

Halifax Sailing Association, General Meeting, December 4, 2008

Commodore Field called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. He read the minutes of the November General Meeting to membership. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. Bill Field announced the slate of officer's for membership's vote.

Slate of Nominated 2009 Officers:

Commodore: Bill Field
1st Vice Commodore: Mike Stammersky OR Roger Cutler
Fleet Vice Commodore: Sue Moni
Events Vice Commodore: Gary Smith
Membership Vice Commodore: Mike Toledano;
Treasurer: Christopher Likes
Secretary: Edward Deustachio

Commodore Field, Marguerite O'Brien and Carol Long gave ballots to the membership. After the votes were tallied, the 2009 Board will be:

Commodore: Bill Field
1st Vice Commodore: Roger Cutler
Fleet Vice Commodore: Sue Moni
Events Vice Commodore: Gary Smith
Membership Vice Commodore: Mike Toledano
Treasurer: Christopher Likes
Secretary: Edward Deustachio

Additionally, At-Large Representatives will be:

Jim Cunningham, ERAU, Pat Adsit, HRYC; Jimmy Deans, Hobie Fleet 80. The position of immediate past commodore was eliminated in 2009 and will be reinstated, if necessary.

Commodore Field thanked the 2008 Board and the general membership for their help in making 2008 a successful year. He welcomed the new board members. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting ended at 8:15 p.m. The election celebration continued with the Corinthian Spirit. HSA members had a great time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Long, Events Vice Commodore
Acting Secretary
December 27, 2008

HALIFAX SAILING ASSOCIATION

November 6, 2008

General Meeting

7:10 – 7:50pm

Minutes of the October 2nd meeting were read by the Commodore. A motion to accept was made, seconded and passed.

Peter O'Brien mentioned that November 30th is the end date for turning in a ballot, voting for the "HSA Member of the Year". Results will be announced at the December 4th meeting.

Gold Member qualifications will be examined on Thursday, November 13th; those G-Members who have not met the 24 point minimum will be contacted and then required to move their boats out of the Sailing Center, Inc. compound.

Estelle Lampert asked about the protocol that was followed when the Gold Member boats were moved into new locations on the property; the reconfiguration decision was made by the Board, in accordance with the bylaws. Bill Field cited the youth- instruction mission of the HSA when he explained the rationale for the boat moves. Access to every boat in the yard is much better now, noted some members.

Steve Caron announced that the Lake Eustis Club had a Capri 15 for sale, an ideal boat to add to the two other Capris owned by the HSA.

Wayne Merrill asked about the boat classifications that were to be used in the Turkey Trot race, scheduled for Saturday, November 8th. Steve Caron's answer: multi-hulls, keel boats, centerboard boats – did not draw length distinctions. This was questioned by other members who had been accustomed to the 20 foot division in the mono-hull boats. Saturday morning the class distinctions will be clarified.

Carol mentioned that Turkey Trot activities will begin at 9:00 . To ensure variety in the pot luck dishes that everyone is to bring to the TT, members should check with Carol. Soda, beer and meat will be provided.

There will also be an SOS barbecue held at the Sailing Center on November 14th.

When officers are voted upon, can new names be "written in" on the ballot? No.

Terri Clark quickly summarized the skateboard park status: the City gave permission to the skateboard organization to "plan, design, and build" the park.

Slate of Nominated Officers:

Commodore: Roger Cutler; Bill Field

1st Vice Commodore: Mike Stammersky; Roger Cutler

Fleet Vice Commodore: Sue Moni; Bill Eve

Events Vice Commodore: Gary Smith

Membership Vice Commodore: Mike Toledano; Lew Slaughter

Treasurer: Edward Deustachio; Christopher Likes

Secretary: open to volunteers, nominees

Halifax Sailing Association Board Meeting Weds., October 29, 2008

Officers Attending:

Bill Field

R. Cutler

Christopher Likes

Peter O'Brien

Gary Smith

Carolyn Long

Sue Moni

Also: Pete Haley, President HYS; Steve Caron, Mike Stammersky

Absent:

Pat Adsit

Jim Cunningham

Jimmy Dean

Old Business

Commodore, Bill Field, called the meeting to order at 1835. He read of the minutes of the prior board meeting and went over key points from those minutes. A motion to

accept the minutes, as read, was made by Gary Smith and seconded by Peter O'Brien. All BOD members in attendance agreed.

New Business

The Commodore advised the BOD that a rack would be built for the Sunfish.

Improvement of communication to members will occur. Gary Smith will email members important information such as meeting dates and event dates. Clean up the facilities week begins Sunday, November 2. November 6th is clean up day. All members are encouraged to assist and will be emailed the information.

To register for the upcoming Turkey Trot on November 8, there is a link on HSA's website or the sailor can register via www.fleet80.com. Fee is \$25, plus bring a dish. Members should not block the launch gate. Also, they should park outside and gate. The larger boats will have a different start sequence than the last regatta. The committee boat will be HYS' Boston Whaler. Becky and Max Horton are greeters for the Trot. The Chicken Trot will occur, after the boats have started. Steve Caron will provide the turkeys, ham and cookies. BOD members mentioned dishes they would bring to the Trot.

Nominations for the 2009 Board will occur at the November 6th General Meeting.

Peter O'Brien mentioned there were 191 members, four gold members on a waiting list. The orange boat will be removed from HSA's premises.

Engine maintenance, insurance issues and payment by affiliates of insurance costs were discussed. The Treasurer is gathering information regarding Directors' and Officer's Liability Insurance.

The Commodore purchased of 600 feet of rope, cost about \$210.

Gary Smith requested funds to repair the Commodore Smith. A motion was made by Carol Long and seconded by Sue Moni to allocate up to \$350 for repairs.

A motion was made by Peter O'Brien to hire an electrician to survey the electrical line. A GFI circuit breaker is needed. BOD members concurred. Additional lighting is needed at the dock.

Pete Haley stated that Halifax Youth Sailing would host an Open House on Saturday, November 22nd from 10 to 3 p.m. at the club.

A motion was made by Peter O'Brien to adjourn. The meeting ended at 1940.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Long,

November 4, 2008

HALIFAX SAILING ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

Board Members Attending:

Commodore, bill Field

First Vice Commodore, Roger Cutler

Membership Vice Commodore, Peter O'Brien

Events Vice Commodore, Carolyn Long

Treasurer, Christopher Likes

Past Commodore, Gary Smith

Hobie Fleet, Steve Caron

Absent:

Fleet Vice Commodore, Sue Moni

Secretary, Linda Dammer

HRYC, Pat Adsit

ERAU, Jim Cunningham

Other Attendees: Pete Haley

Commodore Field called the meeting to order at 1815. Carolyn Long read the minutes of the August 27th Board Meeting. Additionally, she referenced the specific document of Sailing Center Affiliate Policy and Procedures to officers. Officers discussed the minutes and policy. After discussion, a motion was made by Gary Smith to approve the minutes and policy. All concurred.

Commodore Field asked that the Board approve all minutes, which may or not have been approved since the January 2008 Board meeting. One Officer requested that the Board Minutes from Patricia Whitsett, dated April 30th be noted as being cancelled and superseded by a later version, pursuant to Ms. Whitsett's request to cancel them.

Old Business:

Peter O'Brien stated that the member celebration considered for October 11th would not take place for various reasons.

Pete Haley expects delivery of the dollies order within two weeks or less.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding Affiliate Policy's impact within the scope of wording in the By-Laws. Some suggestions, to change the By-Laws, and establish a committee to change them, to add addendums to the current By-Laws. The Board members read specific articles from the Bylaws. A motion was made to appoint a committee to revise the By-Laws in entirety pursuant to recent changes and other changes. After discussion, it was withdrawn. The Articles of Incorporation were also reviewed by some of the Officers. An attendee will draft an addendum to the current By-Laws to include the Affiliate Policy and officer criteria for the next board meeting.

Gary Smith stated a Public Meeting by the City of Daytona City would occur on Thursday, September 25 @ 2 p.m. He will attend the meeting.

Gary also addressed the parking problem where boats are being blocked in by cars/trucks.

After discussion of security issues, a motion was made by Christopher Likes and seconded by Carol Long to purchase a security device that would automatically close the entrance gate. The cost \$695, all agreed. Additionally, the access to the restrooms will be moved to a more accessible location.

Email communication should be enhanced for better member communication.

Membership Vice Commodore stated that four gold members are awaiting space. The configuration of space required was needed. A committee consisting of Gary Smith, Peter O'Brien and Pete Haley was formed for space reallocation. The committee will consider the size of the racks and the needs of club and gold member boats. Some boats are not being used. Under consideration is possibly selling the unused boats.

First Vice Commodore stated that there were thefts on gold member boats. Board members agreed that a definition of family membership is needed. Exit from bathrooms seemed to complex members. Gary Smith mentioned that the current system is needed to ensure that members can exit during a power outage.

Treasurer Likes advised the BOD of his meetings with two attorneys and that he obtained their opinions. He mentioned Officers are volunteers but their personal assets could be compromised if there was a lawsuit. D & O insurance at a cost of \$900 to \$1200 could protect the individual BOD member's personal assets from any potential litigation. Christopher will further investigate the cost of Directors and Officers Liability Insurance and report the cost to the BOD. Other insurance issues were discussed, including the cost of insuring club boats, property coverage, etc. Should the boats that are not being used be sold? There may be potential revenue from the sale and a reduction of insurance cost per boat.

