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Thursday March 6, 2008 – Minutes Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm – St Francis Yacht Club

- I. Call to Order – meeting called to order 7:00 pm
- II. Roll Call – Board Members present: Pat Broderick, Bobbi Tosse, Don Wilson, Bill Murphy, George Ellison, Paul Kamen, Gerry Brown, Doug McVae
- III. Approval of Agenda - Gerry Brown made a motion to approve the agenda, Paul Kamen 2nd. Motion passes unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. October 25th 2007 Meeting - Gerry Brown made a motion to approve the agenda, Paul Kamen 2nd. Motion passes unanimously.
- V. Chairman's Introduction – Pat Broderick – Pat thanked everyone for coming. Pat talked about how happy he is that the large volume of paperwork seems to have gone thanks to the new online system. He then talked about opening up YRA racing to the various groups on the bay and the good response the YRA has received towards that end. Pat thanked George Gurrola for all his help with the YRA Database. Pat talked about the Personnel changes in the Board. Roger Groh has resigned his Past Chair position, his position will not be filled. George Ellison is the new HDA President and Pat welcomed him to the YRA Board. Gerry Brown is now a Director at large.
- VI. Executive Director's Report – Laura Paul - See Attached report
- VII. Treasurer's Report – Bobbi Tosse - Bobbi gave her treasurer's report. PHRF didn't make their budget. YRA didn't make the income we had anticipated and took a hit in PG & E so over all we had a loss of \$7000.00 for FY07.
- VIII. Secretary's Report – Ed Durbin – no report at this time
- IX. Charter Association Reports
 - a. HDA – George Ellison - George gave his HDA report. The SF 30's are losing some of their top racing boats. HDA is hoping to see their numbers go up this year. They are looking forward to working with ODCA this year. George talked about the number of races on the Bay and feels that we may be diluting the racing by having too many races.
 - b. ODCA – Bill Murphy – Bill gave the ODCA report. There isn't much to report at this early part of the season. The signup numbers thus far can be found in the Executive

Director's report. A discussion was held on the new 198+ fleet. We think there are about 120 boats that rate 198+ that have been racing in the past couple of years.

- c. OYRA – Richard Calabrese – Richard Calabrese was not present, but the sign-up numbers can be found in the Executive Director's race.
- d. WBRA – Don Wilson – Don gave his WBRA report. The Knarrs are racing as part of the WBRA this year. The Folkboats will be racing one race day with ODCA. The WBRA is making an effort to get the Bears back involved with the YRA as well.

X. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Appeals Committee – Paul Kamen – nothing on the table at the moment. 07-02 was decided earlier this year.
- b. Race Management Committee – Bill Gage – not present. Pat said that there was a successful Race Management Seminar held earlier this year. He would like to run a few more race management seminars this year. If there are any clubs interested in hosting one they should contact Bill. Also, if there have been any changes to your race management contacts, please let Bill know.
- c. Buoys – Doug Storkovich/Jim Snow - Jim & Doug were not present but submitted a written report. See attached. Blackaller and Fort Mason will be replaced next week and the Anita Rock standoff buoy will be moved to its correct location. Yellowbluff will become the new XOC. H has been moved and is the only YRA buoy that has changed locations. Paul Kamen's BYC Buoy report was passed around for review.
- d. US Sailing Committee – Tom Roberts - Tom was not present, but submitted a written report. See attached. The issue of requiring all skippers to belong to US Sailing in order to race was discussed. A straw poll was taken and the board feels that everyone should belong to US Sailing, but only two were in favor of making it a requirement.
- e. Championship Events Committee – Vacant
- f. Courses & Scheduling – Doug McVae – Doug gave his report, not much to report at this time in regards to courses & scheduling. With all the changes that have occurred, a courses and scheduling committee is probably not needed anymore. His recommendation would be to remove the committee.
- g. Computer Programs Committee – George Gurrola – no report at this time

XI. New Business

- a. YRA Buoys – Now that Yellowbluff has been removed, the future of the YRA buoy business needs to be re-evaluated. The question that now needs to be decided is what to do with the Olympic Circle buoys. Paul Kamen's suggestion is to move BOC into deeper water and to possibly align FOC with XOC & the new BOC more with the prevailing summer wind direction, which would make a good permanent windward/leeward course. YRA would continue to maintain these 3 marks. The YRA could then encourage other clubs that use the circle to take over the buoy permits & buoys. The YRA will need to ensure that the existing permits are not lost.
- b. Formation of Ad-Hoc Bylaws Committee – Pat would like to form an Ad-Hoc Bylaws committee. There are many things that the YRA is currently doing that are not reflected in the Bylaws. Gerry Brown, Bill Murphy, Don Wilson, Paul Kamen volunteered to be on the Ad-Hoc committee. Their first assignment is to read the Bylaws. Most meetings will be via email, although a few face to face meetings may be necessary.
 - i. Creation of Executive Committee Succession – Pat talked about his plan for some system of executive committee ascension. A Chair would start as a Vice Chair for a year, then take over the Chairman position for another 2 years, this would increase the time commitment of future chairmans by one year.

- ii. Re-organization of charter associations – with the success of the Party Circuit, which is governed by the Executive Committee, and the mixing of the HDA & ODCA seasons the current Charter Association structure may not be effective anymore. It may be time for ODCA and HDA to be changed to reflect the type of racing that they do rather than the types of boats involved. OYRA and WBRA are most likely still effective in their current configuration
 - c. Flexible Fee Schedule for 2009 – tabled for future meeting
 - d. ODCA Fleets (specifically Santana 22's) splitting season into Spring and Fall series, possibly using the Champion of Champions to determine overall champion. Pat Broderick would like the ODCA fleets to think about doing something like this.
 - e. Strictly Sail Pacific 2008 – daily sponsorship by the 4 associations & PC
- XII. Chairman's closing statements – Pat thanked everyone for coming.
- XIII. Adjournment – Bobbi Tosse made motion to adjourn meeting, Gerry Brown 2nd it. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm