activities which encompass both training and team building initiatives.
 - b. B. Smutny will meet with WASAC (Winnipeg Aboriginal Sport and Achievement Centre) with the purpose to design and deliver a program at the Winnipeg Sailing Centre at Fort Whyte Alive for them. Funding would come in the form of grants which must be applied for.
9. Recreation Report –
 - a. The calendar outlining cruising courses for the new year was distributed.
 - b. The Board was apprised of information from the CYA to enable Clubs to easily provide seminars on a given subject. These aids are currently available on the

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subjects of GPS and Coastal Navigation. It was suggested that one or two clubs could sponsor and run a seminar using this material as a guide. W. Smythe agreed to undertake the coordination of such an initiative.

10. Team report
 - a. B. Parke briefed the Board on Team activities including Florida Midwinter's during January.
11. Parents report
 - a. B. Smutny reported on the result of a recent Parents meeting. They dealt primarily with strategies to provide the necessary funding for purchase of a suitable coach boat for the upcoming year.
12. Executive Director's Report B. Smutny
 - a. The Annual Planning Session was held and the event calendar distributed.
 - b. A fund-raiser is underway with Canada Safeway. [Pre-paid cards] Results compared to last year have been disappointing this far.
 - c. The Board was asked to consider an advertising campaign, such as bus billboards to promote cruising and the upcoming cruising courses. After considerable discussion, it was decided to seek the help of Connor Lloyd, a communications and advertising expert who has offered some of his services at no charge. It is expected that he will be able to help us develop a message theme to clarify what is meant by "Cruising", to describe what MSA can deliver to prospective sailors, and to suggest an advertising media to deliver this message. E. Phillips will contact Connor.
 - d. Respect in Sport. This is a 3 hour training module required by all Sport Manitoba coaches, trainers and others in a position of authority, to ensure they are sensitive to the correct way of delivering programs while observing proper and respectful demeanor. All Learn to Sail instructors must be accredited by start of summer.
 - e. Community Grants Program. This is a grant which must be applied for and could be used by Clubs to upgrade facilities, etc. B. Smutny has details for those interested.
13. Commodores Report
 - a. Silver Harbour - AGM was held November 20. No change in Commodore and Vice-Commodore.
 - b. Gimli – Upcoming AGM where some changes in executive are expected.
14. Policy Approvals – Tabled until January
 - a. Appeal Policy – Some polishing to do on document. Comments were requested to be sent to B. Smutny as soon as possible.
 - b. Dispute Resolution Policy
15. Meeting adjourned at 2000 hrs.