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Thursday February 25th, 2010 – Agenda Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm – YRA Office

- I. Call to Order 7:10 pm
- II. Roll Call – Present: Pat Broderick, Chairman. Ed Durbin, Secretary. Bobbi Tosse, Treasurer. Andy Newell, Gerry Brown, Charles Hodgkins, Paul Kamen, Bob Naber, Nick Salvador, Laura Paul-Munoz
- III. Approval of Agenda – Bob Naber would like to see a Ocean Racing permits added to the agenda. Charles Hodgkins noted that Nick Salvador should now be listed as the Buoy Chairman. Charles Hodgkins made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Gerry Brown 2nd. Motion passed unanimously
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. November 2009 Meeting - No changes to the minutes. Bobbi Tosse made a motion to approve the minutes. Gerry Brown 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. Chairman's Introduction – Pat Broderick – Pat had the new members of the YRA Board introduce themselves. He then thanked everyone for coming to meeting. So far Pat is pleased with the numbers this year.
- VI. Executive Director's Report – Laura Paul - See attachment 1
- VII. Treasurer's Report – Bobbi Tosse – Bobbi gave the treasurer's report. In 2009 we ended with a \$6900 loss. About \$1000 is write-offs from old Account Receivables. The office expenses were over budget by about \$1200 due to purchasing the new laptop and Office 2007. The main reason for the remaining loss of about \$4500 is due to lack of income. Gerry Brown made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Charles Hodgkins 2nd. Motion Passed Unanimously.
- VIII. Secretary's Report – Ed Durbin – No report at this time.
- IX. Charter Association Reports
 - a. HDA – George Ellison - Gerry Brown gave the report for HDA in George Ellison's absence. The HDA board is concerned about the new Downwind Ratings developed by the PHRF Committee, however there are no downwind races in HDA, so the new ratings should have no effect on HDA. A discussion was held on the Vallejo Race, and whether or not the downwind ratings should be used for the Saturday race. The Board felt that the

race should be run using the standard ratings, however it should be scored both ways, so the board can review the results and make an educated decision about using it in 2011.

- b. ODCA – Bill Murphy – Bill Murphy gave the ODCA report. There isn't much to report at this time, ODCA is waiting to see how the entries come in. The only fleets that actually qualified in 2009 were the Express 37's and the Santana 22's. The Islander 36 fleet came close to qualifying, but were short 1 boat. This year ODCA got split in to 2 seasons, just like HDA, with the PC series and the YRA Spring 1,2,3 & Fall 1,2,3 series. A discussion was held on ODCA and the reasons behind the steady decline in the numbers over the year. The ODCA fleets are older boats that aren't being raced as much anymore, and many of the one-design fleets don't want to race the around-the-buoy races that ODCA offers. The older one-design fleets aren't coming out for the mid-winters either, there seems to be a general fall off of the older, smaller one-design type boats. The ODCA schedule is also part of the problem- it's hard to get boats to come out for an every other weekend summer racing season. Fleet captains that aren't pro-active can also contribute to the decline of fleets. This summer the Board will work to come up with a plan for the boats that come out for the YRA Series – the Spring 1,2,3 & Fall 1,2,3. HDA & ODCA may need to combine into one association that offers the round-the-buoy racing that a small number of people are still interested in doing. There are about 90 boats that participate between the 2 associations, and they are basically racing the same format but are split into 2 associations. The Board generally agrees that it is time to join HDA & ODCA together. Pat appointed the 2 Charter Association chairs to get together, as well as anyone who wants to join in to form a plan to bring back a proposal for the May meeting.
 - c. OYRA – Andy Newell – Andy Newell gave the OYRA report. The season is pretty much ready to go. The first set of sailing instructions are posted, as well as the 2010 Minimum Equipment List. OYRA will be requiring EPIRBs/PLBs this year, but are not requiring AIS as called for in the ISAF Category II events. The Coast Guard requirements for ocean races haven't changed from the end of season requirements in 2009. Race Committees will still need to submit a new permit application before each ocean race, and racers will need to submit crew information sheets before each race. Andy asked about the marketing opportunities available to OYRA. He would like to see a survey made available to OYRA Racers.
 - d. WBRA – Don Wilson – Don gave the WBRA report. They should have a strong year, especially with the addition of the Bears. There have been some complaints about the costs of racing in the WBRA, Bobbi and Don are working on a report to show the fees for WBRA and where the money is going. They are also having a problem with the marina renovations which have taken away small boat slips. The latest edition of Sailing World has a feature article on the Wednesday Night Woodies Series. The Knaars and IOD's have been invited to participate in the NOODS, which is the same weekend as the BYC WBRA race. Don & Bobbi will work out the logistics of that weekend.
- X. Standing Committee Reports
- a. Appeals Committee – Paul Kamen – Paul gave the Appeals Committee report. They are currently working on the first appeal of the year.
 - b. Race Management Committee – Bill Gage – Report submitted by email. Successful basic race seminar was held in January. Hopefully there will be a 2nd basic seminar in April. There is also an Advanced seminar being held at the St Francis in April.
 - c. Buoys – Nick Salvador – Nick has been trying to coordinate with the diver to conduct an on the water inspection of all the buoys. He will put together a report after the inspection with a status for each buoy.
 - d. US Sailing Committee – Tom Roberts – No report at this time.
 - e. Championship Events Committee – Vacant

f. Computer Programs Committee – George Gurrola – no report at this time.