Tax implications of a non profit organization and regulations regarding income were discussed.

Fees for large boat cleaning by a vendor required more clarification. Some board members suggested that unused boats be removed or sold. Other members felt that progression in all types of boats was needed. Some boats are currently being repaired or are in need of repair.

Events Vice Commodore mentioned the upcoming Turkey Trot on November 1st. Steve Caron will provide the turkey and ham. Pete Haley is the Race Committee Chairman. Roger Cutler expressed his concerns that the racing rules be strictly adhered; the last two races there were a few complaints regarding rank/rating/class.

The board approved designing letterhead with a burgee logo.

Carol addressed access for trailered boats during the Trot with passage way for boats to launch.

The City will be notified that there are too many ruts in the pathway. Carol Long also stated that the first gate, City of Daytona, impacted events and classes. A sign will be posted that there is an alternative way via the "Park" or around the first gate to enter.

Turkey Trot food and beverage budget was approved by the Board in the amount of up to \$500.

Carol Long motioned that a new lawn mower be purchased. C. Likes seconded the motion, all agreed. A lawn mower will be purchased; cost approved up to \$200 excluding tax.

There being no further business, Christopher Likes motioned to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Peter O'Brien, all agreed to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 20:03.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Long, EVC, interim secretary

September 24, 2008

**Halifax Sailing Association
General Membership Meeting
Thursday, September 4, 2008**

Officers Attending:

R. Cutler
Peter O'Brien
Steve Caron
Gary Smith
Carolyn Long

Absent:

Bill Field
Christopher Likes
Sue Moni
Pat Adsit

Jim Cunningham
Linda Dammer

First Vice Commodore, Roger Cutler, called the meeting to order at 1905. He welcomed new members and thanked them for attending.

Roger informed the membership of:

- * the entrance gate, does not close properly, it may have to be closed manually.
- * HSA T shirts can be purchased from C. Long.
- * Mike Stammersky placed third in class - St. Augustine race - Congratulations!
- * Halifax Youth Sailing is an affiliate member --- Welcome!
- * Members should tie down their boats if a strong storm is predicted.
- * New member orientation was a success. A special thank you to P. O'Brien.
- * Big Boys Race on 9/7, any size boat welcome
- * Thursday Sunset Racing has not been occurring.
- * Adult Sail Class starts on 9/13 - four Saturdays, Ned Wolfarth is instructor.
- * Youth Class and racing instruction also on Saturdays.

The First Vice Commodore asked that all members work together to make sure that boats are not blocked in and the facility is shared. He requested members park outside and gate and do not block the launch way gate.

Peter O'Brien stated there are 182 members. All members should have their access badges to enter and use the restrooms. Peter has a program in place, "Member of the Year". Members can vote for a candidate to receive free 2009 general membership. It is HSA's way of thanking them for volunteering their time and talent. General Members who pay their dues on or after October 1, 2008 are paid thru 12/31/09.

Carol Long gave the membership Christopher Likes' bank balance information. 2007 balance: \$31,803.99 versus 2008 \$43,615.85. If members wanted a financial report, they should see her after the meeting.

Upcoming events were mentioned by Carol. Volunteers are needed to assist. The Turkey Trot is scheduled for November 1st. Nominations for the 2009 Board would occur at the November General Meeting. If any member is interested in designing a theme for the boat parade or participating in a proposed Sail a Vet/Sailor program on 11/11, they should let her know.

Gary Smith told the membership that a design for using space was being formulated.

A motion was made by Bob Benhke to accept the August 2008 General Minutes. All concurred.

A motion was made by Fred Boettcher to adjourn, all agreed. The meeting ended at 1940.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Long, acting secretary for
Linda Dammer
September 25, 2008

HALIFAX SAILING ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

August 7, 2008

Board Members Attending:

Commodore, Bill Field

First Vice Commodore, Roger Cutler

Fleet Vice Commodore, Sue Moni

Membership Vice Commodore, Peter O'Brien

Events Vice Commodore, Carolyn Long

Past Commodore, Gary Smith

Secretary, Linda Dammer

Hobie Fleet, Steve Caron

Officers Absent:

ERAU, Jim Cunningham

HRYC, Captain Pat Adsit

Treasurer, Christopher Likes

Meeting called to Order:

Commodore, Bill Field called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Bill asked if there was any old business for discussion or if anyone disagreed with the minutes from the July General Membership meeting.

New Business:

Commodore, Bill Field started discussion regarding the request from HYS (Halifax Youth Sailing) to become an affiliate member of H.S.A. (Halifax Sailing Association). Bill explained how the Board of Directors had discussed the proposal at the BOD meeting held on July 30, 2008. All board members at the BOD meeting had voted in principle to allow HYS to become an affiliate member. The BOD recognized that more research was required before rendering a decision since they as well as others still had questions. Bill explained that a committee had been selected to explore any lingering questions in regards to the allotment of space for the boats, costs, insurance, scheduling of events, concerns of the city, liability, and responsibilities. The committee will make a recommendation to the board. The board will then share the recommendation with the general membership however the BOD is the ultimate decision maker. The committee members are Gary Smith, David Dunn, Pete Haley, Pat Adsit, Roger Cutler, and alternate Mike Stammersky.

The discussion regarding HYS becoming an affiliate member became contentious at times and lasted approximately 1 ½ hours. Many of the concerns brought up were about any costs that H.S.A. might incur, would the H.S.A. portion of the insurance go up if HYS came on board, would the youth boats take space away from or reduce the space for gold members, what is the benefit since H.S.A. already has the River Rats, would the parents of the HYS members be required to become members of H.S.A., would the pavilion still be available for all members to come down and use even during special events (what if there are events scheduled every weekend), are the HYS instructors or officers paid, many members had questions about the basic reasons for bringing in an additional group since H.S.A. already exists, what about children that cannot afford the costs associated with HYS.

Members of HYS and others fielded questions assuring the general membership that: the boats would be on racks (Bill Field showed a picture of the boat racks); that there is plenty of room for both gold member boats and the youth boats; the gold member slots could be reorganized and the space used more effectively; that the parents of the youth will be strongly encouraged to join H.S.A.; all costs incurred by HYS will be paid by HYS; there will be scholarship opportunities for children that may need financial assistance; HYS has grant money to do things like repair or replace the floating dock (if it needed to be done), or enlarge the pavilion area.

Another benefit of HYS teaching the youth program is that the kids can elect to continue with their training by joining and participating in racing competitions with other sailing youth programs. Currently, there is no where for the kids to grow after the River Rats.

Gary Smith also mentioned that the parents of the youth involved in HYS volunteer to help with the youth as well as work around the club, such as cutting grass, laying bricks, etc. by the parents volunteering it relieves those members of H.S.A. that continually volunteer and are spread very thin.

Carol Long made a motion to abolish the committee selected by Commodore Field. She suggested that the committee should consist of Two Gold members, two sloop sailors, two River Ratz parents and one new member and did not feel that the selection made by the Commodore was in the best interest of HSA. Carol's motion did not get recognized due to interruptions. Peter O'Brien mentioned that he thought the committee distribution was covered since two gold members were on the committee with two Ratz and a new member.

The lively conversation continued for some time. Before moving on to another subject Bill Field also assured the members that there has never been any discussion by the current BOD that gold members are going to be eliminated or that the club will only go with specific types of boats. Both those rumors are totally false.

Christopher Likes:

Carol Long reported on Chris' behalf that the club has about \$47,500 in the bank and that the club purchased one Capri for \$1,500.00 and two Sunfish. One Sunfish is already at the club and the other will be delivered soon. We now have a total of 15 Sunfish.

Bill Field:

The adult intermediate class that begins on September 13th will learn to sail the day sailors which are two Capri's and the Interlake. Carol Long mentioned that she has a list of people on hold for the adult Larger Boat class.

There was also discussion about how the Interlake is blistering and perhaps the club should consider a floating dock to raise boats out of the water. Another suggestion was made to look into an open boat lift. Both are expensive and research needs to be conducted.

Bill reminded everyone to start thinking about storms. Gold members are responsible for coming and tying down their own boats. The captains of the big boats are responsible for ensuring their boats are tied down. Sue Moni also spoke about the necessity to be prepared for storms.

Carol Long:

The next SOS is Friday, August 15th and the grill will be ready at 6:30 p.m. and Charlie Gear will be bringing his fiddle. Peter O'Brien's new membership orientation will be on Saturday, August 16th. The Sunfish class begins on September 13th. Dates for the larger boat class are being worked out. Carol's intent is to hold classes together with two instructors, one for Sunfish - Ned Wolfarth and one, Jim Needham, for the larger boats.

Peter O'Brien:

Keys are no longer an option. Peter still has cards to hand out and once those are distributed he will start with those members that want a 2nd card for a \$10.00 fee. If someone's scan card doesn't work contact Gary Smith.

There are currently 175 members and 31 gold members, 19% of the members are big boat qualified. He has five members waiting for gold member slots. There probably won't be any new slots until the New Year.

