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Ensign Fleet 370
Minutes of 11/22/03

1. Motion by Sturr that the 2004 race schedule should be as follows:
5/15 5/22 5/29 will be tune up races.

6/5 6/12 6/19 6/26 7/3 7/10 7/17 7/24 7/31 8/7 8/14
will be the summer series and fleet championship. Best 11 of 14.

8/21 8/28 9/4 9/11 9/18 9/25 based on the best 5 of six
races.

Motion passed 8-0

2. Dave Roseman, chairman of the Regatta Committee, informed us of the
Regatta Committees suggestion that we consider exchanging start times
with the offshore fleet on a few dates in order to try to build up the
interest in their fleet. It was decided that this would be possible and
that we would hold talks with them when they have a fleet captain to
decide what dates would be acceptable.

3. Motion by Patterson to change from a 10 minute start procedure to a 5
minute start. The flag and signal system to be determined at a later
date. Passed 8-0

4. Motion by Roseman that all boats that are racing in the Ensign fleet
should have black bands on their boom and mast as specified in the
Ensign Yearbook, and that all sails be measured and certified to be
legal size. Passed 8-0

I will meet with the Chairman of the Regatta Committee to set up a
procedure to have this done.

5. Motion by Patterson that all boats should be members of fleet #70 and
of the National Ensign Class Association to score in the races. Passed
8-0

It was also suggested but not required that all members should join
US Sailing Association.

We are going to be writing Bylaws for the fleet this winter. Tony Sisson
said he would help and I am hoping that I can enlist the help of Gary
Nicholson also. More to come on this later.

6. Motion by Sturr to nominate Arnie Samuel for Fleet Captain and Gary

Nicholson for Sec/Treas. Passed 8-0

7. Motion by Sisson that the dues for next year be \$15.00, and they will be due by May 1, 2004.

Checks can be given or mailed to Gary Nicholson at any time.

8. Bill DeHommel recommend that we all read the article in the last newsletter about the failure of chainplates on the older Ensigns. Be sure to check yours before launching next summer. I will be a lot easier to fix any problems before you put up the mast rather than after it falls down.

9. Tony Sisson volunteered to be the social chairman for next year. Look forward to some great Friday picnics, and possibly some special events.

10. Wednesday night racing will continue next year. Hope to see more of you there. Dinner right after the race to discuss sailing.

11. Motion by Roseman to allow racing with roller furling. Motion amended to also include that sails used on a roller furling system need not have piston hanks. Passed 7-1

12. Motion by Sisson to use the same wording as last year concerning the number of crew required and the location of motors during a race.

Submitted by Arnie Samuel, Fleet Captain