

**Sarasota Bay Yachting Association
Board Meeting
Sarasota Sailing Squadron
May 23, 2016**

Chairperson Peter Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Present: Tom Grubb (BYC), Mike Halliday (SSS), John Lynch (VSS), Dave Powell (BKYC), Peter Robinson (SSS), Norm Sooy (VSS), Vicken Kasparian (BGYC)

Motion by Dave Powell, approved by all to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Peter led a discussion of whether the Purpose of SBYA as stated in the By-Laws is still valid. It was agreed that it is.

Treasurer: Treasurer Vicken Kasparian reported that all clubs except BYC have paid dues. Tom will resolve. Current balance is \$440. There are \$134 of near-term expenses related to FL registration leaving a balance of \$306.

Sarasota Bay Boat of the Year:

- Mike Halliday reported that scoring is complete.
- Number of boats qualifying appears low:
 - Non-spin 3
 - Spin 3
 - Cruiser 1
 - Pocket Cruiser 2
 - Racer Cruiser 0
 - Multihull 0
- The Racer Cruiser class will not be used for the 2016/17 BOTY, subject to change if it appears that there will be enough boats.
- Mike was thanked for his hard work in the scoring.

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Peter gave the report for Robert Hindle. The Annual General Meeting will be held June 18. Some changes to the rating certificates will be discussed.

Old Business

- Dave reported that an email list has been compiled from those clubs that have provided the information. A MailChimp account has been established that can be used to send regatta announcements. Links to NORs and registrations can be included. There are now about 200 boats in the system. It was used to send out information on both the Shark's Tooth and Sarasota Bay Cup. This is good vehicle to reach skippers who do not usually race. There is no cost involved.
- There was discussion of increasing visibility and access. SBYA website will include links to any local race that asks. Clubs should include a link to SBYA on their website.
- The Around Egmont Key Classic Regatta was abandoned due to lightening. Discussion of moving this regatta to a different date, perhaps early December. BYC to investigate.
- Davis Island YC would like to have more distance races and raised the question of whether boats could be left at a club for the week between two weekend races. BYC to investigate.

New Business

- John Lynch runs Green Flash Racing. He organizes a series of races in the Venice area; 13 boats have participated in the current series. John would like for Green Flash to become an SBYA member. A motion to accept Green Flash was made by Mike and seconded by Norm. It was pointed out that the SBYA By-Laws require members to be not-for-profit organizations. Green Flash is not currently an organization in the same sense as the SBYA member clubs. A motion to table

was made by Dave and seconded by Peter. This would allow time to investigate and further consider the requirements of the SBYA By-Laws. The motion to table was passed.

Election of Officers

- The current officers agreed to continue and were duly elected:
 - Chair – Peter Robinson
 - Secretary – Dave Powell
 - Treasurer - Vicken Kasparian

The next Meeting of the BOD will be 6:30 PM, Wednesday October 5, 2016, at SSS.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Submitted: Dave Powell, Secretary