The Website may be changing so that the site is more user friendly. In addition to swiping your card it is very important to sign in and out of the book. (As some would say Swipe and Wipe). For safety reasons it is critical that people sign in and out. Only the computer knows if all you've done is swipe your card. If you sign in and after a period of time you haven't signed out chances are someone will probably coming looking for you or try to contact you. If you didn't sign in nobody knows you are out on the water.

Gary Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Thomas Leonard seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda T. Dammer, Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

July 30, 2008

Officers Present:

Commodore: Bill Field

1st Vice Commodore: Roger Cutler

Fleet Vice Commodore: Sue Moni

Membership Vice Commodore: Peter O'Brien

Events Vice Commodore: Carolyn Long

Treasurer: Christopher Likes

Past Commodore: Gary Smith

HRYC: Pat Adsit

Hobie Fleet: Steve Caron

Officers Absent:

ERAU: Jim Cunningham

Secretary: Linda Dammer

Agenda:

Bill Field: Halifax River Yacht Club and HYS

Bill Field first mentioned that he had received a letter that Halifax River Yacht Club would like to keep boats on HSA's property and have Yacht Club members' children taught sailing at HSA. (Note: Bill has the letter)

The commodore next polled the board for their thoughts about the possibility of HYS becoming an affiliate member. Pat Adsit requested definition of affiliate membership and requested more details. The poll continued: Sue Moni, great idea, Roger Cutler, great idea, Gary Smith, yes. Carol Long, neutral, Bill requested either yes or no response, yes with more facts to make a decision. Peter O'Brien, yes. A statement was made we are looking at the cart before the horse. Some of the details/concerns members of the BOD would like addressed are: space needed to park the boats, HYS wanting a seat on the board, necessity for HYS to work with the events coordinator, insurance issues, and the upkeep of equipment.

Terri Clarke mentioned that Percy Williams, CODB, had no problem with HYS being an affiliate. HYS will absolutely not push out the members. Pete Haley mentioned he would like to keep 12 Optis, 8 Lasers and 6 420's at the club.

Bill Field stated that the youth group has provided great services to HSA. Joe Trainer fixed grill and trailer at the club.

HYS respectfully requested a decision by the board that evening. After further discussion it was decided that a decision could not be made at this time and the commodore selected a fact finding committee. Bill Field selected the following committee: Gary Smith, David Dunn, Pete Haley, Pat Adsit, Roger Cutler, and alternate Mike Stammersky. Carol Long requested the selection be made at the next general meeting.

After the review the committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors. The recommendation will then be presented to the general membership however the ultimate decision will be made by the Board of Directors as stated in the by-laws.

Gary Smith: Dates for Board of Director Meetings

Gary Smith made the motion to have monthly board meetings and was seconded by Steve Caron. The monthly BOD meeting will take place on the Wednesday prior to the monthly general membership meeting.

Bill Field: Large Boat Class (Intermediate)

The boats for the large boat class are the Pierson, Carol Ann (Catalina), San Juan , and the Hunter if they can get the motor going. Steve Caron brought up the fact that the persons teaching adults on the larger boats must have their Coast Guard Captain's license if there is a motor on the boat and if the students are paying customers.

Gary Smith suggested that instead of using the large boats that adult students move from the sunfish to the day sailers. It was also discussed that perhaps after the adult class on the day sailers that those adults could go for rides on the bigger boats and start learning as crew members.

Carol Long:

Carol suggested a member be rewarded for volunteering so much time and effort to H.S.A. That reward being a free membership for 2009. Peter O'Brien liked the idea of rewarding volunteers with a membership. Peter will work out the details and a membership reward campaign will be implemented. The BOD unanimously agreed.

Carol Long mentioned that 47 people would be attending new member orientation on August 16th. Her budget allocation was \$100 per orientation. She advised the BOD that the cost would be much more because of the amount of people. The board agreed to the additional expense.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Dammer,

Secretary

August 16, 2008

HALIFAX SAILING ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JULY 10, 2008

Board Members Attending:

Commodore, Bill Field

Membership Vice Commodore, Peter O'Brien

Events Vice Commodore, Carolyn Long

Treasurer, Christopher Likes

Past Commodore, Gary Smith

Secretary, Linda Dammer

Hobie Fleet, Steve Caron

Officers Absent:

First Vice Commodore, Roger Cutler

Fleet Vice Commodore, Sue Moni

ERAU, Jim Cunningham

HRYC, Captain Pat Adsit

Meeting called to Order:

Commodore, Bill Field called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Bill asked for a motion from the floor to nominate Linda Dammer (current interim secretary) as the secretary for the remainder of 2008. That motion was made and seconded. The membership approved her nomination.

Old Business:

Bill asked if there was any old business and read over the minutes from the last meeting. Carol Long made the motion to accept the minutes from the last general meeting and motion was seconded by Steve Caron.

New Business:

Peter O'Brien – Thunder Mug fees are all paid. Peter deferred to Gary Smith to speak about the key pad readers. Per Gary all the key pad readers are ready to go and he will turn them on once he receives the okay. Once they are turned on keys go away. Gary also mentioned that ERAU student access should be discussed before turning the key pads on to both the gate and bathrooms. Discussion ensued and Gary assured everyone that there is a battery back-up. There is also an override “oops” switch. Right now both the key code and card work. Suggestion was made to post a sign that as of August 1st everyone will need to use their cards.

August 16th from 9:00 – 12:00 is the new membership orientation (rain or shine). Forty two people have joined HSA since February.

Carol Long – Carol thanked everyone that has helped make the sail camps a success. The next SOS is on Friday, July 18th at 6:30 p.m. The adult sail class begins on the July 19th. Volunteers are needed.

Bill Field – Bill thanked Carol Long, the Trainer family, and Opti-moms for all their hard work and dedication to make the summer camp a hit. The kids have gotten a lot of enjoyment from Sail Camp.

Christopher Likes – HSA as \$49,000.51 in the bank compared to \$38,715.55 a year ago. Chris explained the process for submitting receipts for reimbursement for expenses regarding maintenance on the club boats.

Bill Field asked if there was any objection to purchasing a few new Sunfish. Discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of purchasing new boats as opposed to used boats. The discussion also included a suggestion about buying a midsize sailor such as a Flying Scot. Gary Smith recommended establishing a specific amount for the purchase of new/used boats. Peter O'Brien talked about establishing a procurement committee. It was also mentioned that there needs to be an inventory of all sails and boats.

Chris had both good and bad news regarding the bequest he mentioned at the June general meeting, which statement is contained in last month's minutes. The good news is that the bequest was received; the bad news is the money was received and spent last year.

Gary Smith – Gary had covered the access reader pads earlier in the meeting.

Steve Caron – Steve talked about the Hobie Fleet Regatta on June 21 and 22nd. Approximately 31 boats participated up about 6 or 7 from last year. July 26th is the Gilligan's Run distance race (formerly called the Hobie Fleet 80 race). It is about a 25-30 mile race. After the race there is a fish fry at Steve's house.

Bill Field – Bill said the Board of Directors are working two issues: 1) Teaching people to sail bigger boats 2) Consideration of Pete Haley's request for the newly formed

Halifax Youth Sailing (“HYS”) to become an affiliate member of the club like ERAU, HRYC and Hobie Fleet 80.

Pete Haley – Pete talked about the success of the River Ratz and the competition training (they attended 9 regattas) this past year. Pete Haley and his officers have formed their own entity, Halifax Youth Sailing (“HYS”), which is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization. Their goal would be concentrating on youth training and competition. They can apply for grants to purchase boats for the youth, dock repairs (if needed), insurance sharing, etc. They would like to take over responsibility of running the summer camps and all youth programs at H.S.A. HYS would like to become an affiliate member of the sail center. Parents involved with HYS would be required to become members of HSA.

A lengthy discussion followed with several attendees asking questions and stating their concerns regarding safety, sharing the facilities, scheduling, etc. One attendee mentioned that the lease with the City of Daytona Beach requires Sail Center Inc. d/b/a Halifax Sailing Association to provide youth training by H.S.A. Pete Haley felt that his proposed affiliate could be the “youth arm of the club” and could meet the criteria for Sail Center/Halifax Sailing Association. The Board of Directors will further investigate and consider HYS’ request. Commodore Bill Field stated that a Special Members’ Meeting will be held, where the members will vote on ‘HYS’ request to become an affiliate member.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Kevin Dammer. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Dammer,

Secretary

June 14, 2008

HALIFAX SAILING ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JUNE 05, 2008

Board Members Attending:

First Vice Commodore, Roger Cutler

Fleet Vice Commodore, Sue Moni

Membership Vice Commodore, Peter O'Brien

Events Vice Commodore, Carolyn Long

Treasurer, Christopher Likes

Past Commodore, Gary Smith

ERAU, Jim Cunningham

Interim Secretary-Linda Dammer

Officers Absent:

Commodore Bill Field

HRYC: Pat Adsit

Hobie Fleet: Steve Caron

Old Business:

First Vice Commodore, Roger Cutler, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Roger thanked all those who helped to put down the patio bricks and those who helped make the open house a success. Roger then asked all the new members present at the meeting to introduce themselves.

