

**HALIFAX SAILING ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2007**

Board Members Attending:

Commodore, Bill Field
1st Vice Commodore, Pete Haley
Membership Vice Commodore, Lewis Slaughter
Treasurer, Russ Brown
Secretary, Carolyn Long
Immediate Past Commodore, Gary Smith
ERAU, Jim Cunningham
HRYC, Dennis Gorden
Hobie Fleet, Steve Caron

Also attending:

Pat Adsit , HSA Board Member 2008
Roger Cutler, HSA 2008 1st Vice Commodore
Christopher Likes, HSA 2008 Treasurer
Patricia Whitsitt, HSA 2008 Secretary, and recorder of the meeting

Also members, Mike Stammersky and Terri Clarke

Absent:

Fleet Vice Commodore, Jim Needham
Sue Moni, HSA 2008 Fleet Vice Commodore
Peter O'Brien, HSA 2008 Membership Vice Commodore

OLD BUSINESS:

1st Vice Commodore, Pete Haley, called the meeting to order at 1745. He asked if all board members had read the minutes of the last board meeting of September 19th. A motion was made by Gary Smith and seconded by Lewis Slaughter to accept the minutes, all concurred.

Board members approved expenses at the meeting that they had approved earlier either in person or by phone. Some expenses included the cost of the Turkey Trot, spool line cost for the Sunfish was about \$300. The Opti rack has not yet been purchased. The Cyberstore is up and running. Youth Program info will be addressed under new business. Sail Camp and scheduling are tabled till 2008. At the end of Old Business, Commodore, Bill Field arrived and took the helm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commodore Field mentioned that Events Vice Commodore had resigned from the board and club. All board members approved of Christopher Baker's resignation.

Bill Field addressed concerns regarding the Turkey Trot including, giving income and expenses, to the board. The Turkey Trot boat registration at \$20 per entry, total was \$740.00. After costs of \$300.00 to HSA and \$444.00 to Embry Riddle, a profit of \$284.00 was split between HSA and Embry Riddle. HSA saved on expenses due to food donations by members. There were errors of accounting, about \$40.00. Bill Field felt it may have been attributable to a mix-up of people paying to all different people within the Club. All and all, Commodore Field felt that the Turkey Trot was a great success and commended ERAU for hosting the event.

Past Commodore, Gary Smith, said he was surprised that some checks for boat enrollment in the Trot had been made out to Embry Riddle and not to HSA. Gary also requested, that in the future, the scope of responsibilities of participants be laid out, officially, ahead of time. Dennis Gorden mentioned it was the participants' responsibility to know their boat and the rules of the race prior to racing.

Bill Field said a board meeting scheduled on October 30th did not occur because too many board members were unavailable. The purpose of the proposed meeting was to define and delegate Trot responsibility. All board members knew that Embry Riddle was hosting the event. Steve Caron suggested in the future rules be set. Pete Haley suggested using USSailing race guidelines. Bill Field was the Regatta Chairman of the Turkey Trot. Commodore Field asked if the Turkey Trot could be put to rest. Board members agreed. Additionally, the Commodore stated that race participants and HSA members who argue at a public event, such as the Turkey Trot, would be dismissed from HSA's membership.

Since Fleet Vice Commodore wasn't at the meeting, the Secretary read part of his organization and reporting plan. Further discussion was tabled until January.

Bill Field asked the status of HSA's Cyberstore. His concern, is HSA protected against liability? Some items have photographs of people on goods for sale. Gary Smith and Commodore Field asked who was adding more items in the Cyberstore. Pete Haley stated that many did. Christopher Baker added the 'River Rats' logo. Commodore Field was concerned about having approval to use Gauden Reed's photo on products. He was assured by Steve Caron that the Reed family had no problem with HSA using his picture on products.

Bill Field has received many complaints from members that they were receiving wrong information in emails pertaining to notices of upcoming events such as the date of the Christmas Parade. Additionally, some members were using the email addresses of other members in a disruptive manner. Using the master email list of HSA members for one's own personal complaints will not be tolerated. Commodore Field asked that members not email incorrect data or derogatory statements regarding HSA members to HSA members or the Yahoo system. Commodore Field stated that the Yahoo site is not an official site of HSA. HSA's official site is halifaxsailing.org.

The Board acknowledged the efforts of the River Ratz. The racing program is progressing. Pete Haley mentioned that the recent race in Martin County had 89 boats participating. HSA's River Ratz performed well. Terri Clarke added that Ryan Clarke had placed 4th in competition. Gary Smith suggested the Youth Program have its own separate section on the Halifax Sailing Association website. The section could include the race pictures. Pete Haley said there were a lot more great events for the kids coming up and that they would be registering for the Orange Bowl.

The board unanimously approved the expense of \$350.49 for Commodore Smith motor repairs.

Pete Haley asked for a peer committee or race advisory committee and Dennis Gorden addressed the appropriateness of using USSAILING Standards, pointing out that HSA was already enrolled with them. These rules would provide some needed structure, that historic precedence already existed. Further, he stated that the responsibility for knowing these 'rules of racing' were the responsibility of each entrant, including the rules that applied to each particular boat. Steve Caron further mentioned that included within these USSAILING Standards were forms whereby any particular rule could be easily

changed to suit needs unique to HSA. Dennis Gorden added that all of this information was readily available online and should be posted in a manner easily accessible to all members.

Gary Smith then asked if a motion was needed that the USSAILING Rules be adopted by HSA. Carol Long pointed out that the Vice Fleet Commander was not present. Commodore Field responded that this decision would be tabled until the January Board meeting.

The Treasurer gave the Secretary an updated report on finances. The transfer of records between outgoing Treasurer, Russell Brown and incoming Treasurer, Christopher Likes is being coordinated.

Commodore Field stated that two board members will be authorized signatories at Wachovia Bank. Those being the Commodore, Bill Field, and 2008 Treasurer, Christopher Likes. All board members concurred.

The outgoing Secretary mentioned that the membership survey results had been previously given to the Board. Around 40 members completed the survey. She stated that the at large representatives in 2008 would be:

Embry-Riddle University - Jim Cunningham
Halifax River Yacht Club - Pat Adsit
Hobie Fleet 80 - Steve Caron
HSA Past Commodore - Gary Smith

She suggested that HSA's Membership form be modified. Her suggestion, the Code of Conduct include a statement that abuse of HSA Membership List and unprofessional group emails are grounds to have membership revoked. No action was taken on this added language to the membership form.

Commodore Field advised the board that there were many complaints and wanted to know who was disseminating e-mail information to HSA members. Commodore Field asked that members not send HSA information/complaints to past board members for distribution. Gary Smith said he would draft a letter to a former officer concerning this matter. Lewis Slaughter mentioned that this could be achieved if Yahoo was shut down. It was then agreed that Gary Smith would be the central source for all HSA Internet communications. Carol Long added that there had been complaints about name-calling emails being sent to all HSA members. It was alienating members of the Club. Effective communication within the Internet and email was debated. Past Commodore Gary Smith volunteered to provide an outline for effective communication at the next board meeting.

Bill Field mentioned that a yearly calendar caused confusion with upcoming dates. The calendar will be quarterly. With a few proposed dates in advance: Open House, 5/17 and Turkey Trot on 11/1. The 2008 Events Vice Commodore is getting a schedule together. In January, there will be a Poker Run on Jan. 12th to benefit the Lung Association. HSA passes out cards to motor boat entrants. Bill Field and Jim Needham will be in charge. Adult Sail Classes need scheduling, as do other events, such as the Thunder Mug Regatta. Carol mentioned changing New Moon Merriment, to new member orientation day that could begin mid February. The 2008 Board will discuss this further. Howl at the Moon will be changed to Sessions on Sailing (SOS) beginning in January, it will be on the Friday near full moon. The board agreed. Additionally, the Secretary would like to establish a phone pal system to remind members of upcoming happenings at HSA. She asked for input from Terri Clarke to coordinate scheduling. Adult Sail Class start date is under consideration, probably mid March.

Commodore Field also pointed out the foul language and arguments at HSA events will not be permitted. Such action is not tolerated at HSA.

HRYC mentioned they send of the 'Binnacle' to HSA". The Commodore Cup will be adding a 'B' Class this year for all boats 25' and smaller.

The Commodore asked for input from the 2008 board members who attended. The Secretary stated, as did the Commodore, that board members had received Peter O'Brien's email. Notice of 2008 renewal will be posted on the website and stated in the Mainsheet. Peter is out of town, as is Sue Moni.

Events Vice Commodore, Lewis Slaughter, asked the board to consider that only general members of HSA be listed on the Gold Membership waiting list. A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Dennis that to be on the gold member waiting list you must be a HSA member. The board approved this motion unanimously.

Patricia Whitsitt related interest in the use of catamarans at the Club. She asked if HSA had any available. The response, no, but, soon there would be.

Mike Stammersky asked if membership identification numbers could be established. Additionally, he queried that new members who joined in 2007 were elected to the board. The criteria, pursuant to the By-laws, is to be a member of good standing with no length of time as a member stated.

Another discussion of email and chat rooms ensued. Again, Gary Smith, stated he would have recommendations at the next board meeting.

A motion was made by Gary Smith and seconded by Pete Haley to adjourn. The board agreed. The meeting ended at 1909.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Long, Secretary
Revised - December 21, 2007

**Halifax Sailing Association
General Membership Meeting
December 6, 2007**

Officers Present:

**Bill Field
Pete Haley
Jim Needham
Lewis Slaughter
Russell Brown
Carolyn Long
Steve Caron
Gary Smith
Dennis Gorden**

Absent:

Jim Cunningham

The Commodore, Bill Field, called the meeting to order at 1904.

