

**Detroit Regional Yacht-Racing Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Bayview Yacht Club
December 8, 2011**

Attendees: Commodore Kevin Sherry, Vice Commodore David Coleman, Rear Commodore Jeff Kitson, Treasurer Mickey Bennett, Secretary Alan Minsterman, Frank Stellingwerf, Larry Breskin, Brian Geraghty, Anne Gooch, Terry Henry, Brian Lang, Dale MacPherson, Maynard Rupp, Robert Schappe, David Spiers, Tom St. Peter, Edwin C. Theisen Jr.

Call to Order: Commodore Kevin Sherry called the meeting to order at 1904 hours.

Moment of Silence: Commodore Kevin Sherry called for a moment of silence in remembrance of John Barbour.

Review of November 3, 2011 Minutes:

Motion: To approve the November ECM minutes. **Approved.**

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Mickey Bennett reported that 2012 is starting out slightly better than last year's budget performance. Year end expenses will be offset as dues are collected.

Motion: To approve Treasurers report as submitted. **Approved.**

Standing Committee Reports:

> Fleet Representatives:

- **One Design C Course:** No report.
- **One Design Offshore:** No report.
- **PHRF:** Brian Lang reported getting some additional e-mail feedback concerning the Multi-Sail Plan since the Hot Stove meeting. Goal is still to promote more race participation but have clear and fair rules be abided by. Discussion included use of backstay flags and sail configuration declaration. Topic continues and feedback is still welcome.
- **IRC:** Dale MacPherson reports there is still a good amount of interest in IRC racing in Lake St. Clair and should be continued even if BYC decides by spring time to go to only PHRF for the Mackinac Race. In the event that there would not be enough boats to race IRC this season, DRYA would allow boats to reapply for PHRF without fee for changing.

> Handicapping: David Spiers reported on several topics the sub-committee will be working on over this winter:

- 13 boats for review which will be done in January.
- study the credits for roller furlers and present to the Board any recommendations for possible implementation in 2013. This will include the 3/6/9 second credits and BYC credit use of Dacron sails.
- review Section 15 for changes to simplify and clarify the wording (no anticipated rule changes).
- consider feedback regarding course configuration such as modified Olympic or shorter/more leg race configurations for more participation in windward-leeward races. Some would like shorter leg windward-leeward races so the course could be moved further down the lake making it quicker to reach the race course while others are concerned with having too many short mark roundings.
- other handicapping issues, Multi-Sail plan and A sail upwind-downwind +/- ratings for A-sail and JAM racing will also be addressed.

> Regatta Initiatives: No report

> **Communications/Publicity:** Rear Commodore Jeff Kitson reported getting ready to issue the Winter Seminar full summary descriptions which will be out in about a week; list of dates and titles already posted.

> **US Sailing:** Ed Theisen reported:

- US Sailing has approved and started to implement a training program for lower level club judge
- They are still working on a measurement system to allow one set of measurements to be used to apply to any rating certificate authority.

> **Junior Sailing:** - Ed Theisen reported that the committee has had 2 meetings so far and is close to finishing up their tasks of revising their sailing instructions, scoring and setting their calendar.

> **Old Business:**

Annual Meeting: Not enough people attending.

Awards Banquet: Attendance this year reported at 182 attending, 27 were guests for John Barbour. Last year there were also 182 in attendance.

> **New Business:**

Updating Roster: A copy of the current roster was passed around for updating into Jane.

DSC Regatta: Detroit Sail Club does not want to sponsor the 6/16/2012 C-Course race (day after the Windsor Overnight race). Options include possibly Windsor. Terry Henry will follow-up.

Agenda item for next month.

Terry Stuck Letter re: DRYA Race Considerations: Deferred.

Keydel DBC/GPC protest: DRYA received a two part communiqué that 1) request DRYA to provide a determination position regarding the protest committee ruling from the race and 2) offered suggestions to address the situation that occurred during that race. While the DRYA can take and welcomes recommendations for operational suggestions for improving future races, the DRYA does not have any standing in the process of the protest committee and therefore cannot be involved. Their part 2 recommendations will be passed on for discussion this winter.

> **“Good for the Organization”:**

- David Spiers received a request for DRYA to consider creating a DRYA member category not affiliated with any specific club. Current by-laws do not permit such a membership and boat owners might consider joining one of the several very economical clubs.
- Anne Gooch reported that Marie Mainwaring suffered a fracture hip but is recovering from surgery and should be back home by Christmas.
- Rear Commodore Jeff Kitson reported an interesting topic from ILYA: the newly developed U.S. Coast Guard / U S Sailing course for a powerboat operators certification class where a sailing school might have an instructor on a boat with an auxiliary engine and paying students, that situation might be classified as a “vessel for hire” and would then need a “six-pack” license. U.S. Sailing and the US Coast Guard are continuing discussion on this topic.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2006

Respectfully submitted, Alan Minsterman, 2012 Secretary