

## MINUTES FROM MEMBERSHIP MEETING - February 6, 2014

Meeting was called to order at: 6:35 PM

### **OFFICERS' REPORTS:**

1. **COMMODORE:** Bill Field, Made special mention to personally thank all the Volunteers by name and those that he may not have remembered, that have been at the HSA taking care to meet as many of the needs as possible in January and February 2014 already. Bill felt that the property is looking good and clean. He was very pleased of all this.
2. **FIRST VC:** Peter Burg. Met with Pest Control Rep concerning the Fire Ants and treatment. If there are sightings of Fire Ants in the future all should notify Pete Burg.
3. **FLEET VC:** Bob Benhke. Reported that all Boats, Captains and Co-Captains were posted on the Bulletin Board and soon will be updated online. He also gave a report on the [BOAT CAPTAINS MEETING THURSDAY January25 2014.docx](#)
4. **MEMBERSHIP VC:** Lynda Mosher gave a report on 45 renewals via checks and many more coming in via the online link. Mentioned that some emails will be going out to those members that have not yet paid for their 2014 membership.
5. **EDUCATION AND TRAINING VC:** Jake Morgan. Due to not being able to line up a US Sailing instructor for the US Sailing Instructor Training Class and due to not enough applicants for this class, the class will be canceled.
6. **EVENTS VICE COMMODORE:** Trish Gibbons was pleased to have been able to get online and update the HSA Events Calendar. Requested that all HSA members please go online and check out the events and watch for updates to the calendar.
7. **SECRETARY:** Bev Sessoms provided the Commodore with the December 2013 GM Minutes and the January 2014 BOD Minutes for the February 2014 GM.
8. **TREASURER:** Thanos Nikolakopoulos, Absent. On behalf of the Treasurer, Bill Field did mention that the finances are in good order and the balance was good. Many membership renewals are coming in and being deposited.
9. **HYS:** Steve Caron, Absent
10. **ERAU SAILING CLUB:** Chris Herbster reported there will be a college race regatta this coming weekend.
11. **HOBIE FLEET 80:** Dave Dunn, Absent.
12. **PAST COMMODORE:** Dewey Beliech. There is a Requirement for all New BOD members to sign a Conflict Of Interest form that needs to be completed and placed in BOD files. This will be completed at the next BOD meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. COMMODORE: Bill Field, Referred to the BOD New Business that was discussed on January 30, 2014. BOD01\_2014 1.docx
2. Dewey Beliech updated on the Intercom system at the entrance gate. Discussed replacing batteries for the intercom. Peter Burg will get batteries for the gate unit and Dewey Beliech will research cost of a power supply for the pavilion unit.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. HSA phone has filled up with messages and not being addressed or cleared of messages. Concern is that possible new members are being discouraged and may be losing potential new members. It was recommended that the Membership be encouraged to direct potential members to the literature and business cards that give clear information on the HSA and also direct interested people to the website as a point of contact.
2. Commodore presented some items that were voted on at the BOD Feb 2014 meeting.

Education & Training Commodore: Jake Morgan brought up two exceptions that he felt needed to be addressed and voted on.

Exceptions to the HSA 15k wind speed policy:

When conducting an Instructor Certification Course sponsored by HSA or an affiliated club, the US Sailing Instructor Trainer shall not be bound by the 15 knot HSA wind speed limit.

When supervising sailing instruction or practice of Sailing Instructor Candidates, the US Sailing Instructor shall be solely responsible for determining the suitability of the weather conditions and shall not be bound by the 15 knot HSA wind speed limit. The motion was approved .

3. The HSA lawn mower that is out for repair was discussed. Still trying to get Gary Johnson to respond so we can get the mower back.
4. Ron Kainz has been working with the local John Deere business on a project - to use a small lawn tractor to help pull small boats from the water and up the ramp.

After much discussion there was a Motion that Ron K. go back to John Deere business to get the Used Tractor for the \$600 quoted. It should come with brakes repaired for no

more than \$200. Ron will also find out what length of warranty would come with it. Motion was seconded and approved.

5. Dewey Beliech reminded the Membership that HSA committed to the Center for the Visually Impaired that on 3/27/2014 we would provide visually impaired kids with a sailing adventure.
6. HSY: Steve Caron recommended that the Turkey Trot Regatta have a name change to "Chris Baker Memorial Turkey Trot" Regatta. A motion was made and passed.

There will be 2 perpetual trophies according to size of boats. One for boats up to 21', another one for boats larger than 21'.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Ron Kainz has planned a Voyage for 02/15/2014 to Sail to Down the Hatch. Please plan on getting the boats out and invite others to attend.
2. Bill Field had received the Annual Notification from the Insurance Company for the boats covered for HSA. Read something in the letter concerning Alcohol on HSA property. Dewey B. is looking at the electronic policy to make sure what is mentioned there and will get back with the BOD on this.
3. On the Big Boys Race Feb 9, 2014 there will be a Door Prize supplied by John and Joan Kitchener.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.