He asked that the minutes from the November General Meeting be accepted as posted. A motion was made by Dennis Gorden and seconded by Pete Haley to accept the minutes as posted. The members concurred. Bill Field also stated that members could complete the membership survey. December 6th is the last day for submission.

The Commodore asked that new members introduce themselves. Then HSA's 2007 Board of Directors stood and stated their position and whether they were a candidate for HSA's 2008 Board. Other candidates for the 2008 Board introduced themselves to the group.

Election ballots were passed out, and completed ballots collected. The meeting recessed while the tally of absentee and meeting attendees' ballots took place.

The meeting resumed, the Commodore announced HSA's 2008 Board of Directors:

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

The Commodore thanked all members for their contributions to HSA.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Dennis Gorden and seconded by Jim Needham.

The meeting adjourned at 1940.

The election party celebration continued with good food and great company.

Respectfully submitted,

**Carolyn Long, Secretary
December 12, 2007**

**H.S.A. General Membership Meeting
Thursday, November 1st at 7:00 p.m.
Minutes of Meeting**

Officers Present:

**Bill Field
Lewis Slaughter
Russell Brown
Steve Caron
Gary Smith
Dennis Gorden
Jim Cunningham
Carolyn Long**

Absent:

**Pete Haley
Jim Needham**

Old Business:

The Commodore called the meeting to order at 1905. The Minutes of October 4th General Meeting were posted on the website, halifaxsailing.org and at the club. Bill Field asked if there were any changes or additions. There were

none. A motion was made by Gary Smith and seconded by Bob Benhke to accept the minutes, as posted. All concurred.

New Business:

Gary Smith thanked Pete Haley for his help fixing his boat.

Carolyn Long advised the members that the membership survey, 2008 nomination slips, directors' job descriptions and the Mainsheet were available to all members. Bill Field mentioned that the survey would give members a chance to guide the board by stating their opinions. The last date for submission is December 6.

Lewis Slaughter stated that the Gold Membership Committee reviewed eligibility to continue as gold members. Three are in jeopardy of being asked to leave as gold members.

Russell Brown stated the bank balance, as of October 31st, is \$30,599.95.

Bill Field gave members info about the Turkey Trot on Saturday, November 10. ERAU will set the course and is in charge of registration and the event. Steve Caron will supply meat and cookies. Members were asked to provide a covered dish. The club expects 50 to 70 people will attend. All Board of Directors in attendance informally approved a budget of \$600 for the Turkey Trot. The Youth Racing Program will have it's own course. Terri Clark gave a report on the Lake Eustis Regatta and how well it went. The next race will be at Davis Island in Tampa. The Youth Program will host a pancake breakfast the morning of the Turkey Trot.

Steve Caron gave a brief report on the Hobie Fleet.

Gary Smith mentioned he had just returned and would be updating the website. He thanked Halifax River Yacht Club for their \$1,500 check to HSA.

Bill Field asked if there was interest in participating in the Christmas Parade. He asked for volunteers so HSA could participate.

Commodore Field turned the floor over to the HSA Secretary for nomination of officers.

Carolyn Long advised the members that three at large representatives, (Halifax River Yacht Club, ERAU and Hobie Fleet 80) and the Immediate Past Commodore, are voting members of the Board of Directors. The three at large representatives are appointed by their association. She requested approval of their continued

affiliation with HSA as Board Members for the 2008 Board. There were no objections.

The Secretary then read the responsibilities of Board Officer positions to the members. She asked for nominations to the 2008 Board of Directors.

Secretary:

Sue Moni nominated Patti Whitsitt. She accepted the nomination. Bob Benhke nominated Carolyn Long, she declined.

Treasurer:

Steve Caron nominated Christopher Likes. Although not in attendance, Christopher Likes accepted the nomination. He is a certified public accountant.

Membership Vice Commodore:

Lewis Slaughter nominated Peter O'Brien, who has been working on membership lists and doing a superior job. Carol Long mentioned that Pete Haley also asked for Peter to be nominated. Peter O'Brien accepted the nomination.

Events Vice Commodore:

Steve Caron suggested Christopher Baker as a possible nominee. Unfortunately, Christopher Baker resigned as Events Vice Commodore and also as a member of Halifax Sailing Association in September. Many members expressed their appreciation for all he did for the club.

Sue Moni nominated Carolyn Long, she accepted the nomination.

Fleet Vice Commodore:

Terri Clarke nominated Mike Stammersky. He accepted the nomination. Patti Whitsitt nominated Sue Moni. She accepted the nomination. Bob Benhke nominated Jim Needham. Commodore Field mentioned that Jim Needham declined the nomination.

1st Vice Commodore:

Steve Caron nominated Pete Haley. Although, not present, Pete Haley accepted the nomination. Sue Moni nominated Roger Cutler. He accepted the nomination.

Commodore:

Bill McFadden nominated Bill Field. There is no record in the membership list that he is a member of HSA. Therefore, Carolyn Long nominated Bill Field. Commodore Field accepted the nomination.

The Secretary asked if there were any other nominations for the 2008 Board of Directors. Commodore Field asked if there were any further nominations, there were none. There being none, the nominations were closed for the 2008 Board of Directors slate. The election of officers will be held at the December 6th General Membership Meeting. Two positions, Fleet Vice Commodore and 1st Vice Commodore have two nominees.

Craig Oulton considers Christopher Baker the "Man of the Year". He hopes Christopher will return to HSA. Other members expressed their thanks for all he accomplished and his dedication to the club.

Jim Cunningham gave the members an update on the Turkey Trot.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Gary Smith and seconded by Bob Benhke to adjourn the meeting. All concurred. The meeting ended at 1959.

Respectfully submitted,

**Carolyn Long
November 5, 2007**

MINUTES OF

**H.S.A. General Membership Meeting
Thursday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m.**

Officers Present:

**Pete Haley
Russell Brown
Gary Smith
Dennis Gorden
Jim Cunningham
Carolyn Long**

Absent:

**Bill Field
Lewis Slaughter
Jim Needham**

Steve Caron

Old Business:

The 1st Vice Commodore called the meeting to order at 1907. The minutes of September's General Meeting were posted on halifaxsailing.org and at the club. A motion was made by Bob Behnke to accept the minutes, as posted, Dennis Gorden seconded the motion. All concurred.

Pete Haley asked is any new members were present, there were none. He thanked all for their work in making the 50th Anniversary celebration a success.

New Business:

Pete Haley stated the Youth Racing Program has begun. The program doesn't want to overwhelm the club, it will fit in with other activities. Pete polled the Board and they approved the Optimist being taken home for repair and maintenance by the Youth Racing Team. Pete could not reach two board members. Gary Smith mentioned north side grass was being killed by boats left on the grass.

Gary also stated the cyberstore is not yet up and running. Products will have HSA's logos including those designed by Jeff Zipay and Delaney Caron.

The 1st Vice Commodore mentioned several decisions that were made at the September 19th Board Meeting. Some of those points are:

Three Officers, three at large representatives, and the Immediate Past Commodore were added as voting members of the Board of Directors at the September 19th Board Meeting. Those three being representatives from Halifax River Yacht Club, ERAU and Hobie Fleet 80. He advised members that the 2006 Board had revised the ByLaws, and with that revision, their voting rights ceased. It appears that the intent of the 2006 changes may have been misinterpreted by the 2006 and 2007 board. The ByLaws permit up to four at large representatives, the fourth now being the Immediate Past Commodore.

Cyberstore will be implemented soon at cost of \$60 per year.

Membership Survey is available on HSA site and copies were distributed to members at the meeting.

Responsibilities of Officers/Board are available on the website and there is a printed version available at the meeting. Nomination of new officers will occur in November.

1st Vice Commodore Report:

Purchase of racks for the Sunfish and Optis was approved by the board, but, cost has exceeded the approved amount. Pete is working on a solution. The Youth Racing Program will have "Captains." The participants will be issued boats to work on. There will be a time limit of how long the boats can be off HSA's premises. Pete obtained board approval to remove the boats from HSA's premises on a short term basis. Two officers did not reply.

Pete mentioned that Events Vice Commodore, Christopher Baker has resigned. He asked if anyone was interested in taking over on an interim basis.

Vice Commodores' Reports:

Fleet: The Secretary read portions of a memo from Jim Needham, regarding the upcoming NSBYC Regatta over the October 19th weekend. The Lung Association Poker Run has been rescheduled to January 12, 2008. Sail Class continues on Saturday through October 27, with no class on 10/20. Intermediate classes will continue, as time permits, until the Adult Sail Class is over.

Membership: Pete O'Brien gave the Secretary an updated membership list. Pete Haley mentioned currently HSA has about 160 members. He thanked the O'Briens for their continual help at the club.

Treasurer: Russ Brown stated the Membership Survey would be available for members completion until the December General Meeting. The current bank balance was given to the Secretary.

Secretary: Officers' job description sheets are available. Nominations occur in November, voting at the December General Membership Meeting. Some members completed the survey and returned it to her.

Hobie: Pete Haley mentioned all was going well.

ERAU : Jim Cunningham said that ERAU will host the Turkey Trot Regatta on November 10th and it will be the best yet.

HRYC: Dennis Gorden told the members all are invited to Commodore's Cup Dinner at HRYC on 10/7. He also stated he will not be representing HRYC on the HSA Board in 2008. He's going sailing. The Yacht Club is looking forward to the Youth Racing Team doing a sailing exhibition at Friday's Chillin and Grillin, October 12.

Past Commodore: Gary mentioned the upcoming Fundraiser Golf Tournament for his nephew. and the New Smyrna Regatta beginning on 10/19 weekend.

Terri Clarke gave a presentation regarding the Youth Racing Team. Some key points:

The Team is called River Rats.

Nine girls and six boys are participating and they are all excited to be racing. Upcoming Eustis Race is over the 10/20 weekend, There is a time limit on the boats being off HSA's premises, it was stated to be 72 hours.

