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YRA QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING Thursday August 23, 2007 – Minutes 7:00 pm – Oakland Yacht Club

- I. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm
- II. Roll Call - Board members present- Pat Broderick, Bobbi Tosse, Bill Murphy, Richard Calabrese, Don Wilson, Paul Kamen, Doug Storkovich, Bill Gage. Others Present- John Clauser, representing Gerry Brown.
- III. Approval of Agenda – Bobbi Tosse made a motion to approve the agenda, Richard Calabrese 2nd, motion passed.
- IV. Chairman’s Report - Pat Broderick gave the Chairman’s report. He stressed again that the bylaws need to be addressed. In many cases the bylaws do not match the current practices of the association. Pat is happy that the Automation of the office is moving forward. This automation should free up the office to work on more important issues, such as seeking alternate sources of revenue. Pat’s goal at the beginning of the year was to make sure that the number of boats racing in the YRA increases and that the year ends in the black. So far both goals are on tract to be met.
- V. Treasurer’s Report - to be emailed after meeting
- VI. Executive Director’s Report - See attached.
- VII. Charter Association Reports
 - a. HDA - Gerry Brown – John Clauser gave the HDA report for Gerry Brown. This year HDA added a Party Circuit which helped add 12 additional boats to the overall signup. The Party Circuit results are in with 89 boats signed up and an average of 48 showing up on any given day or 54%. The HDA Long Courses had 48 signups with an average of 22 showing up on any given day or 45%. Last year HDA had 77 sign ups with an average 22 showing up on any given day or 28%. It appears that the Party Circuit increased the overall participation but reduced the number of boats signing up the traditional HDA long courses. Vallejo and the 2nd Half Opener continue to be our most popular races. John then talked about his concerns regarding the Party Circuit. John also felt that there were serious problems with the 2008 Schedule. See attached letter. Pat addressed some of John’s concerns. Specifically, the Party Circuit and it not falling under a specific association. Pat would like to see WBRA race more under ODCA, and see the smaller HDA boats move under ODCA. Perhaps the charter associations need to evolve and become more about the type of racing that each group participates in. Pat wants the ODCA Chairman, the HDA Chairman, the YRA Chairman and the Executive Director to work together as a Ad Hoc Committee that

oversees the Party Circuit. Pat appoints the charter association presidents to an ad hoc committee to discuss the charter association issue and the governance of the Party Circuit. This committee will report back at the October Board Meeting with an action Item.

- b. ODCA - Bill Murphy – Bill gave the ODCA report. The Santana 22's and the Beneteau's are both short of qualifying for next season. The Antrim 27's failed to get 5 boats to sign up. Bill is thinking of changing the qualifications to have an ODCA fleet for next year. They must have at least 5 boats at the start of more than half of the races. Pat suggested that Bill meet with the Fleet captains and discuss the options for qualifying next year, and then report back to the board at the October Board meeting.
- c. OYRA - Richard Calabrese - Richard gave the OYRA report, they are averaging about 25 boats on a line for each race. They have 5 divisions for this year. Richard is working on his info for next year and should have everything ready next week. Richard thanked the clubs for working with NOAA, the new San Francisco Bay Buoy is now on station.
- d. WBRA - Don Wilson – Don gave his report for the WBRA. The majority of the Woodies are members of either the San Francisco or the St Francis Yacht Club. The Knarrs are looking into running their own races and Don is looking into what will happen to the remaining WBRA fleets if the Knarrs leave YRA. Don and Bob are working on the 2008 schedule, trying to develop one that will work for all the WBRA fleets.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Appeals Committee – Paul Kamen – Paul stated that there is nothing to report
- b. Race Management Committee – Bill Gage – Bill wants to run another Race Management Seminar, possibly the 2nd week of November. Bobbi pointed out that the 2nd weekend of November is the Berkeley Mid-Winters. Perhaps the 1st Sunday in November (11/4) would be a better option. Bill brought up the fact that the existing courses might need to be tweaked to better reflect the types of courses that sailors want to sail these days. Bill would also like to be kept in the loop in the 2008 sailing instructions.
- c. Buoys – Doug Storkovich/Jim Snow - See attached report. Doug will talk to the Coast Guard about reassigning some of the permits so that the Olympic Circle Buoys can be moved to other locations. Pat will frame a letter to the Presidio Yacht Club thanking them for keeping Yellowbluff and offering to reimburse them for their trouble. Yellowbluff will be taken to Richmond YC and stored for the winter. "A" will be removed. Anita Rock will be replaced before the Big Boat Series, hopefully with the refurbished A. Pat thanked Jim and Doug for taking on the Buoy review and preparing the report.
- d. US Sailing – Tom Roberts - no report at this time
- e. Championship Events Committee – no report
- f. Courses & Scheduling – Doug McVae – no report at this time
- g. Computer Programs – See Executive Directors Report

IX. New Business

- a. Buoy Decisions – See Doug's Report
- b. Bylaws Revision – The Charter Association President's will meet and come back to the October meeting with a plan.
- c. Awards Night in November – The format this year will include a guest speaker and several awards handed out at once.
- d. Race Management – See Bill's Report

- X. Adjournment – Bobbi Tosse made a motion to adjourn, Richard Calabrese 2nd, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm.