

ILYA Junior Activities Committee

MINUTES

April 6, 2013

Call to order at 1:04 pm

Roll call/Clubs Present: Berlin , Buckeye Lake YC, Cowan Lake, Eagle Creek, Edgewater YC, Erie YC, Ford YC, Grosse Ile YC, Hoover SC, Lorain SYC, Port Clinton YC, Put in Bay YC, Pymatuning YC.

Introduction of council members. Need a volunteer for vice chair. If you are interested in the position of Vice Chairman, please contact Jane O'Brien.

Minutes: Moved and properly supported to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2012 meeting. Motion carried

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Communications-Jane O'Brien reported. Communication is the most important thing for our group. New ILYA website will be launched soon. Email newsletter -Jane is continuing to working on this communication tool. Some juniors and coaches have volunteered to write regatta reports. Be sure to subscribe from the ILYA website. Managed list to make it easy to subscribe and unsubscribe. Some info is geared to sailing families, other info is just for program reps. There is a need for separate email lists. Yahoo Group Listserv-Hank Reffner is moderator. Would like this to be a forum for junior topics. Official emails and information will come directly from Jane O'Brien.

Regional Sailing Program Symposium (RSPS)-Hank Reffner reported on symposium held in January, 2013. Good advice, counsel, moderation at meeting. It's all about learning from each other, expanding the sport of sailing. If sailing is to survive, it starts with the kids. RSPS provided information to help make this happen. Need to bring kids to these meetings to provide their input and experiences, to grow new leaders for ILYA and junior programs. Discussion on restructuring of US Sailing instructor/coach certification programs. Hoping to get a level 2 course in our area. Emergency action plans needed for on water and off water for camps, race teams and regattas.

Junior Bay Week-Chairpersons Tracey and Matt Davis reported on plans for 2013 Junior Bay Week. Hats off to Connie Aguero, Mike Dills and the Edgewater crew for a great event in 2012. Expecting approx 165 competitors. All documents are online. Carson Cup will not be held at Put in Bay YC this year, so NO boats at PIBYC until Sunday morning. Registration forms are due July 1, 2013. Flag up-no talking to competitors rule will be in effect. Monica and Mark Bloomstine from Erie YC co-chairs. 3 PROs, 5 coaches Skip Dieball, Nick Turney, Charlie Essie, Ellen Dubois, Luke Gossman.

Yachtsman Fund-Monica Bloomstine reported. \$1 per member club program info sent to all clubs. Encourage bridge to make it a line item in the budget, so that it doesn't get lost every year when the commodore changes. All kids who have participated in junior bay week have benefitted from yachtsman fund. In 2013, \$110 per competitor, and money for coaching, and scholarships for top sailors. Clay Mock commented on how Yachtsmans Fund really depends on \$1 per member program and annual donations. 3.5-4% of endowment spent annually.

US Sailing Area E Semis-will be held at GIYC July 7-9. Need 3 boats to have a thistle class. Thistle clubs be sure to get registrations in early. 420s/lasers must have 5. For more information, contact Matt Dubois.

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Safety-Kevin Kyle is updating safety plans for junior bay week. Permitting in process, homeland security requesting for more info. Will have more stringent requirements for safety boats as changes are made to emergency plans. If you would like info on creating a safety plan, contact Kevin Kyle. Powerboat program safety clinic may be scheduled with US Sailing. Info will be distributed as it is received. Coast Guard contact is willing to come to a meeting to educate clubs on correct way to apply for a permit. Will try to schedule for fall ILYA meeting. Homeland security requirements are making it necessary to file a permit for regattas in Lake Erie.

Long Range Planning-no report

Training and Education-Hank Reffner reported. Thanks to Tom Hubbell from US Sailing for attending and presenting today. RSPS--where do we go from here? Dealing with young people and the best way to do what we need to do for all of them. Interest in high level sailing to sail camps and everything in between. Jr sailing committee must focus on these issues to keep kids involved in the sport of sailing for a lifetime. How we do our jobs is what creates that. Encourage all to attend national sailing symposium next year. High school sailing has decreased in ILYA. Need to grow this aspect of sport. Symposium next year?? Need to decide and start planning and encourage people to attend. Suggestion to include topic of college sailing in next symposium, including coordination and sharing of resources.

Travelers Series (TS)-suggestion for vice chair of Junior Council to also chair Travelers Series. Schedule presented. Need host for August 10 regatta. Age change was adjusted for travelers series- any sailor can participate the summer after they graduate high school. Notice of race website being revamped to make it more user friendly. If hosting a regatta, please post NOR at notice of race ASAP. Encourage all kids to pre-register on NOR to make it run smoother on race days. Clubs need to distribute registration instructions to all families involved in their program. Need to encourage participation in 3 man boat class, suggestion to allow junior thistle sailors to count senior regattas in TS results, talk to thistle sailors and see what kind of event they want and then plan it for them, Zambecki trophy. Discussion on junior thistle sailors participating in sr regattas in regard to drinking, etc. Travelers Series team scoring is being looked at for revision. Contact Kathy Trask for more info.

NEW BUSINESS:

Opti Committee-need a volunteer to keep opti info updated on website. Grosse Pointe YC will be hosting Opti Nationals July 6, 2013. Discussion on need for more team racing experience. Suggestion to have one opti team race at each TS regatta to give our sailors more experience.

Meeting schedule-do we need to plan a winter meeting? Consensus is that winter meeting is needed. Sandusky volunteered to host.

Meeting adjourned at 2:26 pm