Each parent is given a package with information including medical release, consent form and rules. Terri gave those Board members in attendance a package of information. Fundraising to defray cost will be done. The first, a boat exhibition on Friday, 10/12 at HRYC where they will sell tickets for a boat wash the next day, Saturday. A fundraising breakfast is planned for the Turkey Trot Regatta.

Gary Smith will post information about the Youth Racing Team's events on HSA's website.

Carolyn Long mentioned the possibility of permits being needed for fundraising per Lew Slaughter's query at the September 19th Board Meeting. Additionally, she expressed her own concern of possible license approval to sell food. Pete Haley will get permits if they are needed. He believes since it's on private property that they are not needed.

Gary Smith asked that cars not be parked in front of boats on Sunday, October 7th so the boats can have access to being taken out for the Big Boys Race.

Carolyn asked about security, trespass signs. Russ Brown mentioned that certain language is required on the signs. Pete Haley will contact the city. The 1st Vice Commodore thanked Roger Cutler for his inventory of the Sunfish.

Pete asked if someone wanted to head up the Christmas Parade. Some members expressed interest, but, a Parade Captain is needed. In response to a question on the kids participating in the Sunfish or other boats, Gary Smith mentioned the many boats and darkness would make it difficult for the youths to participate as sailors.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Gary Smith and seconded by Bob Duffus. The meeting ended at 2031.

Respectfully Submitted:

**Carolyn Long, Secretary
October 6, 2007**

**Halifax Sailing Association
General Membership Meeting
September 6, 2007**

Officers Present:

**Pete Haley
Jim Needham
Lewis Slaughter
Carolyn Long
Dennis Gorden
Jim Cunningham**

1st Vice Commodore, Pete Haley, called the meeting to order at 1901.

He mentioned the posted minutes from the August General Meeting. A motion was made by Jim Needham and seconded by Dennis Gorden to accept the minutes as posted.

The 1st Vice Commodore mentioned upcoming events:

**Saturday, September 8, as clean up day at the club.
50th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, September 15th.**

Additionally, Pete Haley advised the membership that a budget of \$1200 was approved by the board for catering of the celebration. Burgers and hot dogs may be purchased by HSA to supplement the menu. Also, payment for 2007/2008 new membership would be accepted a few weeks earlier, on September 15th.

Past Commodore, Gary Smith, told the members of a golf event to raise funds for his nephew who has cancer. Also, a fund has been set up for contributions. Details are posted on the bulletin board.

Pete Haley mentioned that a committee for Youth Racing had been formed. The group consists of Pete, Cindy Caron, Terri Clark and Angela Campbell.

Fleet Vice Commodore, Jim Needham, told the members that informal intermediate boat sail classes were being held on Saturdays. Beginners' Sail Class starts on September 29th. Jim Cunningham will spearhead at least half of the classes. Waiver of Liability forms are needed. Ned will assist and spearhead, when necessary. It is believed that ten students are enrolled. The records indicate that four have paid for the class. It will be clarified.

Pete Haley told members that US Sail Classes may be held before December. Six people are interested.

Craig Oulton stated that the racing series ended on August 30. During September, the classes will be held on Saturday. Excluding the date of the anniversary celebration. Craig asked for volunteers to repair the Sunfish on September 22nd. How racing will be handled in October will be determined.

Becky Horton asked if there would be noise from the treatment facility during the 9/15 celebration. It is not within HSA's control. Also, she asked about the proposed skate park. There is no updated information.

Gary Smith told members about a race on October 20th. Several members are interested in participating.

Mike Stammersky mentioned he had to rescue a sailor on a Sunfish. It is encouraged that sailors make sure that someone is around when they sail.

Ned showed members a chart of the Halifax River and mentioned how to order.

New members were welcomed.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Jim Needham and seconded by Margarite O'Brien.

The meeting adjourned at 1940.

Respectfully submitted,

**Carolyn Long, Secretary
September 10, 2007**

**Minutes
Halifax Sailing Association
General Membership Meeting
August 2, 2007**

Present:

Commodore:	Bill Field
1st Vice Commodore:	Pete Haley
Fleet Vice Commodore:	Jim Needham
Membership Vice Commodore:	Lewis Slaughter
Treasurer:	Russell Brown
Secretary:	Carolyn Long

Hobie Fleet:	Steve Caron
ERAU:	Bill McFadden, for Jim Cunningham

Absent:

Events Vice Commodore: Christopher Baker
HRYC: Dennis Gorden

Old Business:

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Bill Field at 1904.

The Commodore read the minutes of the July 5th General Membership Meeting. He also gave told the membership about proposed plans and purchases that were discussed at the July 30th Board Meeting.

Bill Field asked if there were any questions about the July General Meeting. There were none.

A motion was made by Jim Needham and seconded by Dave Robinson to accept the July 5th General Membership Minutes. All members agreed.

New Business:

Bill Field thanked all who helped and volunteered to make the LSO Regatta a success. Front page coverage of the event was in the News-Journal. HSA won the Regatta.

Commodore Field advised the members on the discussions that took place at the July 30th Board Meeting. The board talked about establishing a Youth Racing Team and a motion was made to form a committee to study formation of the team. He thanked all for their efforts which made SailCamp and Adult Classes a huge success. At the board meeting, the board approved purchase of do not trespass signs. HSA will press charges against the trespasser. The board is researching the intent of HSA's Bylaws that were revised in 2006. In the past, the at large representatives (Hobie Fleet, HRYC, ERAU) had voting rights. The 2006 revision appears to have altered that right. Commodore Field mentioned the at large representatives give much time, knowledge and effort to HSA. Russ Brown explained the 2005/2006 revisions of the Bylaws. Much emphasis was placed on the 501 C 3 filing in making bylaw changes. After research and more information is obtained, the bylaws may be revised.

Pete Haley reported on the success of youth events including hosting the Jacksonville Regatta and told members that Saturday, August 11th is the Opti Challenge Regatta at the club. Sailors from Jacksonville and Eustis have been invited.

Jim Needham told the members that an intermediate class is being scheduled for August 18 to help sailors with bigger boat skills. He referred members to his "Balance" article in the Mainsheet. On Saturday, August 4, HSA lady sailors will be racing in the Lady Helmsmen Race. A lady's team is being brainstormed for next year's race.

The Treasurer reported that revenue is more than expenses. There should be a decrease in revenue in August. He is working on SailCamp and Adult Sail Class revenues versus expenses. He gave the bank balance to the Secretary.

Membership Vice Commodore stated that there are 126 general and 27 gold members. Three are on the waiting list for gold member space.

Bill McFadden mentioned that classes at ERAU would be starting the last week of

the August.

Linda Baker and Sandy (the little redhead) suggested methods to increase new member knowledge of club events. After discussion, it was decided that an instruction document/new member letter would be created for new members. Lewis Slaughter will draft the document. Perhaps, a new member survey will be implemented to get new members opinions and concerns after six months of membership. Additionally, Linda mentioned changing the format of New Moon Merriment to a family fun and educational day. An example, learn how to rig a boat. The members thought these changes were a good idea. Sail boat rides, enhancing sailing skills, learning and fun.

Entries for the logo contest were reviewed and voted upon. In the under 11 years old class, Delaney Caron's entry was chosen. Jeff Zipay presented four logos. The membership voted and selected the logo for the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Steve Caron told the membership about the upcoming offshore Hobie Race on Saturday, August 4th.

Commodore Field presented Sailor of the Month Awards to the following members:

Mike Stammersky -	April
Craig Oulton -	May
Terri Clarke -	June
Roger Cutler -	July
Bob Duffus -	August

Bill thanked all the "Sailors" for their continued help at the club.

A motion was made by Jim Needham and seconded by Russ Brown to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 2001.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Long, Secretary
August 6, 2007

Halifax Sailing Association

**Board Meeting
July 30, 2007**

Present:

Commodore:	Bill Field
1st Vice Commodore:	Pete Haley
Fleet Vice Commodore:	Jim Needham
Membership Vice Commodore:	Lewis Slaughter
Events Vice Commodore:	Christopher Baker
Treasurer:	Russell Brown
Secretary:	Carolyn Long

ERAU:	Bill McFadden
Hobie Fleet:	Steve Caron
HRYC	Dennis Gorden

Also Present:

Bob Duffus, Mike Stammersky, Roger Cutler

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Bill Field at 1734.

Old Business:

Minutes from the June 27th Board meeting were read by Commodore Field.

A motion was made by Jim Needham and seconded by Pete Haley to accept the minutes of the June 27th Board meeting. All board members concurred.

Steve Caron asked for clarification on the motion regarding donations made to HSA. The Commodore explained the intent of the motion.

Bill Field mentioned that Gary Smith was out of town and he did not have an official update on the proposed Skateboard Park. He did hear on the radio that another location was being considered for the Park and that local residents in both areas seemed not to want it in their neighborhood. Pete Haley was told that there will be boat launch access.

New Business:

Russell Brown, Jim Needham and other board members thanked all who contributed to the success of the London Symphony Orchestra/HSA Regatta on July 29th. The Commodore

stated it was a great event and everyone enjoyed the home cooking prepared by members and volunteers. He thanked all for the great job they did to make the Regatta a huge success. Congrats to the racers who brought back the cup to HSA. We won.

The board discussed establishing a committee to study HSA's formation of a youth racing team. Some concerns, not having it interfere with other club activities, enough volunteers to support the team, commitment by parents and youth participants, interacting with other youth clubs, the cost and beginning slowly were mentioned.

After discussion, a motion was made by Russell Brown and seconded by Christopher Baker to appoint, and form, a functional committee to establish and present back to the Board a youth racing program for Halifax Youth Sailing Racing Team.

The motion was carried unanimously

SailCamp/Sail Classes were successful. Further discussion was tabled until a later date.

