

MANITOBA SAILING ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday June 8, 2009

5:30 p.m., 2nd floor at Sport Manitoba

Present: Ivan McMorris, Chris Aldridge, Bill Crowe, Nancy Foliott, Penny McMorris, Rob Eby, Mike Cox, Barbara Parke, Kevin Stewart, Arthur Fast, Maureen Matthews, Brigitte Smutny

Regrets: Earl Phillips, Tannis Leach, Marilyn Ferguson, Paul Krestanowitch

1. Approval of May 4, 2009 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Nancy Foliott, second by Chris Aldridge; carried.
2. Correspondence:
The Free Press published a double page color insert in Cottage Reflections promoting the MSA Mobile Sailing School.
3. Business Arising from the Minutes
A new truck (Chevrolet Silverado) was purchased by MSA. The benefits of a truck over a van were explained to the board members.
No additional boats will be purchased for the remainder of the year and an updated replacement plan for MSA equipment will be established in the fall.
4. President's Report:
No report.
5. Treasurer's Report:
Updated statements were presented by Ivan McMorris. A short discussion about membership fees arose and Brigitte stated that more membership was received this year than in a long time.
6. Executive Reports:
 - A. Operation: Barb Parke
Barb presented a report about some input from members about the benefit of an electronic version of the Porthole magazine versus a printed paper copy. It seems that most people enjoy the mailed paper copy and just one person requested an online version. To offset the costs better the board was asked to actively seek advertisers. A Porthole facts sheet, which should include the deadlines and rates, is to be published in the monthly e-newsletter and on the website.
 - B. Racing: Chris Aldridge
The NOR for the 2009 Keelboat Championships was posted on the website. The NORs for the Viking Cup, Falcon open and Zig Zag open will be published this week. Chris reported that the Pan Am Games equipment is stored at the Gimli YC for ten years now and was rarely used. He opened a discussion about keeping the equipment or making it available to Yacht Clubs. MSA will inquire about the lease agreement for the storage room at GYC. It was also suggested that Brigitte request a storage room at the

new facility of Sport Manitoba. Arthur proposed to make one complete set of race equipment available to the Clubs in eastern Manitoba and northwestern Ontario. The clubs will be responsible for damaged or lost equipment. Kevin Stewart volunteered to ensure that the equipment is secure at GYC.

C. Training: Arthur Fast

The mobile sailing school will be run by 14 different instructors this year and is completely booked up over the summer at different venues.

The LTS program at the WSC is as well completely booked for June with additional 10 school group bookings.

Kids from RLWYC are looking forward to be billeted on keelboats in Gimli during BOOT camp.

D. Recreation: Nancy Follitt

All cruising theory courses are completed and the instructors are taking bookings for the practical part over the summer.

E. VP Team: Penny McMorris

The provincial sailing team is busy training on the weekends to get ready for the qualifiers for the CSG. The development team has 10 new members already and 5 athletes bought new or used Lasers.

F. Parent Rep: Tannis Leach

No report

G. Athlete Rep: Paloma Corrin

No report

7. Executive Director's Report: Brigitte Smutny

Brigitte thanked Penny McMorris for her support and work at the MSA office in the last months and reported that the new summer student Ryan van Berkel proves to be an excellent choice.

A new combined sailing and paddling program will be run on June 22 at Roblin. Manitoba will be hosting Sail West in 2011 and Youths Championships in 2012 and clubs are asked to consider hosting one of the events.

Team Rep Paloma Corrin will be out of the country for a couple of month and Rory McMorris will take over this position for the remainder of the term.

Brigitte asked for help to fill the bingos on Friday, June 12 and on Sunday, June 28. A sail wave seminar was held last Tuesday with 8 people attending.

8. Club Commodores:

RLWYC – Arthur reported that his club is no longer printing any brochures and that everything, including the registration, is posted online.

A new storage building for the sailing school will be build and the back beach of the island offers plenty of room for sailboats.

The keelboat program is costly and this year the club will just launch the Mega 30.

Pelican YC – Mike stated that his club is doing the registration as well online but also have paper copies available for their members.

So far the club sees 40 keelboats on the dock and people are on a waiting list.

Two scheduled race dates had to be canceled due to the poor weather.

Silver Harbor SC – Bill Crowe reported that the club will have a meeting about the future of the club on this upcoming Saturday.

He is still looking for young sailors to fill the mobile sailing school.

Gimli YC – Kevin reported that there are no more slips available at the docks.

Wednesday night racing has started last week.

Zig Zag YC – Barb reported that the new Commodore Marilyn Ferguson is working very hard to organize a successful season for the club members.

Falcon YC – Maureen reported that the members are repainting the upper club house and redoing the lower club house.

The racing season is set up and the racing fleet for adults doubled by the end of last year.

A Tasar, which was donated by RLWYC, was restored and has already been sailed this year.

The keelboat fleet counts 6 now and continues to grow.

FYC will host two events with the Manitoba Sailing Team. Camping will not be allowed and Maureen will look into billets.

Northern YC – Rob reported that NYC announces everything electronically and sends out a weekly e-newsletter. Payments are done by credit card via pay pal and is completely cost free.

The club provides members with wireless access.

Racing started but participation is low due to the bad weather.

The club has lots of social activities planned during the summer.

9. New Business:

The PHRF committee met and asked Pelican YC to attend the meetings and to join the committee. Another meeting is scheduled for June 28 to discuss handicaps. MSA is asked to join PHRF on behalf of the committee.

Motion by Arthur Fast to re-approve the Respect in Sport Policy, second Kevin Stewart; carried

Motion by Arthur Fast to re-approve the Team Committee Policy, second Mike Cox; carried

Motion by Michael Cox to re-approve the Sailing Team Operation Policy, second Nancy Follitt; carried

10. The next board meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at Sport Manitoba.

11. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.