XI. New Business

- a. 2010 Participation Statistics – see the Executive Director's report.
- b. YRA PHRF Data usage – there are 2 groups that are working on race-entry programs that will be available to bay-area clubs. They would like real-time access to the PHRF Database so they can work the information into their programs. The board needs to decide what information they would like to make available, and what our privacy policy should be. There are 2 sides of the issue. There is a customer service advantage to the racers to make the information available so they can easily enter a race. On the other hand, if the race entry programs are making money off their systems, there is value in the data and the YRA should charge for the use of the data. A discussion was held regarding whether the convenience to the skipper is worth more than the value of the data. Also discussed was whether or not we can have different agreements with different organizations. The Board agrees that Boat Name, Sail Numbers, Boat Type, and Rating should be made available. The YRA needs to develop a written Privacy Policy. Laura will bring a written policy to the May meeting for the Board to vote on.
- c. America's Cup – Pat talked about the possibility of the America's Cup coming to the San Francisco Bay in the near future. If it does come to San Francisco there will be lots of logistics that will need to be worked out. The AC boats take up much of the water "real estate" in the bay and may impact our summer racing season. The City Front race area may not be available at all. There is no action to be taken at this time, however board members should be aware that there may be an impact on YRA racing if the cup comes to San Francisco Bay.
- d. Mid-Winter Championship 2011 – An idea was floated to the YRA about hosting a Championship Mid-Winter regatta. It was too late in the year to get this going for 2010, however the board felt that it was worth pursuing. Someone will need to coordinate with all the clubs that run mid-winters and get their buy-in. Paul Kamen agreed to work on the concept.
- e. Ocean Racing Permits – Laura will put together a document that lists all the ocean racing procedures that are required for the Coast Guard for OYRA races. Some clubs have agreed to follow the OYRA Requirements and can therefore follow the OYRA Procedures. Clubs that have their own procedures will need to work individually with the Coast Guard to determine their ocean racing procedures.
- f. Ed Durbin asked that the attendees be part of the minutes

XII. Chairman's closing statements - none

XIII. Adjournment – Bobbi Tosse made motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Murphy 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Mtg adjourned at 9:34 pm.



- Board Action Required



- Attachment pending



- Attachment included

Please call the office if you have any questions!

Executive Director Report February 2010

Statistics

Item	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009 YTD	2010 YTD
HDA Signups	76	45	51	39	7	11
ODCA Signups	76	54	56	47	4	6
OYRA	61	59	56	46	12	18
WBRA	51	49	50	54	3	7
Party Circuit	NA	64	114	127	14	24
<i>Total YRA "Racers"</i>	<i>264</i>	<i>271</i>	<i>327</i>	<i>313</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>66</i>
YRA Memberships	516	445	515	423	105	151
Single Race Entries	210	143	209	245	25	35
PHRF Certificates	761	602	792	760	273	324
PHRF Appeals	8	3	10	12	0	1

Downwind Ratings

The main project the office has been working on since the last meeting is the new Downwind Ratings. The PHRF Committee started work on the project last year, and last fall changes to the database were made to incorporate the new ratings. 2010 certificates have all gone out with the new ratings included. There has been a lot of feedback from the racers regarding the new ratings, both good and bad. The new downwind ratings have been published to the website, and the PHRF Committee put together a FAQ explaining the new ratings, and what races they should be used for. The FAQ is also posted to the web.

Website

The website has been updated for 2010. All 2010 Dates have been added and the committee and Board listings have been updated. The first race of the year is the Lightship I, and the Sailing Instructions for that race have already been posted. The Minimum Equipment List has been updated for 2010 with the Epirb requirement.

2010 Races

The 2010 YRA Schedule is set, and we have clubs sponsoring all the races. The J 24's have decided to come out for the Vallejo race this year. Unfortunately the Beneteau 36.7's have decided to leave ODCA. The Bear Boats have joined WBRA this year, and several have already signed up to race. The Summer Sailstice race already has quite a few one-time entries into that race.

I will be meeting with the Vallejo Yacht Club folks on Wednesday March 10 to discuss the 2010 Vallejo Race logistics.

Office Update/Miscellaneous Items

Unfortunately the Trophy Company we have used for the last few years disappeared with several jackets that they needed to fix, as well as plaques that they didn't finish. I left repeated messages, emails, even stopped by the shop several times but no one was ever there. They sent me an email out of the blue this week letting me know that they have my awards done and I can pick them up this Friday.

The only contract we have remaining in place is the Pitney Bowes machine. That contract expires in August. The Ikon is now on a month to month basis while I shop for a new machine.