A motion was made by Peter O'Brien to accept the minutes from the May General Membership meeting and the motion was seconded by Bob Benhke.

New Business:

Sue Moni- Nothing to report but later explained the use of the bigger boats to the new members.

Peter O'Brien-150 members have received their slide cards and approval was given for Peter to order 100 more cards. Currently, members may use their keys or key pad to enter the club and facilities. In approximately two weeks the use of keys will be

obsolete and then club members will need to use the key pads or slide cards. It is estimated that by July 4th the key pads will be turned off and members will be required to use their slide cards. Once the club becomes computerized we will know who and when members have been to the club. To aid cash flow the slide cards will be cancelled on January 1st for any member that has not paid their membership fee. Upon payment access will be reinstated.

To encourage members to keep track of their access cards a \$10.00 fee will be assessed for replacement cards. Once all the cards are issued, there may be an opportunity for members to purchase a 2nd card (with their same access number).

Carol Long – There was discussion about the impending skate park. Apparently all the bids the city received were too high and the city is trying to negotiate with the lowest bidder. All the bids were over \$800,000.00. Per Mike Stammersky, there is a planning meeting on July 18th that he plans to attend but he did not yet know the location of the meeting. Because the skate park is going to be built outside the gate there is the possibility that it may block access for the bigger boats being transported to the launch at Bethune Point Park without lowering the masts. Additionally, parking outside the gate may be reduced.

All the summer camps for kids are full.

The next Big Boy Race will be on June 15th with a start time of 1:00 pm and skipper's meeting at 11:00 am

On Thursday June 12th, Sunset Sailing Series will begin every Thursday, weather permitting. The exception is the first week of the month, the Series will be held on Wednesday evening because of the Thursday General Meeting @ 7 p.m. each month. The series starts at 6:00 p.m. Pete Haley is in charge. Jim Needham's Tuesday afternoon sunset sail is on hiatus since Sail Camp is in session.

The monthly BBQ, Sessions on Sailing will be on Friday, June 20th. @ 6:30 till whenever.

Jim Cunningham – Adult sail class is being held on Saturday and Sunday, June 7 and 8, from 10:00-4:00 . He needs helpers.

Roger Cutler – Reminded everyone that HSA is a volunteer organization. Volunteers are always welcome to help mow, clean, etc. and enjoy lunch together. Please do not park inside the gate in front of the boats or elsewhere. Especially if you are going to be out sailing as this prevents others from enjoying the use of their boats. Everyone should park outside the gate.

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE of OTHERS.

Christopher Likes – Reported on HSA's finances. At this time our bank balance is \$49,700 last year at this same time it was \$43,100.00. The club is expecting a small inheritance of approximately \$6,000 to \$7,000. The club is working to get a better breakdown of expenditures into actual categories. He asked everyone to put receipts in an envelope, noting on the outside of the envelope, the reason for the expense. The envelopes should be handed to Bill Field or Chris Likes for payment. Not put in the gold member box.

Jim Cunningham – Reported that ERAU is paid up.

Pete Haley – spoke on behalf of Steve Caron regarding the Gala on June 21st and 22nd at the Acapulco . The party will start at the Acapulco on Friday and move to the Ocean Deck at night. There will be free limousine service provided between the locations. If you want to stay at the Acapulco discounted rooms are available (mention Hobie Regatta). The races will take place on Saturday and Sunday off the beach. There will be 5-7 races each day.

Gary Smith – Talked about the website and complimented the club on how it has come along. He is very proud of the club.

Open Forum-

Pete O'Brien advised everyone that HalifaxSailing.Org is the official website for the club. He thought that there may have been some miscommunication regarding people thinking there was a gala the same Saturday as the adult class. There is a second site that members are using as a forum, but it is not the official site of the club.

Jim Cunningham stated that no one should ever be discouraged to come down to the club even if an event is going on or during classes.

Roger asked everyone not to leave trailers or boats in the ramp because it blocks access for others to launch their boats. Be considerate.

A motion to adjourn was made by Pete Haley and seconded by Carolyn Long, all concurred. The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Dammer,

Interim Secretary

June 14, 2008

**Halifax Sailing Association
General Membership Meeting
May 1, 2008**

Officers Attending: Commodore Field, Roger Cutler, Peter O'Brien, Sue Moni, Carolyn Long, Steve Caron, Gary Smith, Jim Cunningham

Absent: Pat Adsit, Patricia Whitsitt, Christopher Likes

Commodore Field called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. He went over the minutes from the April meeting with the members and guests (new adult class enrollees). The April General Meeting Minutes were accepted via motion and unanimously approved.

The Membership Vice Commodore issued ID cards to those in attendance and explained the if lost, there would be a replacement fee. He mentioned that parking has been a problem, as did Commodore Field. Please do not block the boats or ramp.

The Events Vice Comoro thanked all who helped with the Mug Race, Adult Sail Class and Manatee Island promotion.

She then explained Open House volunteers and positions were designated, some pursuant to the April Board meeting.

. **The parents of the River Ratz are Event Managers with Paul and Debra Heaton. Paul Heaton will print out the letters of indemnification (for guests, not members), sail camp rules and membership applications for HSA.

Positions were established for Open House:

** Boat ride operators:

Bill Field
Steve Caron
Mike Stammersky
Sue Moni
Gary Smith
Mal Hussney
Ned Wolfarth
Lasers/Sunfish

Hosts/Dock Help or Tour Guides: Trish Reonas, Craig Oulton, Dave Rioux, Lewis Slaughter

Open House will be a coordination of talent with River Ratz parents and volunteers who are a bit older River Rats. \$1 for a frank and soda. Steve Caron did not mention who was doing what with the Ratz' parents, but, they'll do it.

Carol stated that storage rental at All Aboard Storage, climate controlled, was in place.

She gave the projected figures for Sail Camp. budget approved by Board
\$6,120 for expenses; Projected Income: \$9,000

Carol stated that Sail Camp Captain of the Week was needed, as are more volunteers. Any who can help, should contact her @ cme154@aol.com

Lewis Slaughter graciously offered to handle sail camp enrollment for weeks three and four while the Events Vice Commodore is unavailable. Camp 1 and 2 are full. His phone number and contact info will be used for about two weeks. Peter O'Brien will coordinate with Lewis, while Carol is absent.

A tentative meeting with Instructors, Jr. Instructors and volunteers, the end of May, around 5/28 @ 6 will be confirmed shortly. Partial days are fine, there is no need to commit to an entire week. Commodore Field will run safety boat on Tuesday and Thursday,

Events, Big Boys Race - May 4, SOS - May 23, grill starts at 6:30.

Thursday Summer Sailing Series to begin 5/8 around 6. Pete Haley is in charge, Craig Oulton and Steve Caron are at the helm too. 1st Thursday of the month, it moves to Wednesday because of GM Meeting.

Steve Caron stated upcoming Hobie events, one race starts June 21 in Daytona. Upcoming events can be obtained from Steve at flyahobie16@cfl.rr.com, or check his contact info contained in the Mainsheet.. Since safety boat operators are needed for Sail Camp, Steve offered to hold an instructional safety boat class, date to be determined. If you'd like to attend and help HSA, contact Steve.

Mal Hussney, a gold member gave a status report about the proposed building of the SkatePark. He attending a meeting and spoke to the Commissioner of Recreation. The engineer is working on access for HSA to ensure boats can leave their masts up.

Jim Cunningham and Carol Long are working together to have another Adult Sail Class. Demand is exceeding supply. Dates probably will be the end of May thru middle of June.

Carol Long suggested that a recorder be purchased for the Secretary' use at meetings. All agreed, Patricia Whitsitt should find the model, with mike, that she finds easiest to use and purchase. HSA will reimburse her. If her selection is over \$100, she will advise the board.

By motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Long
for Secretary, Patricia Whitsitt
May 2, 2008

HALIFAX SAILING ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 23rd, 2008

Note: May 1, 2008 - This cancels the incomplete minutes sent in error dated April 30.

Board Members Attending:

Commodore, Bill Field

First Vice Commodore, Roger Cutler

Membership Vice Commodore, Peter O'Brien

Events Vice Commodore, Carolyn Long

Treasurer, Christopher Likes

Secretary, Patricia Whitsitt

Embry-Riddle, Jim Cunningham

Past Commodore, Gary Smith

Hobie Fleet, Steve Caron

HRYC, Pat Adsit

Proxy:

Jim Needham, for Vice Fleet Commodore, Sue Moni

Others in Attendance:

Ned Wolfarth

Pete Haley

Terri Clarke

Mike Stammersky

Alan Behnke

At 6:34 p.m. Commodore Field called the meeting to order. He went over the minutes of the previous board meeting. A motion to accept these minutes was made by Peter O'Brien and seconded by Gary Smith , all board members concurred..

Old Business

The Commodore then stated that all Board Members had read the recently drafted River Ratz Policy, reminding all that “policy” did not equate to the “law of the land.”

