

**Manitoba Sailing Association
Board of Directors Meeting
4th Floor Boardroom, Sport Manitoba
Monday, September 11, 2006**

M I N U T E S

PRESENT: Brigitte Smutny, Chris Aldridge, Michael Cox, Wolfe Smythe, Cliff Durston, Earl Phillips, Maureen Krauss, Arthur Fast, Penny McMorris

Chris Aldridge acted as Chair. Penny McMorris acted as Secretary. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting of June 12, 2006. ***Motion to approve Minutes by Michael Cox, seconded by Wolfe Smythe. Approved.***
2. No correspondence presented.
3. No business arising from the Minutes.
4. President's Report: Chris Aldridge for Kevin Stewart
 - a) Chris asked Brigitte if LOWISA and West Hawk YC has become a member of M.S.A. Brigitte advised that 5 members of LOWISA and 5 members of West Hawk YC are now members of the M.S.A. Chris noted that the M.S.A. requires a Letter of Intent, and assurance that all requirements for a Club must be fulfilled from and by LOWISA.
 - b) AGM Format was discussed for this year. After much discussion it was decided to keep the AGM and the Awards Evening separate. The AGM should be held in the Boardroom on the 4th Floor of the Sport Manitoba Building on Monday, November 6, prior to the regularly scheduled Board of Directors' Meeting. Brigitte will communicate time and place of AGM via e-mail to M.S.A. members. A notice advising members will be placed in the Porthole Magazine.

Motion for nominating Committee Chairman, Peter Loewen, made by Wolfe Smythe, Seconded by Cliff Durston. Approved.

- V.P. Recreation, V.P. Operations and V.P. Sport Development/Training positions will be open for nominations.
- c) Awards Evening and Volunteer Appreciation Evening were discussed. Brigitte applied for and received a \$1,300 Special Initiatives Funding Grant to be applied toward volunteer nurturing and development. A sheet was handed out outlining the details of the funding. After some discussion regarding how to best utilize the funding and thank the many volunteers it was decided to hold the Awards Evening and Volunteer Appreciation together on either November 3, 10 or 17, likely at Little Mountain Sportsplex. Brigitte will check on availability and food prices. It was decided that all Sailing/Yacht Clubs would be asked to submit names of volunteers who deserve special recognition. A free dinner and Appreciation Certificate at the Awards/Appreciation evening would be their thanks. Other volunteers are also encouraged to attend. Number of Special Volunteers per Yacht Club will depend on funding available and number of members per Yacht Club.

5. Treasurer's Report: Earl Phillips
 - M.S.A. is well afloat now, and we are just through a strong revenue time. Expenses are not all in yet. Budget is right on track at this point.
 - Chris asked that a correction be made to the Expenses section, under "Officials". That amount should be under "Coaches".

6. Executive Reports
 - a) Operations Report: Maureen Krauss

Maureen advised that 4 students were on grants at Ft. Whyte. Ft. Whyte ran 15 sessions and had 69 people take sailing lessons this summer. 37 of those were Adult beginners. Winnipeg Aboriginal Sport Camp had good attendance. Mobile Opti had strong 7-week program with Tyler Green and a variety of instructors running the program. Dauphin and York Landing were very keen and interested in purchasing boats for Adult LTS programs. Tanya ran the office well this summer while Brigitte was busy. One other girl was hired on a grant for the office. Brigitte will pursue the purchasing of computers for the office now that the heavy sailing season is winding down.
 - b) Racing Report: Chris Aldridge

Chris reported on Laser Canadians in Gimli – 53 boats. Will put an article in the Porthole re Laser Canadians. Chris' Race Official Clinics were well attended and interest is up for future classes. He will follow up with attendees. Wolfe informed Chris that the safety boats from Gimli YC feel they need to be paid more to cover their costs for another event of this kind.
 - c) Training Report: Michael Cox

No report.
 - d) Recreation Report: Wolfe Smythe

Wolfe reported that things have slowed down in regard to demand for Learn to Cruise courses. Some instructors are offering 1-day courses, but 3-day courses are not popular at the moment. The algae blooms in Lake Winnipeg are a large concern.
 - e) Team Report: Barbara Parke

No report.
 - f) Parent's Report: Penny McMorris

No report.
 - g) Athlete's Report: Katja Smutny

No report.

7. Executive Director's Report: Brigitte Smutny

Brigitte updated everyone on the busy summer schedule and the medal results at the various regional and national regattas. Sailors from the M.S.A. attended the Coaching Clinic at RLWYC, Laser Canadians in Gimli, MIST at Zig Zag, BOOT Camp at RLWYC, Racing Camp at VBYC, Sail West in Calgary, Canadian Youth Championships in Wabamun, Opti Canadians in Vancouver, CORK in Kingston and WISC at Last Mountain Lake in Saskatchewan.

Spring down payments from parents, Sport Manitoba 75% enrichment funding were in earlier which contributed to a more consistent summer bank balance.

Brigitte needs more Porthole submissions and would appreciate Awards nominations. She asked for nominations for awards.

8. Club Reports

Gimli YC: Wolfe Smythe reported that GYC had a busy season including hosting MB. Keel Boat Championships recently. Special note: In memory of Dr. Ab Albee the GYC has made a \$500 donation to the MSA to go towards the new Zodiac.

Silver Harbour YC: Cliff Durston reported lots of cruising boats active this year, social events were planned for most weekends. Commented on the fact that no CYA cards have been received by SHYC members yet. System of card distribution from CYA seems very erratic and poorly planned. Brigitte will bring this issue up at CYA meeting.

Royal Lake of the Woods YC: Arthur Fast reported that the Instructors' Clinic was well attended, and the end of June is the perfect time to run that Clinic at RLWYC. RLW is happy to run it again. Also hosted Richardson Regatta, BOOT Camp and LOWISA Youth Day Regatta. LTS program was popular and well attended, RLW has lots of instructors and kids. The Race Team will plan to send interested kids to Youth and Opti Canadians next year.

Victoria Beach YC: Maureen Krauss reported that LTS numbers were down this summer slightly. VB hired 4 instructors over the summer and hosted a very successful Race Camp again. The VBYC held 28 Club races this season.

Pelican Lake YC: Michael Cox reported interest was up considerably at PLYC, 50 students registered in LTS, and a week was added in June for lessons. They had a full social schedule, Christmas in August and the Little Bird Regatta.

Fort Whyte Centre: Maureen Krauss reported that there were boats in the water every day of the LTS programs. The MSA and DSM are going through some growing pains and there was some disharmony in coordinating some programs which tends to reflect poorly on Fort Whyte. MSA Executive Committee to discuss issues arising between MSA and DSM.

Northern Harbour YC: Earl Phillips reported that NHYC had a good summer, 9 kids enrolled in the LTS program, LOWISA was good.

9. New Business:

Brigitte's Performance Appraisal is coming up. The Executive will discuss who should be involved in that process. Brigitte requested some of the sailing parents be involved as they spend a lot of time with Brigitte during the sailing season and that component was missing from the last Review. Executive Committee will discuss.

New Zodiac: Brigitte reported that she now has \$10,000 to go toward the purchase of a new Zodiac. Repairing the old one doesn't make fiscal sense. Have spoken to a dealer in Minneapolis and there are strong possibilities there. Arthur Fast suggested "trader.com" for inflatable boats. We need a rigid hull, centre console, and a new motor. The hope and plan is to have this boat purchased and ready to go for the Spring sailing season.

10. Next Meeting:

The next Executive Committee meeting is October 3. AGM is tentatively scheduled for November 6.

11. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.