

Minutes of the IDNIYRA NA Executive Committee Conference Call

August 9, 2016

Attending:

Eric Anderson, Commodore
Warren Nethercote, Vice-Commodore
Geoff Sobering, Secretary
Lou Loenneke, Past Commodore
Deb Whitehorse, Executive Secretary

Absent:

Wes Wilcox, Treasurer (unavoidable personal business)
Regional Rear Commodores (due to e-mail foul-up)

Call to order by Eric at 7:06 pm (CST)

Exec. Secretary's Report:

Initial website redesign is done and the site is live.
4000+ views/day
A few new members via PayPal
Bob Gray requested a membership directory.
Exec. Sec. PayPal balance ca. \$261.00
Activity summary is forwarded to Wes and Eric
Yearbook is planned for the first weeks in December.
EU membership list requested from EU Secretary (Chris Williams).

Commodore's Report:

Improving financial accountability.
WR Rear Comm. Mike Miller has requested past regatta budgets to help planning for next year's GC & NAs.
[Aside: Lou requested budgets and actuals too]
Eric is assembling as much as he can find.
Monthly T-Cons – "Doodle Poll" to setup day/time.

Need new "Membership Growth Committee" chair.
Daniel Hearn is unexpectedly busy.
Ron Sherry has agreed to step in. [Unanimous approval]
Eric will ask Ron for a report at the next meeting.

New EU proposal for synthetic halyard coming.
Proposals for Annual Meeting due for next Runner Tracks
Eric plans to draft a proposal to lower costs via equipment reductions.

Vice-Commodore's Report:

There has been no recent activity on the Women's Trophy for the Worlds and the proponent is still believed to be advocating adoption of trophy scoring based upon application of the IDNIYRA Ranking System to regatta scoring. I believe that it may be best to move the argument to a wider audience, perhaps as a message from Deb to the European Secretaries. Will the meeting support the following?

"The IDNIYRA North American Executive Committee recommends that a Women's Trophy be awarded for the World Championship and that it be awarded on the basis of the best female finisher in the DN Gold Cup, Gold (A) Fleet. If there is no female competitor in the Gold (A) Fleet, then the trophy will be awarded to the best female competitor in the Silver (B) Fleet, and so on. The North American Executive Committee does not agree with awarding the trophy based on application of the IDNIYRA Ranking System, as was proposed earlier, since that could result in award of the trophy to (say) a Silver(B) Fleet sailor when there are female competitors in Gold (A) Fleet, which would be contrary to general views of order of finishes in a multi-fleet regatta."

With respect to the North American Championship, we should dedicate a Women's Trophy on a similar basis. Is this something the class would like to fund, or should we seek a donor. Would there be support from the Executive Committee for any particular dedication, unless determined by a sponsor?

Other activities: I propose two personal activities outside of Trophy Management, one to follow on from Eric's prior efforts to have the NIA rules amended and the other to develop a regatta proposal pro forma. In the rules activity, I would develop a case to amend some of the administrative aspects of the NIA rules, for better clarity and fairness. With respect to the pro forma, I would develop (for on line publication) a guide to help inexperienced site proponents submit regatta site proposals that would support better decision making by the Executive Committee.

Treasurer's Report:

Wes not able to attend.
~\$26k balance
~\$5k new memberships
Website expenses need payment.
Harken One-Design Section in Sailing World cost: \$450

Secretary's Report:

No news.
Website infrastructure complete.

New Business:

Mike Miller report on GC & NA regatta tabled to next meeting.
The IDNIYRA EU is interested in using the NIA for appeals instead of EIA.
They have asked to have Jörg Bohn added to the NIA.
This is an NIA decision.
Tim McCormick (NIA chair) is asking the EU for more information on the proposal.

Discussed becoming associated with World Sailing. Also involves the NIA and EIA.
Warren will write up an analysis for the next meeting.

Deb has created an IDNIYRA YouTube channel.

Adjournment at 8:05 pm (CST)