A meeting regarding the 50th Anniversary Celebration on 8/20 @ 6 p.m. has been scheduled. The date and time may be changed to an earlier date since the anniversary milestone is set for September 15th and more planning time may be needed.

Jim Needham stated the official communications of HSA are the website: halifaxsailing.org and the monthly newsletter, the "Mainsheet". The Yahoo group site is an optional way to obtain information and not an official HSA communication.

A motion was made by Lewis Slaughter and seconded by Carolyn Long to discontinue the Yahoo/HSA group site. The motion did not carry.

The board concurred that email communication would be handled more effectively in the future.

Purchase of several items for club use were discussed. The board decided to table further discussion of the items until a later date. Purchasing a security system for HSA was tabled since the vendor is not available until mid August. Cost and details will be obtained then. A board member requested reimbursement for personal property stolen. Since many members have had losses, a precedent could not be set for reimbursement of the loss.

Events Vice Commodore explained that he was in touch with Sgt. Tracy Miller of Daytona Beach Police Department regarding recent unlawful entries and burglaries at HSA. It was suggested that club purchase do not trespass signs to deter theft and unauthorized entrance into the club. Christopher gave the police the access code so they may enter the club area and look for trespassers.

A motion was made by Pete Haley and seconded by Jim Needham that the club purchase and post Trespass Arrest Notices. The motion was unanimously carried.

The ByLaws of Sailing Center, Inc. were revised in 2006. With that revision, the number of voting officers were reduced to the actual Board of Directors who are elected by the general membership in December. At-Large representatives do not vote at board meetings. The Officers discussed the legal intent of the revisions made in 2006. Portions of the ByLaws were read to all attendees. A few of the points discussed: increasing the number of board members and including the past commodore as a voting member. The board will research the matter further. The ByLaws will be reviewed, information will be obtained from the drafters of the 2006 revisions to clarify their intent when they revised the ByLaws.

The Treasurer gave the Secretary financial information for club records.

Events Vice Commodore mentioned the Opti Regatta on August 11th.

Pete Haley stated a Hobie 18 was donated by Robert Broadwater to HSA. The Board considered a request to grant free general membership to Robert Broadwater for this donation to the club.

A motion was made by Pete Haley and seconded by Christopher Baker to give free general membership for 2007/2008 to Robert Broadwater and Dan Meddis for their contributions to HSA. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. All concurred. The meeting ended at 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Long, Secretary
July 31, 2007

**Minutes
Halifax Sailing Association
General Membership Meeting
July 5, 2007**

Present:

Commodore:	Bill Field
Events Vice Commodore:	Christopher Baker
Fleet Vice Commodore:	Jim Needham
Membership Vice Commodore:	Lewis Slaughter
Secretary:	Carolyn Long

Hobie Fleet:	Steve Caron
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Absent:

1st Vice Commodore:	Pete Haley
Treasurer:	Russell Brown
HRYC	Dennis Gorden
ERAU:	Jim Cunningham

Old Business:

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The meeting was called to order by Commodore Bill Field at 1902.

He read the minutes of the May 3rd, General Membership Meeting. Commodore Field advised members that the Tabasco had been sold and was no longer on the premises. The sign in sheets were revised with a waiver of liability form included on the top of the page. He thanked all who volunteered for the club and SailCamp. More volunteers are needed, it seems to be the same people volunteering.

Bill Field asked if there were any questions about the May General Meeting.

A motion was made by Gary Smith and seconded by Bob Benhke to accept those minutes. All members agreed.

New Business:

Bill Field gave members new policy information and read portions of the June 27th Board Meeting. Some points:

- 1) A four minute floor limit time for members speaking at meetings was implemented. Questions and comments should be presented in a succinct manner.
- 2) Members will need Board or Commodore approval if they wish to purchase an item for the club in excess of \$100, tax not included.
- 3) Budgets have been established for regular ongoing programs to include repair for wear and tear, overhead expenses and the program's contribution to HSA.
- 4) HSA will not accept donations without Board approval.
- 5) The larger club boats owned by the club can be taken out with no charge after qualification/certification by the Fleet Vice Commodore.
- 6) Awnings are being made to block out wind and elements. Cost \$1200.

Bill Field asked the members if they had questions regarding the new procedures. Becky Horton asked why the fee for larger boat take out fee had been waived. Jim Needham mentioned that originally there was not a fee and he hoped that the fee removal would increase usage of the larger boats. Jim also mentioned that more info on how to qualify would be in the August issue of "The Mainsheet". He requested that members call the boat captains or him directly if they want to go out sailing on larger boats.

Membership Vice Commodore stated that there are 115 general and 28 gold members, one gold member will have his boat on premises soon, two are on the waiting list for gold member space.

Christopher Baker, Events Vice Commodore, reported on SailCamp and how successful it has been. The Adult Class starts on July 7th and the LSO Regatta date was changed to July 29. LSO participants have to leave by 1430. Ongoing is the logo contest. August 11th is the Opti Regatta and July 26th, after SailCamp, Florida Yacht Club will hold their event. Thursday is Sunfish racing at five, except for the first week of the month. Volunteers are needed for all events.

Commodore Field stated that Treasurer, Russ Brown was absent and the club was solvent.

Gary Smith mentioned he is meeting with Lynn Parfit from the City of Daytona Leisure Services Department to get an update on the proposed Skateboard Park. Bill Field said access to the launch area was important for HSA. Gary stated he was purchasing flyers and new pamphlets for the club to show it's a 50th anniversary year.

Steve Caron thanked all who helped at the Hobie Regatta. There will be a regatta on August 14th from Daytona Beach Shores, to the Pier and ocean racing to Ponce Inlet. He will host a fish fry at

his house.

Craig Oulton gave members an update on the LSO Regatta and the state of the fleet. The Sunfish need more rudders. During garage clean up he found sails that the club does not need. He requested additional space for small boats.

Items have been stolen from the club. Someone walked away with 240 feet of line. Lock combinations have been changed.

Gary Smith stated he would like to help draft a business plan for HSA and its various programs, including the youth program. He asked members how many became members because of adult sail class, at least six raised their hand. He asked how many became members from SailCamp, no hands were raised. He asked members if they felt there was excess tension within the club, at least a dozen members, or about half of the attendees. raised their hands. The proposed Ad Hoc committee for developing a business plan was discussed. Many members contributed their thoughts about the direction they want the club to go.

Members' vision for HSA appear to differ. Some see the club as a small boat club with teaching youths as one of its primary functions. Other members indicated they did not want to learn/or sail on small boats, Opti's and Sunfish, but on larger boats. An open debate ensued with numerous members voicing their thoughts and concerns.

SailCamp expenses were mentioned by the Commodore, as were the lack of volunteers to assist.

One member expressed his concern that the current Board of Directors, who represent the members of HSA, does not have the wisdom or leadership to move forward in the direction he envisions for HSA.

Steve Caron said he was in favor of teaching all, from age 6 to 90, with proper instruction.

Fleet Vice Commodore Needham stated he is in favor of a balanced program.

A survey being done on what direction HSA should go was suggested.

The Secretary asked Gary Smith for an outline of the proposed business plan so the Board could consider the plan at a future board meeting. The proposed Ad Hoc Committee to create a business plan was tabled for further discussion.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Fred Boettcher and seconded by Bob Benhke.

The meeting adjourned at 1840.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Long, Secretary
July 14 2007

Halifax Sailing Association Board Meeting June 27, 2007

Present:

Commodore:	Bill Field
Fleet Vice Commodore:	Jim Needham
Membership Vice Commodore:	Lewis Slaughter
Events Vice Commodore:	Christopher Baker
Treasurer:	Russell Brown
Secretary:	Carolyn Long

ERAU:	Jim Cunningham
50th Anniversary Chair	Gary Smith
LSO Regatta Captain	Craig Oulton

Absent:

1st Vice Commodore:	Pete Haley
Hobie Fleet:	Steve Caron
HRYC	Dennis Gorden

Also Present:

Bob Duffus, Wayne Merrill, Mike Stambursky

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Bill Field at 1735.

Old Business:

Minutes from the April 25, Board meeting were discussed, and the Minutes from the May 3rd General Membership Meeting were read. A motion was made by Jim Needham and seconded by Russ Brown to approve the minutes. All board members accepted the minutes as stated.

Treasurer Russell Brown said that the new insurance was in place and he received the invoice.

Gary Smith stated that the "Waiver of Liability" form was posted on the website, as were a list of HSA members.

Bill Field mentioned that more volunteers are needed for SailCamp.

Payment has been received for the Tabasco and it should be removed from the premises soon.

The sale of unused Hobies and Cats did not take place. A discussion of parts needed to maintain the Sunfish fleet occurred. Craig Oulton offered to check the Hobies and Cats for parts. After the

parts' inventory, it will be decided what should be done with the unused Hobies and Cats.

New Business:

Jim Needham requested that members have a four minute floor limit at meetings. Although this creates more structure at meetings, Commodore Field felt it showed structure for all members, not the subject matter. The board discussed how to implement the new procedure.

A motion was made by Russell Brown and seconded by Jim Needham to limit presentation time to four minutes duration. After that time, the matter would be subject to discussion and questions in a succinct manner at both Board and General Membership meetings. Four board members agreed, one abstained, and one voted no. The motion was carried.

The Board then discussed putting a \$100 cap per item for individual purchases. Over that amount would require Board or Commodore approval for payment. This would not include tax on the item.

A motion was made by Russell Brown and seconded by Christopher Baker that per item expenditures be limited to \$100. Beyond that amount, it's not to be reimbursed without Board or Commodore approval. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Russell Brown and seconded by Christopher Baker that budgets will be established for regular on going programs. Such budgets are to take into account overhead, contribution (utilities, insurance and other expenses) and boat/asset repair for wear and tear. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Russell Brown and seconded by Christopher Baker that no donation will be accepted on behalf of HSA, except by Board approval, and the Board will set restrictions and guidelines on all donations. The motion carried.

