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Thursday November 5th, 2009 – Minutes Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm – YRA Office

- I. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm
- II. Roll Call – See Attached
- III. Approval of Agenda – Bobbi Tosse made a motion to approve agenda, Bill Murphy 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. September 2009 Meeting – Gerry Brown made a motion to approve minutes, Richard Calabrese 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. Chairman’s Introduction – Pat Broderick – Pat welcomed everyone to the meeting. He feels that considering the state of the economy, we did fairly well this year. We were up in some area, down in others. Overall, he is happy with the how things went. He will again defer the nitty-gritty details of the year to Laura Paul, YRA Executive Director. Pat thanked Laura for all the work this year, especially with the Coast Guard.
- VI. Executive Director’s Report – Laura Paul - See Attached. A further discussion was held on the Coast Guard requirements for ocean races in 2010.
- VII. Treasurer’s Report – Bobbi Tosse – Bobbi went through the financial reports for the YTD. She will have a budget ready for the Delegates meeting next week. The YRA should come close to meeting the budget for FY09.
- VIII. Secretary’s Report – Ed Durbin – Ed spoke to Jeff Thorpe who is interested in doing some advertising with the YRA. Ed with have Jeff contact the YRA Office.
- IX. Charter Association Reports
 - a. HDA – George Ellison – George gave the HDA report. They are down in participation. George talked about how we are losing participation to the SSS and groups like that. It is a continuing issue with the YRA. We see all the boats that are competing in other series and can't get them out to compete in YRA series. The discussion was tabled and will be brought up during the New Business portion of the meeting, under 2010 planning.
 - b. ODCA – Bill Murphy – No different report from last meeting. 29 boats qualified, 49 boats signed up. Only 2 fleets actually qualified for the season- the Express 37's and the Santana 22's.

- c. OYRA – Richard Calabrese/Andy Newell –Richard gave the OYRA report. He's working on retrieving the Perpetual trophies for the trophy party, and working on getting a reduced rate for EPIRBs. Andy and Laura will start working on the new division splits for 2010 in the spring.
 - d. WBRA – Don Wilson – Don gave the WBRA report. Bob & Don got their schedule done earlier this year, and have 13 race days. The St Francis and San Francisco YC are going to charge the WBRA fleets so they are working on cultivating clubs to run races. Don then talked about how the Bears want back in to the WBRA. We need to update the Bylaws so they Bears can be included. They are working with Bob Thalman on how to come back.
- X. Standing Committee Reports
- a. Appeals Committee – Paul Kamen – Paul gave the Appeals committee report. They had 2 appeals this year.
 - b. Race Management Committee – Bill Gage – sent his in via email. There is a Race Management seminar in January at Encinal Yacht Club and another one in April. He would like to see one more.
 - c. Buoys – Doug Storkovich – sent his report in via email. All Buoys are on station. All invoices for the year have been paid.
 - d. US Sailing Committee – Tom Roberts – No Report
 - e. Championship Events Committee – Vacant
 - f. Computer Programs Committee – George Gurrola – No Report

XI. New Business

- a. 2010 Planning – Pat opened the discussions on 2010 planning. Given the economic times, we need to work hard to maintain the participation numbers that we currently have and preferably grow our participation. We do have some positives. The Party Circuit has been a particular success, but there is room for improvement. The first recommended change is to make the Party Circuit a stand alone group that is different from ODCA & HDA. Pat would like to see the Saturday race of the Season Closer and the Sunday race of the 2nd Half Opener go to a one race format. Everyone felt that was a good idea.

Another idea that has been tossed around is combining HDA & ODCA into one association. It is difficult to get race committees to agree to run an HDA race and 2 ODCA races on the same day. HDA & ODCA need to get together and discuss options. One idea is to have 2 race days be single race days, one in the spring and one in fall. This would give the S22's 10 race days instead of 12, but relieve 2 race committees from having to get a 2nd ODCA race off while HDA boats are finishing. Laura will get George and Bill contact lists for ODCA & HDA. Bill and George would like to send out a survey to the racers to get their feedback on some of the proposed changes. Another idea is to have HDA sailors race 2 races on one day. Bill & George will get together and discuss their options.

OYRA has an opportunity to capitalize on the Pac Cup boats and create a "pac cup practice cup". We could offer a special set of prizes for boats that sign up for OYRA but leave mid-season to go on the Pac Cup. They would race mixed in the OYRA fleet, not in special divisions. The Farallones Race & Drakes Bay races are the 2 main races that have been discussed as part of this series.

A discussion was held on raising dues, and if it is time to raise them again. Our expenses are fairly flat, but revenue has declined along with the decline in participation. We have

many different dues- Yacht Club Dues, Association Dues, YRA Memberships, etc. Overall YRA is a great value. Bobbi will work on the 2010 budget with some different fee structures included.

A brief discussion was held on the Trophy Party this year and whether or not we should charge an admission. Because of the deal we are working with Sausalito YC, the trophy party this year will come in under budget, so we will not charge this year, but we will work it into the planning for next year.

- XII. Chairman's closing statements – Pat thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
- XIII. Adjournment – Richard Calabrese made a motion to adjourn, Bobbi Tosse 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm