

GSBYRA Meeting Minutes- March 2, 2017

At Long Island Maritime Museum

Meeting Called to Order at 7:29pm

Officers Present: Joe Mulle-President, David Hale- 1st VP, Al Guardino- 2nd VP, Melanie Spare-Oswalt- Treasurer, Dina Brandenstein- Secretary, Jimi Grover- RC Chair

Roll Call: Delegates Present- Babylon YC-Joe Mulle, Bay Shore YC-Glenn Schmidt, Bellport Bay YC-Eric Everitt, Long Island YC-Eric Sinner, Moriches YC-Dave Hulse, Narrasketuck YC-Gus Rappold, Point O'Woods YS-Jimi Grover, Sayville YC-Ken Boyle, South Bay Cruising Club-Marty O'Connell, Unqua YC-Klaus Hein, Wet Pants- Al Guardino, Westhampton YS-Dave Hale

Tom Coglin (Bellport): One Day race seminar is posted on US Sailing website. Go to it to register for May 6th. There will be an email going out to all club officers, race committee chairs, and junior sailing coordinators with info about date and the URL to register at.

Secretary's Report: Please send your updated club info to MaryAnn and/or Glenn by this Sunday if you haven't already

Treasurer's Report:

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| Balances: | Checking | \$33,173.95 |
| | Savings | \$18,742.99 |
| | Scholarship | \$13,352.05 |

Sending out dues invoices in about another 3 weeks

Discussed the high checking balance to see if we could put in a different account to get some more interest. Not worth moving from Bank of America for minimal 1% increase.

Joe Mulle explained that we have a lot of money. He would like everyone to think about how much we should keep as reserve and the difference between what we have in that reserve and how do we draw it down in a responsible and reasonable way. Please email him any ideas to plan for next fall.

1st Vice President's Report : no report

2nd Vice President's Report: no report

Race Committee Chair Report: no report- proposal to be discussed in new business

President's Report: no report

Old Business: Schedule as per attached. Joe to look into Sayville possibly hosting regional J24 race

New Business: Jimi Grover Junior triple handed event June 30th and July 1st at Niantic YC. It's an open Area B event. Responsibility now on Clubs to try to put together and send a team. Charters available \$75 for Lightning and registration fee is \$100. Will post an NOR on GSBYRA website.

Proposal handed out for updating Trophy wording (attached). Jimi explained the changes being proposed. If you are the Bay Champion, you would get the trophy irrespective if you move on to the next level.

Respectfully Submitted by Dina Brandenstein-Secretary 3/22/17

Motion made by Ken Boyle to accept Jimi's Proposal #1. Seconded. Motion Carried. Any Discussion: none

Vote for proposal #1: All in favor-ayes. None opposed. Proposal #1 passed

Motion made by Ken Boyle to accept Jimi's Proposal #2 Seconded. Motion Carried.

Discussion: Jimi explained the proposal change is to offer retroactive financial support to teams at Area B and national Championships that are held before our own bay events. Glenn Schmidt questioned if Area B teams would be subsidized without winning the Bay Championship. Dave Hale explained yes since they are held before our event. In the event Bay Championship is before Area B, we will provide support for the Bay Champion. John Zambriski stated right now we support the 1st place finisher of the Bay Championship to move on. He questioned whether we would support someone who came in second in Bay Championship, and who then paid their own way to Area B and wins, to move onto National level. If Bay Championship is held first, then only the highest place finisher would be reimbursed. Only time have seen anyone move on to those levels without winning is when a resume entry. Per David Hale, current policy is that GSYBRA will look at resumes and determine who would move on.

Glenn Schmidt concerned we may discourage those from entering our Bay Championship if held after Area B and we reimburse them. We would possibly run out of money. David Hale countered that we have had increased participation in our junior and midget bay open championships and those registration fees would counteract that. Would be wise to look at that should participation drops in the future. Any other changes/conditions discussed and proposed would be revisited in the fall.

Discussion Ended by Joe Mulle.

Vote for proposal #2: All in favor-ayes. None opposed. Proposal #2 passed

Spring dinner May 12th.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm Motion seconded and passed.

Proposals to be Voted on by Delegates at GSBYRA Meeting 3/2/17

- Proposal 1 - GSBYRA Championship Trophies

This proposal is to change the wording of GSBYRA Championship Trophies for yearbook and on the website so that the trophy is awarded to the team or individual that has the highest place finish at the GSBYRA Championship. This will affect all GSBYRA Championships including Midgets, Juniors, and adults.

- Current example: Awarded to the GSBYRA Full Member Club junior triple-handed championship team ~~that represents GSBYRA at the Area B semifinal~~, the Gulden Trophy was donated by Frank Gulden, Past Commodore of Bay Shore Yacht Club in 1931-34, and in 1939...
- Proposed example: Awarded to the GSBYRA Full Member Club junior triple-handed championship team **with the highest place finish**, the Gulden Trophy was donated by Frank Gulden, Past Commodore of Bay Shore Yacht Club in 1931-34, and in 1939...

- Proposal 2 - Financial Assistance for Championships

This proposal is to make changes allowing GSBYRA more flexibility in awarding financial assistance to the team(s) that GSBYRA support at the next level of US Sailing Championships.

- Current Financial Assistance Policy paragraph: US Sailing mandates all Area Championships be open. GSBYRA sailors who bypass GSBYRA Championships will not be eligible for financial assistance from GSBYRA and compete at their own expense in Area B Championships and US Sailing National Championships.
- Proposed Change: to add the following sentences after the above current Financial Assistance Policy paragraph:
 - “If the GSBYRA individual or team with the highest place finish chooses not to advance, then GSBYRA will offer to provide financial assistance to the 2nd place individual or team, and so on.
 - When an Area B Championship is scheduled before the GSBYRA Championship is held, GSBYRA will provide retroactive financial assistance to the GSBYRA individual or team with the highest place finish at the Area B Championship **to advance to the U.S. Sailing championship**.
 - For any individual or team U.S. Sailing championships that require a resume for entrance, GSBYRA will select the individual or team to advance from among the GSBYRA Full Member Clubs.”