Events Vice Commodore Baker stated that the LSO Regatta date has been rescheduled because of LSO sailors' unavailability on the 22nd. The new date is Sunday, July 29th. The LSO sailors must leave by 1430 hours. It will be a brunch/lunch event. This change of date will be emailed to members and others by Christopher Baker. Craig Oulton is the Racing Captain. HSA's website will be changed to indicate the new date.

Christopher asked opinions regarding purchasing pennants and clips. Cost for each officer pennant is \$18.50 and clips \$5 a set. The Commodore approved the purchase.

Gary Smith requested new brochures to indicate 2007 is an anniversary year. He also would like flyers made up to be posted at various marine/boating establishments. Approximate cost is \$200. Gary Smith will also get a budget together for the cost of the September 15th anniversary event.

Christopher Baker moved that the expense of \$200 be allowed, Lewis Slaughter concurred. The motion carried.

Adult SailCamp starts on July 7th and volunteers are needed. Volunteers are needed for SailCamp, safety boat operators are really needed. With the continued use of the Sunfish including Thursday evening racing, improving and repairing the Sunfish to maintain the fleet is necessary, especially with the upcoming LSO Regatta. Saturday, June 30th is scheduled as a Sunfish Workday. Gary Smith and Jim Needham are available. Christopher will send out an email requesting additional volunteers.

Bill Field asked that the Gold Members clean up the area around their boat and mow the grass.

Items have been stolen from HSA's premises. Anchors are needed.

Lewis Slaughter stated that other than the initial six people mentioned months ago, no other Gold Members have qualified with boat usage and points.

Bill Field mentioned that ownership papers for the Catalina were in.

Christopher Baker and Gary Smith mentioned that intermediate sail classes could be implemented again. The class two years ago was well attended, but, there were not many intermediate boats available. This may help get members interested in taking out the larger boats. HSA has eight certified instructors. All sailors would have to be tested and certified qualified by Jim Needham. Perhaps, the fee for taking out the large boats is a deterrent. Sailors would be responsible if any damage to the boat occurred and certification that they have insurance will be mandatory (i.e. TowBoatUS)

A motion was made by Christopher Baker to rescind the fee on large boat usage. Lewis Slaughter seconded the motion. All agreed.

Commodore Field mentioned that he obtained unanimous board approval to spend approximately \$1,200 for weather awnings.

The LSO Regatta will be three races approximately 20 minutes each race.

The Secretary asked Gary Smith if he needed assistance with the proposed Skateboard Park. Gary will report back to the board what has occurred since the April meeting he, and other HSA members, attended.

The Treasurer mentioned that finances are fine and he gave the Secretary the balance information for the account ending in 3571. He also provided a breakdown of 2007 Income and Expenses through June 21, 2007. This list included reimbursement of expenses paid to Board members and HSA members, and other charges. Income from various sources including membership and SailCamp are stated.

A motion was made by the Fleet Vice Commodore to adjourn, it was seconded by Events Vice Commodore Christopher Baker.

The meeting adjourned at 1935.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Long, Secretary
June 28, 2007

Halifax Sailing Association General Membership Meeting

May 3, 2007 Minutes

Present:

Commodore:	Bill Field
Fleet Vice Commodore:	Jim Needham
Membership Vice Commodore:	Lewis Slaughter
Treasurer:	Russell Brown
Secretary:	Carolyn Long
HRYC	Dennis Gorden

Not in Attendance:

1st Vice Commodore:	Pete Haley
Events Vice Commodore:	Christopher Baker
ERAU:	Jim Cunningham
Hobie Fleet:	Steve Caron

Old Business:

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Bill Field at 1905.

He read the minutes of the April 12 General Membership Meeting.

A motion was made by Gary Smith and seconded by Bob Benhke to accept those minutes. All members agreed.

Bill Field read portions of the Board Meeting Minutes of April 25 and told membership that the March Board Minutes were amended. Gary Smith asked that the minutes be accepted, as posted on HSA's website.

New Business:

Since tax season is over, Treasurer, Russell Brown will meet with an expert to get a professional opinion on 501 C 3 status. Russ Brown had concerns regarding the effective date of the new Burgee Program insurance. It's the Treasurer's understanding, from Pete Haley, that the new insurance is in place. The Treasurer has not received confirmation from the insuror. Burgee emails are being bounced back. The old policy is still in place. New coverage and it's documentation needs to be resolved prior to canceling the old policy.

Christopher Baker dropped off flyers regarding Sail Camp.

Bill Field stated the Tabasco was put up for sale.

Commodore Field stated assistance was needed at Open House. Bill Field asked for help cleaning up HSA on Saturday, May 5. Qualified Captains are needed to take guests out on boats. Waiver forms will be printed out.

Lewis Slaughter, Gary and Linda Smith will meet and greet people.

Jim Needham mentioned that a waiver of liability form was needed for guests' signature. A ticket stub system for entry onto the boat would be used. The status of the banner purchase, food and advertising were unknown since Event's Vice Commodore Baker is out of town.

Craig Oulton gave the dates of Sail Camp and stated that volunteers are needed. The Benhke family will handle July 16th. Craig Oulton said racing starts on Thursday, May 10. The first week of each month of racing will be on Wednesday to accommodate having General Membership Meetings on the first Thursday.

Dennis Gorden thanked Lewis Slaughter and Russell Brown for their help on the Commodore Series committee boat. All HSA members are invited to a party at HRYC on Thursday, May 24th from 5 to 7 p.m. This event kicks off the 2007 Daytona Triangle Sailboat Race over Memorial Day weekend. Gary Smith will put the race information on HSA's website. Members interested in crewing should contact Dennis or Gary.

Gary Smith asked Commodore Field about putting the Waiver of Liability Form on HSA's website. The Commodore replied OK.

The Treasurer gave the Secretary a printed update of HSA's finances.

The Membership Vice Commodore will give Gary Smith updated information on current gold and general membership. Eighteen points and 6 sailings is the annual criteria for gold membership.

Commodore Field asked membership if there were any additional items they wished to address.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Jim Needham and seconded by Gary Smith to adjourn. The meeting ended at 2004.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Long, Secretary
May 7, 2007

Halifax Sailing Association Board Meeting April 25, 2007

Present:

Commodore:	Bill Field
1st Vice Commodore:	Pete Haley
Fleet Vice Commodore:	Jim Needham
Membership Vice Commodore:	Lewis Slaughter
Events Vice Commodore:	Christopher Baker
Secretary:	Carolyn Long

ERAU	Jim Cunningham
Hobie Fleet:	Steve Caron

Not in Attendance:

Treasurer:	Russell Brown
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HRYC: Dennis Gorden

Members Also Present:

Bob Duffus, Craig Oulton, Mike Stanburski

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Bill Field at 1733.

Old Business

The Commodore read the minutes from the Board Meeting on March 22nd.

First Commodore Haley, requested the minutes be amended to exclude reference to boats, just the building should be mentioned.

Membership Vice Commodore asked the minutes from the March Board Meeting be amended to reflect his vote of no regarding the motion to purchase additional insurance.

Events Vice Commodore requested safety be replaced with liability within those minutes, when there is reference to insurance issues.

A motion was made by Christopher Baker to accept the March 22nd minutes, as amended. All concurred.

Christopher Baker made a motion that upon membership registration and upon the first time a club boat is taken out, the indemnity waiver is sufficient for all future boat take outs. Lewis Slaughter seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Fleet Vice Commodore, Jim Needham, to table any discussion of 501C 3 status. Lewis Slaughter seconded the motion. All concurred.

A motion was made by Membership Vice Commodore, Lewis Slaughter, to put the Tabasco on the market during the month of May. At the end of May, if not sold, make a decision to either scrap it or sell as quickly as possible. A vote on this motion was delayed for further discussion so board members could have additional information on the Tabasco.

A new motion was presented by Lewis Slaughter to put the Tabasco on the market during the month of May and sell as quickly as possible. The end of May, a decision would be made if the Tabasco did not sell. Craig Oulton's list and Jim Reilly, among others, would be given the Tabasco sale data as soon as possible. First Vice Commodore Pete Haley seconded the motion. Christopher Baker and Bill Field voted no, The motion was carried by a vote of four to two.

Pete Haley updated the board on insurance matters. The total figure for coverage was \$5,687. Pete gave a breakdown of each item. He mentioned that if existing insurance coverage is canceled, there would be a prorated refund to HSA. The final figure for new coverage totaled around \$3,025

Fleet Vice Commodore Needham asked that copies be provided to our attorneys for their expert opinions. He feels that the board does not have enough knowledge of insurance issues and would like professional assistance.

Membership Vice Commodore mentioned that HSA collected about \$15,000 in dues this year. Jim Needham stated that fees from sailing classes are part of the general income of the club.

The board discussed the matter of insurance in much detail, including the teaching aspect of the club versus the sail and have fun aspect. HSA is a volunteer organization, not a business. Vice Fleet Commodore Needham feels that the decisions of the board should represent the desires of the general membership it represents. Pete Haley stated that pursuant to the lease agreement, HSA is required to teach children and adults. Events Vice Commodore stated that volunteerism goes up and down. The Board is responsible for decisions, not the general membership. Additionally, Events Vice Commodore stated that those who were certified by US Sailing would be paid back their fee of \$315 if they instructed a class. Christopher Baker felt the club should purchase the entire insurance package presented totaling \$5,687.

A motion was made by Pete Haley to purchase insurance as stated with the adjustments mentioned. That motion was withdrawn for further discussion.