He then proceeded to iterate financial approvals, including the costs to the Club for the maintenance/refurbishment of the Pearson, which have amounted, to date, to about \$800. Carol Long mentioned that Board/Commodore approval was necessary for each expense over \$100 and many purchases approved by the board were not noted in H. S.A. 's records. A list of previously approved items was slated on the Board Agenda meeting. Christopher Likes mentioned that, as of yet, not all purchases are being reported. He has accumulated \$500. worth of receipts with no boat designation.. Peter O'Brien asked if a “boat budget” should be created and there were mixed opinions. Bill Field stated that this had been tried in the past and, each year, the club boat needing maintenance could change. Peter O'Brien brought up breaking costs down into sub-categories which would help to determine an amount per year of expected expenditure, Jim Needham stated that this idea had been proposed previously but had never been acted upon. Jim thought possibly \$500/boat would a rough estimate. Gary Smith stated that when money is needed for boat repair, just ask. The repair expenses for the Pearson were approved by the majority of board members prior to purchase. Increasing the cost to register for the Sail Camp to \$225 was approved by the board as was the registration fee increase for the Adult Sail Class to \$110. The Thunder Mug projected expenses were emailed to the board and approved. Trophies and food budget were within projections. A gift certificate issued in 2006 and redemption for the July Adult class was approved by the board; the recipient is Gail Freiwald. Pat Adsit motioned to approve the above items and Peter O'Brien seconded the motion. All members were in agreement. The two silent auction ERAU gift certificates (value \$220) for Adult Sail Class were not approved prior to being issued.

Jim Needham addressed the question of organization within the Club and how necessary it was to set responsibilities so that things do not slip beneath the boards. He suggested that committees be set up: Youth Sailing Program, Grounds, Dock, Building, Gold Members (dinghies), Weekday Evening Races, Weekend Races, Regattas, Gold Membership, Instructors, Instruction, Boat Captains, Jim also stressed the importance of sailors putting things back as they found them, reporting broken or missing parts, and that the boat logs be filled out after each use of any boat. Jim would like a system in place where boat users are held accountable, with the possibility of revocation of membership as a possible penalty for major infringements.

New Business:

The next item on the agenda was the upcoming Sail Camp 2008. Carol mentioned that the June 9th and June 16th class were full. At an informal meeting in February some members of the club discussed the dates and price of Sail Camp. Peter O'Brien suggested the cost should be raised to \$225. At this brainstorming meeting, Commodore Field stated the dates of Sail Camp, being four weeks starting on Monday, June 9, 16, 23, a week off for 4th of July, Camp resumed on July 7th. Instructors would be Bill McFadden and Jeff Robbins. Jointly they would receive \$3,600 for camp

instruction services. The Events Vice Commodore requested approval of the Commodore's proposal for Sail Camp. The Board agreed to the dates, \$3,600 expense. Carol projected other costs and asked for board approval. \$720 for Summer Sailing Program 2008 T shirts. The board approved purchase of a sample T Shirt she showed. She thought around \$800 was needed to feed volunteers for the four weeks. Josie and Franklin Trainer volunteered to be Jr. Instructors. She estimated snacks and food for the kids to be \$500 and \$500 for gasoline for the safety boats. The board approved these Sail Camp expenses. Revenue from Sail Camp enrollment fees is anticipated to be \$9,000. Expenses were projected and approved, pursuant to the agenda provided. Carol projected that there would be a profit from Sail Camp. Volunteers were needed for safety boat operations. Carol requested Halifax Sailing has its own stationery, the board approved.

Commodore Field thanked all who volunteered with safety boats and helping the Spring Adult class run smoothly.

Bill also thanked Roger Cutler, Jim Needham, Carol Long and all the volunteers for the tremendous donation of their time and services at the City's opening of Manatee Island . Roger took about 200 people for a sailboat ride, Carol was the Publicity Chairperson and Carol and Jim Needham were H.S.A. liaisons to Leisure Services, The City of Daytona Beach.

The Board did agree to update the 'Come Sail With Us' flyer, cost \$200. Pete Haley also agreed to head the Race Committee for the Turkey Trot.

Carol Long stated a price from All Aboard Storage on Nova Road at \$59 for a five-by-five and \$68 for a five-by-seven and a half footer. Terri Clarke suggested having records scanned and put on a disc. Commodore Field suggested that the club rent the five by five. Steve Caron motioned that the storage space should be rented at All Aboard Storage, not to exceed a cost of \$800./yr. and this was seconded by Gary Smith - the size being five by five. Shelves and a lock would also be purchased.

The next item on the Agenda was to address whether or not to sell the Hobies. Several suggestions were made from "fire sale", to "junk them", to "sell for \$100/ea.". Sale of the Hobies was approved by the Board, enabling more space at the club.

The Events Vice Commodore stated that the Board approved Open House being held on May 17 at a January Board meeting; invitations had been sent to over 100 people via email; an approved publicity flyer that was distributed at Manatee Island; invitations were mailed to the Department of Leisure Services. Volunteers were partially in place, then, put on hold, since a few board members stated, prior to this Board Meeting, that Open House should be cancelled. Carol did not have financial info from last year and requested a line item be established for Open House. Howl/Open House expenses appeared to be around \$320 in 2007. The Commodore and Membership Vice Commodore thought the annual event should be cancelled. Gary Smith, Carol Long and a few other board members agreed it should be held. Carol gave the board an

alternative, that if cancelled, H.S.A. could give donations to charities such as Stewart Marchman and PAL, etc. to help combat crime within the city. Immediately, Pete Haley offered to have the parents of the River Ratz take care of Open House including the expenses. The board concurred and thanked them.

Should H.S.A. inaugurate Intermediate Sail Classes for interested sailors who have already passed the Beginner's Class? Question was whether or not a private instructor would need to be hired. Peter O'Brien bought up a sailing class for Senior Citizens. Some are seriously struggling with the Sunfish yet truly wish to learn to sail. Bill Field absolutely does not want HSA to be hiring 'private instructor's. It was agreed that only members of H.S.A. could teach.

At this time Pete Haley shared that there has been a new sailing club formed in the Halifax Area called "Halifax Youth Sailing" (HYS) and it expected 501C 3 approval very soon. Carol asked who the officers were and there was no response. Many parents of H.S.A's River Ratz are involved in the new organization. They wish to become an official affiliate member of Sailing Center Inc. Hobie Fleet 80, ERAU, and HRYC, are affiliate members of Sailing Center, Inc. The founders of HYS, have funded and filed all necessary IRS and state applications plus have applied for and are actively seeking grant money to fund their goals of creating a **perpetual** youth training club. During the first part of 2008, HYS was granted a Florida State corporation, and applied for 501c3 status. The Commodore asked to table this discussion and that if this was to be then all profits would go to HSA. Pete agreed and asked that a special board meeting be held to discuss HYS. The board next considered the River Ratz proposal. Carol Long suggested that the proposal be tabled until the general membership was advised of the policy contents. She suggested it be presented to members at the May 1 meeting and then back to the board for vote. Carol Long asked about sponsorships within that agreement. Bill Field stated that H.S.A. could get sponsors. Terri Clarke asked for clarification of two paragraphs. Peter O'Brien felt changing the wording was not necessary. The board agreed to the River Ratz policy document.

As previously requested, The River Ratz asked for approval of additional sail training. The board approved Level II classes beginning the week of July 14 to 18 and Race week beginning August 4. A committee was formed to consist of Pete Haley, Steve Caron, Mike Stammersky, Terri Clarke, and Alan Behnke.

Peter O'Brien reported to the Board that a Corinthian Committee was formed. The committee consists of three to five members. The committee addresses behavior within the club that is offensive and infringes upon the rights of other members and the offenses are repetitive. This committee is an Ad-Hoc committee chaired by the Membership Vice Commodore. The Membership Vice Commodore oversees the committee meeting and has no vote on any disciplinary action. The committee is not intended to be a police force, it is merely a way to handle problems that may arise among members and guests. The committee met, decided how member misconduct would be handled and implemented policy for such misconduct. Peter presented a list to the Board of Directors that contained the Committee's suggested criteria.

The problem of blocked boats and parking cars in front of boats was mentioned. Policy was reiterated, that being, no blocking. Members are responsible to see that their guests obey the parking restrictions. ERAU's coordinator was notified and will advise students of the H.S.A. policy.

Carol requested that a recorder be purchased for the integrity/accuracy of the minutes. The board approved the purchase assuming such purchase would be around or under \$100.

Carol Long motioned that this meeting be adjourned and the motion was seconded by Peter O'Brien. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Long,

For Patricia Whitsitt, Secretary

May 13, 2008

HALIFAX SAILING ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 13TH, 2008

Board Members Attending:

Commodore, Bill Field

First Vice Commodore, Roger Cutler

Fleet Vice Commodore, Sue Moni

Membership Vice Commodore, Peter O'Brien

Events Vice Commodore, Carolyn Long

Treasurer, Christopher Likes

Secretary, Patricia Whitsitt

Past Commodore, Gary Smith

Hobie Fleet, Steve Caron

HRYC, Pat Adsit

Absent:

Embry-Riddle, Jim Cunningham

Others in Attendance:

Pete Haley

Cindy Caron

Jim Needham

Ned Wolfarth

Jeff Zipay

Mike Stammersky

Angela Campbell

Jimmy Deans

Old Business:

Commodore Field called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A motion to accept the January Board meeting minutes was made by Christopher Likes, seconded by Pat Adsit.

