

**USF18 Class Association Annual Meeting
October 22, 2014**



Meeting minutes in red

Call to Order- Mike Easton, USF18 Class Chairman
Meeting called to order 7:10pm

Area Reports-

Northern Area- John Bauldry presented by Uli Gollwitzer

- Good numbers in CRAM and CRAW
- Two Michigan teams, slightly less than normal at Nationals
- Four boats from CRAW

Southern Area- Karl Langelfield presented by Dave Ingram

- Some teams lost to college and Olympic campaigns
- Solid winter series (steeplechase, Florida 300, etc.)

Eastern Area- Jeff Dusek

- Especially good turnouts at Wickford and Hyannis
- Numbers down slightly overall
- Looking forward to Volvo Ocean Race stopover in 2015

Western Area-

North: Ian Sloan presented by Ken Marshack

- Six boats from NW at Nationals
- Around 15 active boats

South: Phil Meredith presented by Damon LaCasella

- Southern California fleet has been slightly quite since worlds
- Two boats here, two going to Catacup
- Five active boats (SoCal)

Mid-Western Area- John Tomko presented by Steve Piche

- Enjoying hosting nationals
- 5-10 boats at local regattas
- Great Texas 300!

Treasurers Report- Sandra Tartaglino

- Class in good financial health
- 95 paid class members, down from 100
 - 27 new members
 - 1 lifetime member (Boatworks Ltd.)
 - Please renew memberships in January to avoid pre-nationals rush

Old Business-

- New fleet scales
 - New scales included in current budget
 - Dave Ingram to order ASAP
- Measurement
 - Went smoothly at Corpus Christi
 - Still working to build database of certificates (thank you Dave Ingram)
 - Individuals will be responsible for keeping their own measurement certs.

New Business-

- 2014 Nationals Venue-
 - Charlotte Harbor
 - Regatta proposal presented by Brian Gleason from Charlotte Harbor
 - Presentation will be uploaded to class website
 - Mark from CC nationals will be PRO
 - Nationals granted to Charlotte Harbor
- Fleet development
 - Website contributions
 - Please send contributions to Jeff Dusek (jeff.dusek@gmail.com) to get posted to website
 - More communication to avoid scheduling conflicts
 - Add events to Google calendars so they get posted to website
 - How do we stop decrease in numbers
- International Events
 - Worlds 2015: Kiel, Germany, July
 - Americas: Argentina December 16-21, 2014
 - Buenos Aires
 - Accommodations available in the downtown
 - Very affordable
 - 10-15 knots daily, 25C, 80F
 - Expect 35-40 boats from Argentina, Chile, Uruguay
 - Contact Cruz or Mike Easton about Charters, ~\$1000 USD w/o sails
 - Worlds 2016: Argentina in November
 - Buenos Aires
 - Sarasota or Corpus Christi Bid for 2017 Worlds
- F18 Class Merchandise- proceeds go to US Class
- Special Events:
 - 2015 Alter Cup
 - Possibly F18s in Racine Aug 11-13 (tentative pending US Sailing approval)
- XL Sail Plan Update:
 - 1 jib ordered
 - Happy with sail, not much feedback yet

- Should sailors need to be members in order to receive measurement stickers for their boat? (From Pease Glaser)
 - Discussion ensued about pros and cons
 - Modified to be a member of respective national class association for non-us
 - Not approved
- New proposal to say that all measurement stickers must be purchased from US class association
 - Approved
- Request to establish grand-masters division at 100+ years combined
 - Approved
- Need to cater to lower third of the fleet- especially in regards to number of races per day

Class Leadership Elections-

- **Board Members**
 - Chairman
 - Nominated:
 - Mike Easton
 - No longer class chair
 - Todd Riccardi
 - Approved as class chair
 - Vice-chairman (2)
 - Alex Van Brunt
 - Mike Easton
 - Treasurer
 - Sandra Tartaglino
 - Secretary
 - Jeff Dusek
 - Class Measurer
 - Dave Ingram
- **Area Representatives**
 - Northern
 - John Bauldry
 - Southern
 - Dalton Tebo
 - Eastern
 - To be decided at area meeting
 - Western
 - North
 - Mark Jones
 - South
 - Phil Meredith
 - Mid-western

- Steve Piche

Meeting Adjournment- Mike Easton, USF18 Class Chairman

- Adjourned 7:57 pm

Appendix A: Finances

YTD summary attached

Started year at \$16,100

Current balance \$15,850

Project year end \$11,900

Assumes \$1K for Nat's/Jasper, \$1K scales, \$1500 International Class membership payment & few other smaller items

Year end estimate lower than Feb'14 budget due to lower measurement income