Christopher Baker made a motion to purchase all the insurance presented totaling \$5,687 which includes replacement cost of the building and to get a refund from our current insurer, Travelers. The motion was seconded by Pete Haley. Although two board members concurred, four voted against the entire purchase. The motion was not carried.

A line by line discussion of each individual cost of the coverage was given by Pete Haley. That discussion mentioned excluding Hull insurance, the umbrella policy, building insurance, machinery coverage and taxes. That total deduction from the original cost basis was approximately \$2,675. It would be reduced from the original \$5,687 quote. Pete Haley explained what the coverage would be with those exclusions. He stated that uninsured boat accidents would be covered, medical payments would be covered and the deductibles within that coverage were quoted. Wind and hail damage were excluded in the policy.

A motion was made by Lewis Slaughter and seconded by Christopher Baker to purchase insurance with a plus or minus 10% of \$3,000 as described by the First

Vice Commodore. Christopher Baker seconded the motion. Pete Haley voted no, the rest of the board agreed.

The final insurance information, including invoicing, will be sent to Treasurer, Russell Brown.

Steve Caron arrived at the meeting.

A motion was made by the Secretary to cancel the current coverage once new insurance is in place and to get a prorated refund. Those proceeds would be placed in the General Fund. Pete Haley seconded the motion, all board members agreed.

New Business:

Christopher Baker stated that camp materials' cost were under budget at \$1,067. He mentioned that a cart and DVD player were needed for the club. Bill Field approved the purchase.

Club equipment and lawnmowers were discussed, repair was decided.

Commodore Field asked for volunteers to clean up the premises on May 5. Craig mentioned the clutter near the entry gate and moving boats. The building will be pressure washed prior to open house.

After discussion, it was decided that Summer Racing that begins in May and ends in August would be \$15 each month, or \$5 per race. Food will be included.

Commodore Field asked that a request for volunteers be placed on HSA's website for clean up, racing assistance, and Open House on May 12.

Membership Vice Commodore posted a map of the proposed Skateboard Park. Commodore Field and member, Roger Cutler attended that recent meeting. Lewis Slaughter also stated that currently there are 71 general members and 27 gold members. The secretary included that there was a wait list for gold member space.

A motion was made by Jim Needham and seconded by Pete Haley to sell all unused Hobies and Catamarans. The board unanimously agreed.

Craig Oulton feels that parts for those boats are in the garage and can be gathered up.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lewis Slaughter and seconded by Jim Needham. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Long, Secretary
April 30, 2007

Halifax Sailing Association Board Meeting

As Amended

Present:

Commodore:	Bill Field
1st Vice Commodore:	Pete Haley
Fleet Vice Commodore:	Jim Needham
Membership Vice Commodore:	Lewis Slaughter
Events Vice Commodore:	Christopher Baker
Secretary:	Carolyn Long

Hobie Fleet:	Steve Caron
HRYC	Dennis Gorden

Not in Attendance:

Treasurer:	Russell Brown
ERAU:	Jim Cunningham

Members Also Present:

Bob Duffus, Roger Cutler, Jim Reilly, Mike Stanburski

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Bill Field at 1737.

Old Business:

Minutes from the February Board meeting were discussed, as were the Minutes from the March General Meeting.

Events Vice Commodore, Christopher Baker mentioned the Sailor/member of the month was in place. March nominations are needed. In the future, the certificates will be framed. Many of the

proposed club activities are in limbo because of a new item brought to the attention of the board.

A motion was made by Jim Needham and seconded by Christopher Baker to table decision on what should be done with the Tabasco until the next board meeting. All board members concurred.

The Sunfish have been delivered. The wrong parts sent will be replaced.

The board decided to table, until the next Board Meeting, any decision on how to proceed with 501 C 3 status and engine purchases since insurance coverage does not meet with the liability standards that HSA requires. General liability coverage is necessary. Also, insuring the building is mandated by the lease agreement with the City of Daytona Beach. Currently, HSA does not have this coverage. The board needed immediate clarification of insurance issues and liability coverage options.

New Business:

Since insurance issues have a major impact on club activities and the safety of it's members, a long discussion of what the current coverage is, and what is needed took place. The Board addressed purchasing additional coverage for the liability protection of all. HSA members and guests of members. Currently, if someone get hurts on a club boat, there is no coverage. Regatta insurance covers from the time the club boat leaves until it's return. US Sailing provides one million dollars of coverage to the club and \$1,000,000 for the instructor, only, not the occupants of the boats.

First Vice Commodore Haley has obtained a ball park quote of \$1,000 to \$3,000 annually for liability and building replacement insurance. He submitted the application and photos of the building and area. The application will take a few weeks to process.

A motion was made by Christopher Baker and seconded by Steve Caron to go forward with purchasing additional insurance to ensure liability coverage for all who participate at the club, up to a maximum of \$4,000 annually. Lewis Slaughter voted no, the rest of the board agreed. The motion was carried.

After much discussion regarding the waiver of liability form that members sign, it was suggested that a waiver be used for all club activities until insurance coverage is in place. Such waiver would be signed by any person taking out a club boat, and the crew/occupants within the boat or their parent/legal guardian. All club boats would be inspected prior to leaving land and signed off by the instructor. Life jackets are mandatory. If not used, there will be immediate disqualification from the event.

A motion was made by Steve Caron and seconded by Christopher Baker that it will be mandatory for all participants, including crew, the parent/legal guardian of children, to sign a Waiver of Liability form for specific events. All board members concurred.

The Winter Series, The Thunder Mug Race on April 1st, and Sunfish sailing was discussed. It was decided that waivers would be signed for events. Additional safety criteria for boat usage would be implemented.

A motion was made by Christopher Baker that club boats will have a safety check and be inspected prior to leaving HSA premises for HSA sanctioned events/races. Steve Caron seconded the motion. Further, it was decided that criteria of a signed waiver, boat inspection, having a safety boat out on the water, winds of less than 14 miles an hour for sanctioned events would be

strictly enforced until additional insurance is effected, or, until April 30. Wearing safety gear is mandated. The board unanimously concurred.

Lewis Slaughter stated currently there are 57 general members and 27 Gold Members who have paid. One Gold Member has made partial payment. He posted the list of members on the bulletin board. He will personally look into getting insurance coverage for the board of directors of HSA. Similar to an Errors and Omissions bond. He will report back to the board with information and quotes he obtains at the next board meeting.

Christopher Baker, Events Vice Commodore mentioned materials are needed for sail camp. Cost of the summer camp is \$150 for members, \$200 non members. The variance would be a Youth membership in the club. If two or more children are from same family, obtaining general membership for the entire year is an option.

A motion was made by Pete Haley and seconded by Steve Caron to purchase 100 books, tapes, power boat manual at the approximate cost of no more than \$1,200. The board unanimously agreed.

Commodore Field stated that with the Treasurer not in attendance that discussion of a five year plan and youth program filing could not be addressed. The paramount issue is getting the insurance coverage needed to ensure liability coverage.

Halifax Sailing Association Minutes of General Membership Meeting March 1, 2007

Present:

Commodore:	Bill Field
1st Vice Commodore:	Pete Haley
Fleet Vice Commodore:	Jim Needham
Membership Vice Commodore:	Lewis Slaughter
Treasurer:	Russell Brown
Secretary:	Carolyn Long

Not Present:

Events Vice Commodore, Christopher Baker

Commodore Bill Field called the meeting to order at 1901. He went over key points from prior minutes.

Old BusinessHe reported:

- * The storage space has been rented from All Storage, 1720 South Nova Road, Daytona Beach.
- * Wachovia Bank signatories have been changed.
- * The two Sunfish were ordered but have not been shipped since the rope shipment will be sent with it to save on shipping charges.
- * Thanked Russ Brown for his cash donation to the Youth Program
- * As the members know, 501 C 3 status was denied by the IRS. How to proceed is a major concern.
- * Commodore Field mentioned some of the engines had been purchased and thanked Mike for repairing the Nissan engine.
- * Fleet Vice Commodore, Jim Needham acknowledged the supervisors of the boats and stated some boats need repair.
- * Membership Vice Commodore, Lew Slaughter reported that 21 Gold Members and 39 General Members had paid.

Commodore Field reported:

Events Vice Commodore Baker would design a "Sailor of the Month" program. Implementation details would be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

- * Vernon Kuftic has been providing his dinghy to HSA for over a year. At the February 21, Board Meeting gold membership, or lifetime membership was debated. The Board unanimously agreed that Vernon Kuftic receive lifetime membership.
- * After the grueling 40-hour sailors certification class, over two weekends, 11 people passed the test.
- * HSA repairs scheduled to begin March 3 have been postponed.
- * 501 (C) 3 status -- The board approved spending \$500 to a nonprofit specialist to get a professional opinion.
- * Youth Sail Classes - Cost of instruction with the classes were almost even. Perhaps, the club had to kick in a few bucks.
- * Racing on Saturday resumes on March 3 after a two week hiatus. Shot gun off at one, be present by noon.

* Larger boats have been racing on Sunday, once a month. Although nick named Big Boys Race, all boats are encouraged to participate.

Commodore Field asked if the membership had any questions regarding minutes of meetings.

Bob Behnke mentioned that the minutes for January and February could be viewed the HSA website.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Bob Behnke and seconded by Max Horton, all members concurred.

New Business* Lew Slaughter stated 53 members had paid. That info is posted on the bulletin board. The Gold Membership Committee is appraising space allocation including new member space.

* Jim Needham mentioned fleet details and possible captain changes. Some club boats may need bottom paint.

* Vice Commodore Haley reported on the Tabasco. A member asked the board to consider fixing it or getting rid of it. A discussion ensued.

* Treasurer Brown gave the Secretary a banking statement and written financial report. Balance in account is \$26,309.68. Interest from the accounts is \$580. Russ Brown further reported that the IRS has a go forward application for 501 C 3 status. It would forecast four or five years ahead. Professional help would have to be obtained. Russ Brown stated that in 2006, \$500 was paid for an application fee and the IRS denied 501 C 3 status.

