

**Sarasota Bay Yachting Association
Board Meeting
Sarasota Sailing Squadron
February 6, 2017**

Chairperson Peter Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present: Tom Grubb (BYC), Mike Halliday (SSS), John Lynch (VSS), Dave Powell (BKYC), Peter Robinson (by phone, SSS), Robert Hindle (BGYC)

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

Treasurer: No report.

Sarasota Bay Boat of the Year:

- John Lynch reported that overall the regatta went well. The Sunday race was canceled because of lack of wind. Participation level with last year.
- Mike Halliday reported that the Cherry Pie is this Saturday. Flying Scots have decided not to participate. An email will be sent to the SSS PHRF Fleet in the next few days.
- Tom Grubb reported that the Around Egmont Key is scheduled for March 18
- Dave Powell reported that the Sarasota Bay Cup -The Mote Marine Laboratory Regatta is progressing on schedule. NOR and online registration should be live in a few days. There is a full page ad in Southwinds and posters are being printed.
- No status was available for the Sharks Tooth, Dave Powell to follow up.

WFPHRF

- Robert Hindle reported that WFPHRF website has issues which are targeted to be resolved by March. The BOTY Meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 24 at St Petersburg YC. There are currently 268 active certificates. They are in the process of defining some technical abbreviations used in the definitions. There are discussions of the proper treatment of the large asymmetrical spinnakers that are in vogue with new production boats.

Old Business

- Nothing to report

New Business

- Discussion of improving participation in regattas. Dave Powell suggested that the SBYA email list be used to send two notices for each event. The first 3-4 weeks in advance and a reminder the week before. It would help if the organizing club sent material to Dave.
- Tom Grubb reported that BYC has used social media, particularly a Facebook service that for a nominal fee can send a notice to a list of people they think might be interested.
- Mike Halliday to provide instructions on how to link SBYA calendar to personal phone calendar, Dave to send to email list.
- Discussion of difficulties with current hosting of SBYA website. It was suggested that SSS could host the site. Motion by Dave, seconded by Mike to ask SSS to host the SBYA website. Because SBYA BOTY events are revenue producers for SSS and hosting will not incur any additional costs it is expected that this would be done without cost to SBYA. Motion was approved by all.

The next Meeting of the BOD will be 6:00 PM, Monday May 22, 2017, at SSS.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Submitted: Dave Powell, Secretary