

Halifax Sailing Association General Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2011

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Commodore Steve Kerman
- The reading and approval of meeting minutes from December 2, 2011, was waived.

Board Members present: Steve Kerman, Dennis Gordon, Gary Smith, Sue Moni, Susie LeMay, Melinda Matheus, Pete Haley, Kevin Dammer

General Members present: 36

Old Business

1. Status of the Carroll Ann – rigging repairs have been paid for and the mast will be put up on Saturday.

New Business

1. Dues for the new year – Grace period for Gold is Jan. 31. Grace period for standard membership is 3/31.
2. Committees – formed.
 - a. Education Committee – Jeff Zipay is the Chairperson. The committee will refine and bring to the general membership, a request for a Silver membership which requires the by-laws to be changed. Silver membership – small boats that are 14 ft. or under that can be stored in a rack. Dinghy owners must have a gold membership. There will be two Sunday meetings in February to discuss gold membership/dinghy information. A picture of each boat will be taken and owner/contact information will be updated. Dates will be published next week.
 - b. No one living on a boat may be a member. Cannot leave personal vehicles here overnight. We are not a marina.
 - c. Gold Membership Committee – Gary Smith, Chairperson.
 - d. Fleet Committee – Sue Moni, Chairperson.
 - e. Events Committee – Susie Lemay, Chairperson.
 - f. Quartermaster Committee – Mike Stammersky, Chairperson.
 - g. Past Commodore Committee – Steve Kerman, Chairperson.
3. Sunfish Racing with Race Clinic – hosted by Commodore Steve Kerman. Sunday – two races will be held. The 50th big boy race (50 months) with the skippers' meeting at 11:30, race starts at 12:30. At 1 pm, Sunfish racing. Racing clinic beforehand offered by Steve Kerman.
4. We need to have meeting minutes posted on the web. Jeff Zipay will post them.
5. Pete Haley – Match racing – went to a clinic. Would be a fun spectator sport. Would be good for club members to learn the rules. We can do it in any kind of boat as long as they are even.
6. HRYC – Team Race Challenge – Could we have some match races with these? The schedule is being worked on to include them. This helps you learn sailing, makes you safer, and makes the sailing more fun.
7. New Members Orientation Day will be Saturday, February 26th. Hot dogs and chips will be served. All members should bring a covered dish. Please contact Susie to let her know what you are planning to bring.
8. Pete Haley – We should send someone to next year's symposium. There are grants available for clubs such as ours. They also pool all of community sailing centers together to order items for bulk pricing.
9. Lawn care – during the spring, summer and fall, we need to establish a schedule for volunteers to mow the lawn or pay someone to mow it.
10. The state has changed the law and any boat that is 16 feet or longer must be registered, regardless of whether or not it has power. We have two boats that need to be registered. What is the club going to do with them?

Officers' Report:

1. Commodore- Steve Kerman. No report

2. Past Commodore – Mike Stambursky. No report
3. First Vice-Commodore- Kevin Dammer. No report
4. Fleet Vice-Commodore-Sue Moni. Three boats need a Captain. Ron Kainz will take Island Girl. Ernst Matheus will captain the Rankin and Rita Scheeler will supervise the Oday.
5. Events Vice-Commodore- Susie LeMay.

-Sailing Education Committee, chaired by Jeff Zipay will be developing a proposal to provide private sailing lessons by HSA US Sailing Instructors. Proposal will be submitted at the next Board of Directors meeting.

-Pete Haley is ordering 100 "Start Sailing Right" textbooks and 50 "Little Red Books" for the Adult Sailing Classes. The more books we order the cheaper the price.

-There are 3 Adult Sunfish Class (Spring, Summer, and Fall) scheduled. We will be trying to organize 3 Adult Capri Classes (two-day Sat. & Sun.), and will try to plan two-one day Rigging and Crewing workshops.

- There will be two Sailboat Races this coming Sunday, Feb. 6th- the Big Boy Race at 12:30 and Sunfish Racing with Race Clinic at 1:00 pm.

6. Membership Vice-Commodore – Gary Smith. If you have not filled out your application for this year, please do so immediately. Every member must complete a new application.

7. Treasurer – Lee Strong. Current bank account balance is \$45,572, minus any outstanding checks. He would like to meet with all individuals who can write checks for better accounting practices. A high-level, financial budget will be posted that includes major expenditures/deposits. The budget will be based upon 2 years of history.

8. Secretary – Melinda Matheus. No Report

9. HYS – Pete Haley. No report

10. ERAU – Chris Herbster. No report

11. HRYC – Todd Stapleton. Dennis is leaving and is handing the reigns over to Todd Stapleton, who also sits on the Board of the HRYC.

12. Hobie Fleet 80 – Jimmy Dean. No report

Adjourned at 8:05 pm.