

Lake Norman Keelboat Council
Minutes of meeting
March 4, 2007

Members present: OYC; Doug Riley, Rick Rowan, Don Trask, Neil Liner (alternate)
PYC; Chip Richardson, Clement Caddell, John Guthrie, Joe Corriher (alternate)
LNYC; Al Cleeland, Mike Wasner

Absent: LNYC; Jeff Asher, Treez Decker (alternate)

Chip called the meeting to order and presented the revised Spirit of Cooperation Policy for approval and signing by the respective Commodores. Chip then asked the representatives from Outrigger Yacht Club if they had selected a Chairperson for the Council for 2007. (the Chair rotates each year to the respective clubs, as outlined in the Spirit of Cooperation policy.) OYC has selected Doug Riley as the chair for 2007, and Chip turned the meeting over to Doug.

Doug opened with comments about his goals for this year; a review of procedures and the rating process. Doug emphasized openness, fairness, and a transparent process. Discussion then followed regarding the whereabouts of the current master list of certificates. It was mentioned that Hobie C. was to deliver the files to Doug. Chip shared what appears to be a master list in an Excel file.

Doug nominated Rick Rowan for the position of Measurer. (I think I seconded the nomination) Prior to any action, Rick took a few minutes to share with the Board his views on the matter of ratings and our process. These included;

- Status of requests for ratings and appeals is unknown at this time.
- Numerous people do not have correct certificates.
- We need to overhaul our data and processes.
- Wants to be predictable and transparent.
- Wants to compare our ratings to those of the neighboring venues that we draw boats from.
- Does not want to rely on the Schel regression formula for ratings.
- Stressed that what was important was not the ratings so much as how the boats compare.

Chip interjected that SAYRA has not responded to requests for assistance.

Question for the motion to nominate Rick was called, and motion carried.

In other business, Doug informed the Board that there are no outstanding ODR issues. We will address this with respect to our existing PHRF policies.

Chip asked about the issues of multiple certificates for the same hull. Discussion ensued, and the consensus of the Board was that LNKC recognize only one certificate per hull. Doug put this in the form of a motion, seconded by John Guthrie, and the motion carried.

It was then decided that we would announce a time-frame for ratings appeals, and Doug is to send a notice to member yacht clubs with the deadline for appeals to be prior to the start of the Wednesday Night Series.

It was the consensus that one's rating cannot be changed during a series.

Chip reported that SAYRA has chosen to NOT attempt a BOTY regatta. They will perhaps provide some sort of recognition, but nothing is definite at this time.

Don Trask reported the LNYC will host the North American J-80 championship Nov. 8th thru the 11th.

Meeting adjourned.