* The Vice Commodore stated he may attend a seminar in Orlando to get details on forming a 501 C 3 nonprofit entity. He suggested the Youth Program file an application and provide a three year plan. Cost would be application filing and the professional's fee is \$750. Pete complimented the US Sailors class participants including eight HSA members. Pete Haley mentioned 50th anniversary, is not just a day, but also an entire year. He proposed that a banner stating 50th Anniversary be placed at HSA. He will provide Gary Smith a contact name for possible banner purchase.

Bill Field reported on behalf of Christopher Baker:

* Gary and Linda Smith are chairing the 50th Anniversary event, which will be at a different date than Open House. Volunteers are needed for Open House from 9 to 5 on May 12th to greet people, sail boats and cook food. Brochures are available for distribution. If needed, more will be ordered.

* April, July and September are adult classes. Winter racing is still

ongoing. Logging in the sign in book is imperative. Info can be obtained on club events on the Yahoo link or email, sailing 68@bellsouth.net.

* The Commodore presented Certificates of Appreciation to those who did so much to the benefit the club. Given thanks and a certificate were: Mike Stanburski, Russ Brown, John Baldwin and Paul Heaton.

Vice Commodore Haley reported:

The club needs a mission statement. Ideas would be appreciated. The rigging for the Sunfish is in place and can be picked up in Melbourne soon. Vanguard is ready to send out the Sunfish, included in the shipment are six masts, six lower booms. 8 HP engine for a dinghy. Fourteen Optis are up and running. He mentioned the trailer rack and needing a space to park it on site for easy launching. The Gold Membership Committee will accommodate the space needs.

Commodore Field asked the membership if they had any comments or concerns:

A member mentioned a Youth Program flyer should be available at Open House. The Vice Commodore has been working on it.

Media publicity and Chamber of Commerce having knowledge of club events was suggested by a member. Flyers for Volusia Country schools are being prepared and they could be given to the chambers.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting ended at 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Long, Secretary.

Halifax Sailing Association Board Meeting February 21, 2007

Present:

Commodore:	Bill Field
1st Vice Commodore:	Pete Haley
Fleet Vice Commodore:	Jim Needham

Membership Vice Commodore: Lewis Slaughter
Events Vice Commodore: Christopher Baker
Treasurer: Russell Brown
Secretary: Carolyn Long

Also Present:
Steve Caron
Bob Duffus

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Bill Field at 1813.

Old Business:

The storage space has been rented from All Storage, 1720 South Nova Road, Daytona Beach. An annual payment was made. The Commodore, Membership Vice Commodore and Events Vice Commodore have the keys. A fourth key is in the Commodore's possession.

Signatories were revised at Wachovia Bank; they are Commodore Field, Treasurer, Russ Brown and Events Vice Commodore Baker.

Signatories were changed at the Post Office. Vice Commodore of Membership Slaughter has signed the paperwork and has a key. Events Vice Commodore will go to the post office with ID and get a key.

First Vice Commodore Haley mentions the lines are not in, but will be soon. Total cost of refurbishing the boats would be approximately: Spool cost \$2,000. Pulley's from Vanguard about \$1,800, Line \$1,000. The total cost is \$4800 for pulleys, tubes, halyards, line. A long discussion ensued whether to order just one and test it, or, purchase 30 pieces or 15 boom kits. Dimension was a factor (.58 versus .65) Many Sunfish have bottom boom problems and the purchase of the entire amount would enable spares when boats need repair. Jim Needham was concerned about the thickness. Bill Field wanted assurance that the \$4,800 purchase would be the right fit for the boats. The Vice Commodore and Fleet Vice Commodore will calculate size and do some engineering work to make sure the purchase will work. If Pete Haley and Jim Needham concur on the fit, then the entire purchase will be made.

The two Sunfish haven't been shipped yet.

Treasurer, Russ Brown, made a cash contribution to the Youth Program. The First Vice Commodore suggested the Youth Program could be an avenue for attaining 501 C 3 status. A specialist has not been hired regarding the sales tax exemption and 501 C 3 attainment. Many HSA members are attempting to get information to help. Russ has been doing research via phone, email, talking to people who have technical knowledge of

non-profit tax filings. Professional advice is a must.

Commodore Field mentioned that a 8 1/2 HP engine for \$350 had been purchased from Dave Robertson, the 5 HP Nissan has been repaired by Mike, a HSA member. The possible purchase of a 8 HP, 4 stroke, with a short shaft for the inflatable is an option. Pete recommended purchase of a 15 HP Honda for \$2,100 with delivery to Daytona included. There was concern that the engine was actually as stated. Bill Field said make sure it's what is stated and purchase it after inspection. The Doc Kerman has the 9.9 engine.

Bob Duffus mentioned that engines would last longer if they were flushed out after use.

After the discussion of old business, a motion was made to accept the January 8th Board Minutes, all concurred.

New Business:

Jim Needham talked about his in-house sailing program and mentioned that if you know the ASA 101 Manual, you will pass. An example test was given to the Commodore. Bill Field, Jim Needham and Bill Eve will be senior supervisor of boat checkouts. The practical test will include tack on command, starboard and port. He also mentioned that three people successfully completed their Skipper Level Two exam, Charlie Gear, Kevin Dammer, Dewey Beliech.

The Vice Commodore mentioned that some boats do not have legal title. Pete will check with a risk management specialist to find out the implication of liability. Jim Needham mentioned it was negligent, if a boat is not registered.

Lew Slaughter gave the Secretary a list of members as of February 21st. He reported that 21 gold members had paid, one gold member paid partially and 39 general members had paid. After his report, one member paid at the meeting.

Christopher Baker, Events Vice Commodore mentioned having a program, Sailor of the Month/Quarter. Perhaps a points system to reward those who give their time and talent to the club. Christopher will design a format and it will be presented at the next board meeting. He suggested a CPR class semiannually. A change was suggested to the 50th Anniversary celebration. It would take place at a later date, not at Open House on May 12. Christopher suggested items needed for the club. Some of his suggestions were purchase of a large atomic clock [Wal-Mart \$30] or purchase of a weather station with anemometer [Scientific Sales \$275, Oregon Scientific \$199.95], first aid equipment, fire extinguishers and pavilion lights. Materials are needed for camp instruction that starts on June 1. The board agreed the camp purchases were necessary. The disarray of the restrooms with supplies in the shower stalls makes it difficult to shower and contents will be removed.

Vernon Kuftic has been providing his dinghy to HSA for over a year. A discussion of giving him free gold membership, or lifetime membership was debated. A lifetime membership was given to him.

A motion was made and seconded, the board unanimously agreed to give Vernon Kuftic lifetime membership.

Pete Haley thought prices for sail camp should be increased \$40. Current price is \$100 non-member, \$80 member. Jim Needham felt the spirit of the club was not money, but getting back to the grass roots of sailing and teaching it. Russ Brown also felt fees should not be increased, nor should instructors be paid. Paying instructors could involve a 1099 situation and more paperwork to the IRS. Additionally, the Treasurer mentioned that such change would facilitate a change to By-laws and other club documents.

Any of the Certified Instructors who teach a camp will get their Instructor course fee reimbursed by HSA AFTER they have taught a camp or class only. It is important for the instructor to be in a boat on the water when the students are out in the river practicing. US Sailing provides each Certified Instructor with \$1 million in addition to US Sailing's \$1 million the club has as a member.

The goal is to get people confident, trained and seaworthy to use larger boats. Keelboats would be the next step in that direction. The board had a discussion regarding the fleet worthiness of some of the boats and incidents.

Fleet Vice Commodore prepared criteria for boat check out procedures, sailing levels, learners permit and skipper. That criteria is part of these minutes, see Exhibit A. This information is also being included in the February "Mainsheet."

Lew Slaughter mentioned recognizing and thanking a few HSA members for their support beyond the line of duty. Those mentioned: Debra Smith, for her work on the San Juan 21, Patti, for painting and cleaning the bathrooms and Mike Stanburski for repairing an engine. Christopher Baker will prepare certificates of appreciation for them.

The Surfside Barbershop Harmony Chorus has two shows scheduled for May 12 at the News Journal Center. To raise awareness of the club within the community, a suggestion was made to place an advertisement in the program. The board decided to place an ad for \$75. A motion was made and seconded to place a one-quarter-page ad in the Show Program. The motion was unanimously approved. A check was submitted to Surfside Chorus.

Bill Field advised the board that items had been taken from the storage area/garage. Changing the combination of the lock is under consideration. Pete Haley stated he would donate a shed. Eventually, there will be a card reader. A security camera, Web cam and the need for someone to be there 24/7 was discussed.

Building maintenance, previously schedule to begin March 3, will be postponed until the City completes the dock maintenance at the Point.

The meeting adjourned at 2028.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Long, Secretary

Halifax Sailing Association General Membership Meeting Thursday, February 1, 2007

Officers Present:

**Bill Field
Lew Slaughter
Jim Needham
Christopher Baker
Russ Brown
Carol Long**

Not Present:

Pete Haley

Commodore Bill Field called the meeting to order at 1902. He went over key points from the January 8, 2007 Board Meeting.

Minutes of Board Meeting

*** Wachovia Bank signatories have been revised and two CD's will be transferred to HSA's checking account upon maturity.**

***The contribution of \$6,790 will be used for the purchase of two fully equipped Sunfish for the youth program.**

*** \$2,000 contribution for the youth program is treated as a separate line item. Funds allocated for Youth program will be used for that program.**

*** 501 (c) 3 status has been denied by the IRS. The club was viewed as being a social club. Perhaps, the Youth Program will separate from the Sail Club because of it's education history. No action will be taken until HSA's status is completely evaluated.**

***The board approved spending \$500 to a nonprofit specialist to find out if regaining 501(c) 3**

status is feasible. Commodore Field felt that such specialist would be contacted after April 15th. In the interim, research is being done to find out more and reclassification of events is a possibility. Events are educational and not indicated as such.