Bill Field said we have no new news about the planned Skate Park just outside of the HSA facilities and also that we are still waiting for the sand needed to complete our own paver project. He then went ahead and opened the River Ratz discussion, beginning with the document that Peter O'Brien worked up for the Club, with Pat Adsit quickly offering that it was not really necessary to read it out loud in its entirety, Bill then taking up the document for the River Ratz that Pete Haley had submitted earlier in the afternoon.

As Bill went down the list of specifications, taking each in turn, some important policy was suggested. Under consideration by the Board, the River Ratz is an organization within the Club. HSA would provide the River Ratz with a budget that would be reviewed by the Board in January of each year, and that the Ratz would not compete with the HSA Sail Camp. Further discussion brought an understanding that HSA would keep all boats used by the River Ratz in good sailable condition, with the Ratz themselves paying for any "extras" they want in order to bring the boats closer to "race condition". It was determined that the Ratz would not be fund-raising at HSA, nor at the HRYC, and that all of their events must be coordinated with HSA Events Vice Commodore and with the Fleet Vice Commodore. Also, the River Ratz must have an instructor that is fully 'Accredited by USSailing'. There was good discussion that previous to the development of the River Ratz, HSA had no means of higher levels of sail instruction for the youth of our area.

Christopher Likes told all present how the proposed budget allocation for the River Ratz would work, with any monies they have left at the end of the year rolling over into the following year for their own future use, and with the understanding that the Ratz would make a full accounting of costs, expenditures, and ways in which they have raised their own funds, to the Board. Commodore Field specified that they must do any and all fund-raising under the name 'HSA River Ratz' vs. just plain 'River Ratz'. Chris said he could open another, but separate, HSA bank account with the Board-allotted River Ratz money that would be solely for their own use. Such an account would require two signatures on each check, one being that of either Commodore Field or Treasurer Likes. The money they raise will be put into this fund; the money they spend will come from same. At this time, Christopher, Bill, and the Board are awaiting a budget from the River Ratz, in writing. This business plan/budget will have a full breakdown of expected expenditures in order to determine how much money HSA can provide to H.S.A's RR.

The representatives of the River Ratz, Pete Haley, Steve and Cindy Caron, explained to the Board that, though inconvenient because of HSA's normal and previously scheduled

events, and because of demand by the parents of our sailing youth, they would and must hold many of their events on Saturdays, but, they will change to other dates pursuant to other H.S. A. scheduled events. Unfortunately, a motion was not made to confirm this discussion – probably because the proposed H.S.A. River Ratz proposal is in draft status. The purchase by HSA of an Opti-Rack was confirmed. Pete Haley asked that HSA sell any unused equipment, Bill Field saying that it will not be the Hobies that get sold, as there have not only been past requests by members that we do keep at least a couple of them in working condition for use by Club Members, but that, indeed, they were being used and will continue to be used.. A new document, to these effects, will now be drawn up, edited, and copied to all.

Carol Long asked for clarification on time of day that the River Ratz would be using the facilities on Saturdays and it was thought probably 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Bill Field again encouraged members to attend the CPR classes offered also by the Red Cross. Ned Wolfarth stated that he is glad to co-ordinate this training for anyone interested in renewing their certification and for those who wish to take the class for the first time.

Lastly, Commodore Field welcomed Jeff Zipay as our new Webmaster, Jeff assuring the Board that our website will be undergoing a face-lift in the near future. The board appreciates Gary Smith's continual work on the website and his coordination with Jeff to make the H.S.A. website a better entity. Jeff will obtain board approval of the revised logos, etc. Discussion concluded that all items going onto the website would go first through Bill Field for approval.

Carolyn Long motioned that this meeting be adjourned. This was seconded by Roger Cutler. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m

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Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Whitsitt, Secretary

17 March 2008

ASSOCIATION

HALIFAX SAILING

MEETING

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

MARCH 06, 2008

Officer's Present:

Bill Field, Roger Cutler, Sue Moni, Peter O'Brien, Carolyn Long

Christopher Likes, Jim Cunningham, Steve Caron, Gary Smith

Patricia Whitsitt

Officer's Absent

Pat Adsit

Our Commodore, Bill Field, called this meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. After welcoming new members, Bill proceeded to read the highlights of the February minutes to the membership, including the opportunity available to all to attend CPR classes. A motion was then made by Bob Behnke and seconded by Jim Needham to accept these Minutes.

Under the heading of 'Old Business', the upcoming Thunder Mug, with the adoption of the US Sailing Rules, was then discussed, including the cost of \$25. Commodore Field stated that the race committee would be revised to include Pete Haley and our Commodore's statement that no spinnakers and jib poles were to be used was rescinded. Bill Field went on to raise the continuing subject of how the River Ratz will function within the Club. This discussion went on for quite a while without resolution, unfortunately sending several members fleeing, but with the upside that all parties seem ready to move forward to a positive conclusion.

Plans for the upcoming Adult Sail Classes, which begin on March 29, were brought up and are progressing smoothly, though more volunteers, especially those needed for the 'chase boats', were requested. Bill pointed out that members who volunteered for Sail Camp, which begins in June, did not necessarily have to sign up for an entire week, but could volunteer as able, even if only to cover a day or two. Besides persons to man the chase boats, Opti-Moms are also solicited.

The Officer's of the Board now made their separate reports/requests, beginning with our 1st Vice Commodore, Roger Cutler, asking that a 'work party' be formed, also for the upcoming Thunder Mug. Roger informed the Membership that the boats racing would be divided into three classes, that any sort of vessel, including the Sunfish, would be allowed, and finally that the Club would be providing a main entrée, with pot luck side-dishes being provided by members to round off the dinner which will follow the race.

Peter O'Brien took the floor next, supplying us with information on the switch to the new ID/Key system. He stated that this would require an upfront cost to the Club of about \$1200., that the keys would originally be given outright to each Member of HSA, but then, if lost, individual members would replace their own at a cost of about \$5. He verified that Members who already possessed the old 'clickers' would still have access to the premises that way, as well, and also that the new keys would remain effective until or unless that member's dues became unpaid. Peter lastly shared with us that the Club now has 88 Regular Members and 27 Gold Members.

Ms. Carol Long, our Events Vice Commodore, began her report by thanking the Hortons for the wonderful donation of a refrigerator and BBQ. She also thanked Bob Behnke for the Shop-Vac that he gave to the Club. Carol then pointed out that the Adult Sail Classes were almost full so if anyone else wishes to be included they should sign up promptly. She also asked for a show of hands on whether the SOS should take place on Good Friday; it was decided to still hold this event, with individual members attending or not, as each preferred. Carol went on to say that, though the recent weather had been pretty much making a wash-out of the Sunfish Racing on Tuesdays, as of now this remains a weekly scheduled event - still on Tuesdays, weather permitting..

The new pavers to improve our facilities have arrived and there was, at this time, discussion on how to expedite this project, with Terri Clark asking if we could include an outside shower.

Treasurer, Christopher Likes stood and informed the General Membership that the Board had approved a mandate that all purchases over \$100. will have to first be submitted and approved by himself, or Commodore Field, and would be repaid in a timely fashion, not exceeding 10 days. He assured us that the books were reconciled, told us that the financial system in place has been modernized, and that all bills have been paid.

Sue Moni, Fleet Commodore, welcomed members to come and crew on her Pearson 30 in the upcoming Commodore Series run by HRYC, stating that she would like crew not exceeding 3/4 persons. She advised that for safety reasons all crew members in offshore races must have sailing experience and must be capable of a working crew position in the cockpit of the boat, i.e. either to work the mainsheet, one of the winches, or be on the helm. She said that these are competitive offshore races, not joy-rides or sailing lessons and asked that anyone interested please contact her. It was also asked if mooring Commodore Smith out in the water vs. at the dock might be a good idea, thus enabling smaller boats to utilize the space, with varying opinions in response.

Pat Whitsitt reminded all of the importance of signing-in when at the Club for the benefit of our relationship with the City. She also asked if all Members were aware that we have an online Cyberstore, and it was pointed out that this has fallen by the wayside and is not being well-maintained. A little bit of TLC could make this another great HSA feature?

Terri Clark asked how the plans for the Skate Park were proceeding and the bottom-line on this is really that no one knows for sure, though it is critical that HSA maintains access to the boat ramp at the Park next door and also that, during any construction, Members will still have access to the Club facilities. This is to be checked on and reported back to the General Membership.

Pete Haley mentioned that the River Ratz were excited about their upcoming trip to Jensen Beach . About 5 or 6 of the Ratz will get to participate in this very fun event and all the Ratz are doing excellently in improving their skills.

The meeting wrapped up with Carol Long thanking Peter for all his efforts in making the New Member Orientation a beautiful and successful event for all! Way to go, Peter!!! The was motion to adjourn was made by Bob Benhke, seconded by Peter O'Brien. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Patricia Whitsitt

HALIFAX SAILING ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
February 07, 2008

Officers Present:

Bill Field

Roger Cutler

Sue Moni

Peter O'Brien

Carolyn Long

Christopher Likes

Patricia Whitsitt

Absent:

Pat Adsit

Jim Cunningham

Steve Caron

Gary Smith

Old Business:

The Commodore, Bill Field, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. He asked new members to introduce themselves and they were welcomed with a sincere round of applause. After Bill read the high-lights of the last General Meeting, a motion was made by Fred Boettcher and seconded by Bob Behnke to accept the minutes of that meeting, as posted.

Our Commodore said there would be no 'race committee' unless there were volunteers, and upon offering himself to head this committee, received the additional support of Peter O'Brien and Bill McFadden. Sue Moni had asked if the volunteers on this committee would still be able to participate in the race and it was explained that they could not. Bill said the races would basically follow the same format as last year and be about \$25 each for entrants, and this fee would include food for the boat captain.

New Business:

The first order of new business was Commodore Field asking for volunteers, also, for the upcoming Adult Sailing Class. He told us that these classes would run for four successive weeks, beginning on Saturday, March 29th at 10:00 a.m. He received quick and enthusiastic support from many, including Jim Needham, Charlie Gear, Bob Duffus, Kevin Dammer, Sue Moni, Bill McFadden, Carol Long, Ned Wolfarth, and Pat Whitsitt (Pat unable to attend the first session). Jim Needham told the recruits how teaching new sailors very much sharpens the skills of the ones teaching, making it a great learning experience for all parties involved.

Bill Field then asked if the Club was interested in purchasing an Interlake that was for sale for \$2800. Sue Moni, the Vice-Fleet Commodore voted no to this, saying she thought there were too many neglected boats already on hand. Bill went on to explain that his reason for thinking it was a good idea for the Club to buy this boat was that it would allow for racing with the Interlake we already owned, there being no other boat in this category that could compete. Bill McFadden agreed with this perspective. Bill then asked for a show of hands, the result being 12 “ayes” and 9 “nays”. The result of this being that the Commodore has “tabled” the decision of the purchase of this boat for now, there being no particular “groundswell” of consent.

At this time, a member brought up the fact that he and other members often wished to sail but were prevented by their inability to get the boats into the water, asking how this situation could be eased. Bob Behnke asked if getting a “front-end loader”, maybe from the City, would work. Bill Field explained why that would not be ideal. It was also suggested that some moorings could possibly be dropped in order to keep additional boats in the water, but others said this would pose a hazard, especially to the students in the sailing classes. Jim Needham answered that both he and Bill Field are readily available to help get the boats in the water – just call them and they will gladly come and assist.

Roger Cutler then took a moment to sincerely thank the Thursday Guys for their many, many services to the Club, including the beautiful grounds-keeping. Our sincere appreciation goes out to all of you!

Sue Moni, Vice Fleet Commodore, reminded members and informed newcomers that of the 7 larger boats 5 of them are available for use and 2 need work. "Any help will be welcomed. There are many smaller boats that are being neglected and we would all be happy for anyone to take over any one of them, make it their project to fix it up, get them in the water, and sail them! Also, Ron Kainz had asked to be captain of the Interlake and he was granted that, so we have one new Captain added to our rostrum."

Bill Field then called on Peter O'Brien, Membership Vice Commodore, to present his update. Peter said there are currently 104 paid members of Halifax Sailing Association – hurray! He also asked that everyone keep their email address current as some were still being returned unopened. New members are now receiving welcome packets sent out by Peter upon enrollment and this is a great addition, surely appreciated by the new members. Peter is hosting a New Member Orientation on Saturday, February 23rd, from noon to 3 p.m. There he will discuss the new system of entrance keys, which he is working on with Gary Smith. The funding of which was approved by the Board and the actual estimate is pending. Peter also presented the responses he received - only 26 out of the entire Club, but those that did respond gave a good over-all view of the state of affairs at this time, which Peter printed and passed out to the Members. Most joined the club to sail. Peter said he was not certain if the old "clickers" would still work for club access. Jim Needham responded that he thought they would.

Jim Needham told us that the Sunfish Casual Races were to begin again on Tuesday, February 12th, weather permitting. Start time 2:00 p.m. He next explained clearly how any member could "move up" from knowing how to sail a Sunfish, to learning how to sail a bigger boat. Jim is there to teach and is available when appropriate levels of proficiency are met, like how to maneuver a bigger boat away from and back to a dock, and to "check out" members so that they are qualified to skipper the bigger boats. "This is an option open to all", he assured the group. The goal is for those big boats that the Club owns to get used! Bill Field made it clear that he is also available to do this – after morning tee time!

Our Events Vice Commodore, Carol Long, then asked Marguerite O'Brien, Roger Cutler, Estelle Lampert and Trish Reonas to stand. She informed the meeting that these people would make up part of the phone committee which has been instituted to call members with reminders of up-coming events. If a member would prefer not to receive such calls, they need only to state such. Carol presented the dates for the Adult Sailing Class, the S.O.S. and mentioned there would be a monthly birthday cake and small gifts

for those members who had a birthday within the month at Sessions on Sailing. She requested volunteers for the Thunder Mug on April 13th. Many volunteered to help.

Carol also told us that Lew Slaughter had emailed that there will be a Training Session on the 21st of February at HRYC to discuss how to run a water-race committee for the upcoming races at HRYC including the Commodore's Cup Series. There will then be a Skipper's Meeting for Race/Commodore's Cup entrants on March 4th at 5:00 p.m. at HRYC. Sailors mark your calendars for opening of the season!

Treasurer Christopher Likes stood to say that money was coming into the Club, that the bills are being paid, and that there is money in the bank. Good job, Chris!!! He also took a moment to thank Peter O'Brien, on behalf of all of us, for the great job he is doing for the Club as the new Membership Vice Commodore.

Ned Wolfarth inquired about dates for upcoming CPR training for sailors either taking or renewing their USSail Instructors License, which is required for certification. Deb Heaton informed us that her husband Paul is offering group instruction in CPR which will consist of a 5 hour class for those taking the CPR class for the first time and a 2 ½ hour class for those renewing their certification. Details and dates are pending.

There was then "Open Discussion": Deb Heaton asked if we had any information yet on a Scuba Class being held at Daytona Beach College. Carol said she has sent an email to Lynn at DBC. To date, she has not received a response. She will follow up with Deb Heaton and Lynn of DBC.

Mike Stammersky chalked some diagrams of a 'dolly' on the board, possibly another way for getting boats into the water easier.

Bill Field asked members if they wanted a sailing "school" for the youth sailors or a sailing "camp", and delineated the attributes of both, basically stating that there were different legalities involved. There was discussion about how to separate the different age groups that come for the Youth lessons, most believing it best to allow the older "kids" to attend the adult sail classes and suggesting that the class not try to be an "all-day affair", though some thought this what most parents wanted, yet others thinking all-day to be the best thing for the children. I believe it was decided to keep it as a sailing "camp", as has been the tradition at HSA.

Fred Boettcher called for a motion to adjourn -- the motion was seconded by Bob Behnke.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Whitsitt, Secretary H.S.A.

February 11, 2008

HALIFAX SAILING ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 14TH, 2008

Board Members Attending:

Commodore, Bill Field

1st Vice Commodore, Roger Cutler

Fleet Vice Commodore, Sue Moni

Membership Vice Commodore, Peter O'Brien

Events Vice Commodore, Carolyn Long

Treasurer, Christopher Likes

Secretary, Patricia Whitsitt

Past Commodore, Gary Smith

HRYC, Pat Adsit

Hobie Fleet, Steve Caron

Also Attending:

Jim Needham

Terri Clarke

Absent:

ERAU, Jim Cunningham

OLD BUSINESS:

Commodore Field called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. He asked if all members had read the minutes of the last board meeting of December 17, 2007. A motion was made by and seconded by to accept the minutes. All concurred.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Field quickly ascertained from Gary Smith that our internal e-mail system has now been working smoothly and that all repairs to the Carol Ann had been accomplished.

At this time, our Commodore asked who would like to head up the Race Committee. A discussion ensued, culminating in the understanding that the Events Committee would set up the races and tasks delegated at the next General Meeting. It was then determined that a "Notice of Race" and the "Rules of the Race" must be posted in a timely fashion and "Instructions of the Race" given for each race event. Pat Adsit stated that if the USSAILING rules were to be adopted they must strictly be adhered to. Pat offered to assist by writing up these USSAILING RULES and posting "Notice". It was also mentioned that these rules would put a stop to any possible arguments as written procedures of protest would be in place. Gary Smith then motioned that the USSAILING rules be adopted, this was seconded by Pat Adsit, and unanimously approved by all.

Roger Cutler then asked by what procedure the "big boats" were to be reserved. He pointed out that with so many new members, and with more and more people becoming "checked out" to Skipper the boats, conflicts may begin to arise. Jim Needham explained that it made the best sense to allow each "Boat Captain" to take responsibility

for the reservations of the boat in their charge and that he expected the Captains to make certain that this was done in fairness to all, with no one person “hogging” all the time. Roger Cutler asked if the Captains have first priority and Jim Needham said that they do not. Terri Clarke asked where members could find the Boat Captain’s phone numbers and Sue Moni suggested we keep them posted at the Club at all times. Commodore Bill reminded us that only Jim Needham, Bill Eve, or himself, could “check out” members for use of these boats. It was also decided that if the person who had reserved a boat did not show up, or was more than a half hour late, anyone else could then take out this boat – first come, first served. (The Boat Captains should then call Gary Smith with the reservations and he would act as central keeper of these dates???)