* Youth Sail Classes - Expenses versus income were almost equal. Perhaps, the club had a slight loss.

* The Board approved spending up to \$10,000 to ensure larger boat safety. The purchase most likely would be two 9.9 engines and a 3.5 engine, plus another engine is being considered. The purchase has been delayed. Currently, HSA is trying to obtain a state sales tax exemption.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Bob Behnke and seconded by Dennis Gordon.

New Business

Craig Oulton expressed many concerns regarding non profit status including the IRS determination.

Russ Brown, Treasurer replied that he has contacted the FL Department of Revenue for a Consumer Exemption Certificate. His inquiry asked what is our official designation. He should have a response from them by next week.

One member stated there is not sufficient education at the club. There should be more adult education.

Craig mentioned the beauty, art and education of sailing. He feels the City does not realize all HSA offers to the community with education of sailing, maintaining and repairing boats. Additionally, he expressed his opinions on the safety of rescue boats. He felt the inflatable was not safe and that there should be a two boats in good condition, one being a back-up boat. Bob Behnke mentioned that the Doc Kerman has been repaired. It will be looked at and money may be spent to make sure it is 100% safe.

Craig felt that restoring the Tabasco was a pipe-dream, too much is wrong with it to fix. Bill Field mentioned that although \$1,500 had been allocated last year, only a few hundred dollars has been spent. In the very near future, the Tabasco will be analyzed to see if it is fixable. The Commodore feels that perhaps it is ready for the junk yard; but, first it must be assessed.

Boat donations to HSA was mentioned by Linda Brown. At this point, Commodore Field is not interested in getting more boat donations, maintaining the big boats is a more important issue. The engine purchases will help with big boat safety. Purchase of an engine for the Tabasco will not be made until it's status is known. Two 9.9 engines and another for the San Juan are being considered. A HSA member may purchase an engine to ensure fleet rate price. He will reimburse HSA or pay directly.

Steve Caron stated that two Sunfish have been ordered, parts have been ordered but the parts shipment was incorrect and he's awaiting replacement. Booms and aluminum will be ordered soon.

Winter Racing Series will be every weekend beginning February 3 until the end of March. Since sailor's certification classes are scheduled for February 17 and 24, there will be no racing on those dates. Approximately, 10 people have enrolled at the cost of \$300 each. Work crews for the Tabasco may occur on those two Saturdays.

Bill Field stated there would be a "Big Boys Race" on Sunday, February 4. All were welcome to race.

Gold Membership forms are available. A lock box is in place. The forms are being prepared for a

booklet format. Membership Vice Commodore mentioned that there were 17 gold members and 31 general members who paid as of February 1.

Bob Behnke mentioned the Gold Membership Committee will be identifying spaces for new incoming gold members. Bill Field concurred.

Events Vice Commodore asked for a volunteer for the Fiftieth Anniversary Committee. Gary and Linda Smith agreed to Chair the committee and Carol Field will assist. Doc Kerman and Gauden Reed are a few of the people who will be contacted for history data. Any one who has information should send it to Gary Smith. The celebration will be at Open House on May 12.

Fleet Vice Commodore, Jim Needham stated that boat captains are needed for the two Hobies, contact him if you are interested. The captains of boats were recognized and congratulated for their effort in restoring the boats and being up to speed with their sailing skills.

Treasurer, Russ Brown stated that HSA was \$1,500 behind in membership revenue. Reoccurring expenses for insurance, maintenance, general expenses such as electric and water and social events, total approximately \$9,000 a year. It is important to allocate funds in educational lines such as repair boat days, training for sailing and boat maintenance instruction and sailing classes. Many events are educational or instructional and not noted as such. The Treasurer gave the Secretary an income versus expenses report for inclusion in HSA's records. He also provided the checking account balance as of February 1, 2007.

Dennis Gordon stated the Commodore Race Series would start on March 4. He gave a motivational speech and thinks all HSA members are capable to race in the Commodore. All HSA members are invited to participate with their boat or crew a boat. He stated that HSA member, Bill Eve won the Spinnaker division last year. Jimmy Dean on the Pearson beat him every time the Pearson raced. Gordon said racing is a learning experience since you never know what may happen with weather, wind, and boat breakdowns. Adaptability and knowledge is a must which racing will enhance. His advice to sailors, always have a plan when you race, since you do not know what will happen while you are out there. When it happens, you will learn. The race schedule is posted on the HSA Bulletin Board with contact information including the website. The Fleet Captain will be Rich from HRYC.

Bill Field advised the membership that the club received a thank you from Domestic Abuse Council and American Lung Association for our donation to them.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Roger Cutler and seconded by Bob Behnke. Meeting adjourned at 2015.

The next General Membership Meeting will be on Thursday, March 1st at 1900

Respectfully submitted:

Carolyn Long, Secretary

Halifax Sailing Association
Board Meeting
January 8, 2007

Present:

Commodore: Bill Field
1st Vice Commodore: Pete Haley
Fleet Vice Commodore: Jim Needham
Membership Vice Commodore: Lewis Slaughter
Events Vice Commodore: Christopher Baker
Treasurer: Russell Brown
Secretary: Carolyn Long

Also Present:
Steve Caron

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Bill Field at 1715.

Treasurer

Finance/Accounting concerns on allocation of funds received from sail programs, youth and adult, gifts, and restricted donations were discussed.

Balance in Wachovia checking is \$21,139.25 as of 1/6/07. Approximately \$10,000 was deposited by Lew Slaughter (deposit includes \$6,790 from estate allocated for boat purchase). Approximately \$31,000 is in the Wachovia account. There are three CD's at Regions Bank, at \$5,000 each with various maturity dates. The board discussed how to handle funds allocated for a specific purpose.

The \$6,790 contribution will be a separate line item and will be used to purchase two Sunfish that are fully equipped. Pete Haley will arrange purchase of these boats.

\$2,000 received for Opti's, \$1,000 to be donated from Russ Brown, specify for youth program. Therefore, \$9,790 is allocated for specific purpose. Such purpose will be honored by HSA. The funds will be held in Wachovia, separated as a different line item, until used for the intended purpose.

A motion was made to remove signatories from the Wachovia checking account. New signature cards will be completed with Treasurer, Russell Brown, Commodore Bill Field and Events Vice Commodore, Chris Baker as new signatories. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the board.

Two CD's at \$5,000 each will be redeemed at maturity and funds deposited into Wachovia account. After the two CDs are redeemed, Commodore Field will personally guarantee one \$5,000 CD held. If funds are needed prior to maturity date, Commodore Field will lend the money until maturity of the CD.

A brief discussion of having a separate checking account for the Youth program was considered and no action was taken.

Obtaining recognition as a 501 entity was discussed. The IRS disallowed nonprofit status in August 2006. Filing under 501 (c) (4) and 501 (c) (7) is being considered. After a lengthy discussion, including records showing more emphasis on education and training, the board agreed that obtaining nonprofit status was paramount.

A motion was made to get information from a specialist in obtaining IRS approval. Purposed allocation \$500, if person is hired. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

The board discussed access to the HSA post office box, keys and location.

A motion was made and seconded. The board unanimously approved prior signers be deleted and Lewis Slaughter and Chris Baker would sign the appropriate paper work for post office access.

Events Vice Commodore

A discussion of the topics on the calendar, including Lipton Cup race not listed, nor data from Fleet 80 events included. Fleet 80 will coordinate their events pursuant to HSA's 2007 Calendar. Boogy Regatta will be 2nd or 3rd weekend in June.

A motion was made, and seconded; the board unanimously approved the 2007 Calendar of Events.

Vice Commodore Baker suggested that those taking the US Sailor instruction class in February could be reimbursed the \$300 fee paid for the class by being an instructor at sail camp. The board agreed.

Fleet Vice Commodore

Jim Needham discussed sail classes. Last year, there was not a profit from the training class. Pete Haley will order supplies for Sunfish next week. Jim Needham requested a full spool of 600 feet. If necessary, the general fund will help with cost. The spool will be stored at either Jim or Pete's home. Jim also mentioned that interest was increasing in the bigger boats. The maintenance cost is \$5,000 per year. Income is minimal. Additionally, Jim mentioned that boat captains should have free access to the larger boats for educational training purposes. The board concurred that fees be waived until the boat captains are proficient, or until mid May 2007 when HSA has "Open House". Jim mentioned motors were needed.

Commodore

Bill Field mentioned the Sunchaser, Tabasco and Hunter 21 are not usable. In order to promote educational sailing and safety in the larger club boats, Commodore Field suggested purchasing new engines. Mercury engines and a dealership were mentioned. A discussion of long or short shaft, size and number of engines ensued, including fleet rate options. Cost will be checked with businesses, such as Aloha Marine and other vendors, to obtain the best price.

A motion was made and seconded to secure two eight hp engines and one 3.5 engine for club boats. The dealership will be advised that an additional purchase will be made on or before 5/1/08 for the Tabasco. The board unanimously approved \$10,000 for the purchase of engines.

Membership Vice Commodore

Vice Commodore Slaughter will obtain a gold member list from Bob Behnke. There was concern that membership checks received are not marked for membership and data is incomplete. Bill Field mentioned that Gold Member criteria would be modified. Boats 21 or less will be permitted. If the boat is over 21 feet, committee approval will be necessary. The people currently on the wait list will be notified of such change. Current larger than 21 feet gold member boats are grandfathered.

The meeting adjourned at 1910.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Long, Secretary

**Halifax Sailing Association
General Membership Meeting**

Thursday, January 4, 2007