Bill Field then told the board that each and every bill over \$100 must be pre-approved. Terri Clarke pointed out that the rules, as written, said “per item”, which highlighted the problem thus arising when, for instance, a multiple number of same item were purchased. Peter O’Brien motioned that the wording be changed to say any “expenditure” instead of “item” and this was seconded by Sue Moni. Commodore Field stated that HSA must be protected from “outlandish” bills; Christopher Likes, our treasurer, agreed. He went on to say that “approved” bills would not pose any problem and that they would be reimbursed in a timely fashion. At this time, Pat Adsit made a motion that the rule would be that “any expenditure exceeding \$100 must have board or Commodore approval, that all expenditure receipts must be turned in within 60 days to the Treasurer or to the Commodore, and that these would then be reimbursed within 10 days. (WAS THIS EVER SECONDED?) A question as to whether the Club or the River Ratz themselves would pay the \$200 O.D.A. fee that allows the River Ratz to officially participate in sponsored regattas state-wide has been tabled for now, pending Carol.(????) Both Steve Caron and Terri Clarke have inquired whether or not the River Ratz could fundraise and/or accept donations while under the auspices of HSA; this question, too, will require further investigation, with Bill reminding them that the River Ratz were not a separate entity and Terri saying in response that that could be changed. Terri did specifically state that she would prefer not to have to account for all expenses made by the River Ratz. Whether, and to what extent, the Club is to back the River Ratz and what monies they can earn and take their own responsibility for is still being pondered. The motion made to table this discussion was made by Pat Adsit and seconded by Gary Smith, partly pending Pete Haley’s input. Bill Field also expressed concern about whether or not all of the children could afford this sort of adventure, requiring travel, overnights, fees, etc. and Steve Caron answered that money on hand could be used to make up difference in that regard. Our Commodore expressed a sincere interest in hosting the young people’s regattas here at HSA.

Peter O’Brien gave an update on a new magnetic-swipe card that would allow entrance to the Club facilities, including the garage and the restrooms. It would also serve as an I.D. card with members wearing these around their necks, promoting acquaintance between our ever-growing membership, as well as a way of keeping track of people who may be on the premises that may not be paid members. Gary Smith is working to institute this system and says the cost will be about \$2.50 per person paid upfront by the Club but then selling to members at \$3/4. to cover lost cards, etc. He also explained

that the entire card system could be hooked up to the computer if that was wanted, which many thought a good idea. The total cost is expected to be about \$800 for the entire system. Peter O'Brien motioned to approve the new I.D. cards and this was seconded by Carolyn Long. There were none in opposition. Our Membership Vice Commodore went on to say that he was drafting a new Welcome Letter for future members-to-be and also....(??????) At this point there was also discussion of whether keeping track of vehicles/owners by their car tags was called for as Jim Needham brought up that parking remained an ongoing problem, though each member was instructed not to block boats and other vehicles. Peter O'Brien.... Gold Members...????? David Robinson would take care of ???????? Peter told us, also, that he now has "Easy-Deposit Slips", given him by Christopher Likes, the Treasurer, enabling him to easily deposit the checks he receives in the mail, i.e. membership renewals. He said only ??? he and Christopher Likes ???? have keys to the P.O. Box.

Carolyn Long, our Events Vice Commodore, passed around a "Mainsheet" with the logo that has been used in previous years and one with the 50th Anniversary logo that was used last year for the celebration of that event, asking members to choose which logo they would like to see used on the "Mainsheet" going forward. A vote was taken and the Mainsheet will revert to using its former Logo. Carol.....you can do this better Carol! Dates in the website, " Safe Harbour "??? Gary asked Carol what the date of the banquet would be..... (what banquet?) Carol proceeded to present the following dates on the HSA calendar: ??? and will include a complete calendar of events in the upcoming February issue of the Mainsheet.

Sailing class??? 7/12, 8/2, 9/6-13-20-27, etc.

The Youth Sailing Camp was discussed, with Commodore Field reiterating that plenty of adult supervision was mandatory. This camp will begin one week after school lets out, on.... Dates? Last year 4,000 flyers were handed out to public school students and the same will be done this year.

HALIFAX SAILING ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JANUARY 03, 2008

Officers Present:

Bill Field

Roger Cutler

Peter O'Brien

Carolyn Long

Christopher Likes

Patricia Whitsitt

Gary Smith

Absent:

Sue Moni

Pat Adsit

Jim Cunningham

Steve Caron

The Commodore, Bill Field, called the meeting to order at 19:02 .

He asked that the minutes from the December General Meeting be accepted as posted. A motion was made by Jim Needham and seconded by Lewis Slaughter to accept the minutes as posted. The members concurred. Bill then stated that all membership dues were to be paid by the 31st of January.

Mr. Field went on to a short discussion of the proper use of the official HSA website as far as e-mails were concerned, emphasizing that it was not to be used for arguments, etc. He also explained that only people who were all ready members of HSA could be put onto the WAITING Gold Member List. He then noted that \$350 to repair the Commodore Smith had been approved and the needed repairs accomplished.

Commodore Field asked that a 'race committee' be formed before the upcoming Thunder Mug Race. Jim Needham added that this 'race committee' should be used also for the Turkey Trot, but not for our other regular friendly free-for-all races. Bill Field said which races were to be under this new race committee could remain under discussion but must be set by April and that if Embry-Riddle wanted to do this, they were welcome to, but whoever did take on this responsibility must be knowledgeable.

Carolyn Long then took the floor and gave some dates and times of upcoming events, beginning with the next Adult Sailing Class which would start on the last Saturday in March, the 29th.

Other dates she presented were:

The Thunder Mug, projected to be May 14th.

Open House, May 17th.

Turkey Trot, November 1st, which is the last weekend before the end of Daylight Saving Time.

The Ratz will attend the Boomerang Regatta in Ft. Lauderdale on January 12th/13th.

General Meetings, to be the 1st Thursdays of every month at 7 p.m.

Big Boys Races to be each following Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

S.O.S. will be on January 25th. Carol explained that the HOWL was changed to S.O.S. to make the event informative. The new S.O.S. will include a short presentation about sailing, after which the gathering would begin.

Commodore Field now took the opportunity to introduce the new board members, including:

Roger Cutler, 1st Vice Commodore,

Carolyn Long, Events Vice Commodore

Peter O'Brien, Membership Vice Commodore

Christopher Likes, Treasurer

Patricia Whitsitt, Secretary

Gary Smith, past commodore

The other new board members were absent.

Peter O'Brien next requested that each HSA member have a membership card. Bill Field would like these to be laminated, and because the Club has grown so large, to be printed with an easily identifiable name so members could know each other. Past Commodore, Gary Smith, stated that the same card could be used as a key of entry instead of using the present box codes. Jim Needham said this

would cost each member about \$3 to \$4 and pointed out that this was a small cost that would have to be incurred by each member. Gary Smith stated that he would obtain an estimate.

Christopher Likes spoke about ways he was working to make the financial operations of the club more efficient. He said he had not met with the prior treasurer, Russ Brown, and had no access to the checking account. The signers on the account are Bill Field and Christopher Likes.

Bill Field asked if the tiller of the Carol Ann had been fixed yet and Jim Needham said that it was still being worked on and that it was questionable as to whether it would be ready by Sunday's Big Boys Race. Bill Field also told the membership that a new ice chest was on its way, the other no longer serviceable. At this time, Jim Needham went on to speak about the beginning of the next Sunfish Racing schedule and explained that the Sunfish Races were casual, not 'hard-core' racing, and that they would begin about 3 p.m. in the afternoon in mid-February. People may join in whenever they arrive according to work schedules, etc. Mr. Field also asked what had happened to the income from the previous Sunfish Races and this is to be checked on.

Bill McFadden, at this point, brought up continuing education for instructors. He relayed the information that a Level II instructor's class was to be held in Miami and had a \$200 fee. He offered further information for anyone interested.

Jim Needham shared with the attendees of this meeting that another sailor, Terri Clarke, was now checked out to use the big boats and that some of the kids had also accomplished their goals and were now ready and able to use the Capris.

Gary Smith offered a petition to be signed to have Manatee Park renamed the Gauden Reed Park and said anyone that would like to see this change take place should add their name to this petition.

Carol Long told the group that there was to be a Scuba Class at D.B.C.C. that any kids who were interested could attend and suggested that that was a good source for new enrollees to Sail Camp.

Bill Field went on to mention that we needed updated and current information on members. One member raised his hand and said that, though he had given his e-mail address three times to date, still he had never received an e-mail. Peter O'Brien will begin 'spot-checking' as he goes forward. Gary Smith enlightened us to the fact that we could all acquire our own e-mail address at Halifaxsailing.org! How cool is that??? Patty wants one, for sure! thinking it will be quite helpful as secretary.

At this time Bill McFadden moved to adjourn the meeting and this motion was seconded by Sheldon Skolfield. The meeting adjourned at 1940.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Whitsitt, Secretary

January 4, 2008