Fleet 70 Meeting Sept. 7, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Jack Patterson at 5:07, as the fleet did not race. Boats represented were (2) Dragonfly, (1)B&B, M&M, Wings, Shamrock.

Andy Noble volunteered to be fleet Secretary when he is in Pentwater; Marsha LaHaye will continue as fleet Social Chairman during the winter season, and assign boat skippers to host pot-luck dinners during the summer season.

The Ensign fleet would like to come to Pentwater for the Nationals in 2014. Mike LaHaye gave a presentation of the organization required to host the event, as he has attended several Nationals, as well as Jack Patterson. The 2013 Nationals will be held at Toms River.

The 2014 event will be held in Austin, TX, or Pentwater, MI.

Our Club and clubhouse is great for the event, and many members can be involved in the event, as in the Back from the Mac, Wooden Boat Show, etc.

If our Fleet agrees, and PYC Board agrees, Mike LaHaye will make a presentation to the Ensign Board in February at the Philadelphia Board Meeting.

The weighing of boats will be waved, as all boats that enter have already been weighed. Sails will have to be measured, and templates exist for the main, jibs, and spinnaker measurements, left over from the Regionals held several years ago.

About 45 boats would be expected. Rafts, mooring buoys, and anchorage areas will be used, and non-racing boats can be moved out of the PYC basins to accommodate visitors, as in the Wooden Boat Show. It is proposed that a crane or Hi-Lo be rented to launch boats at the foot of 3rd. St, and masts installed at our Jin Pole.

The event is a Sunday arrival; Monday Board meeting, practice race and organized event; Tuesday 4 races and organized event; Wednesday 4 races no event; Thursday 2 races and awards dinner. Boats will be pulled Friday and Saturday. It is proposed that the dates following Homecoming (Aug. 10, 2014) be scheduled for the events.

No special liquor license will be needed, as skippers are reciprocal club members, and crews will be registered by the skipper, and meals, etc., paid by the skipper on registration. Wrist bands will be used for meals, etc.

We will need to include cost for the crane/Hi-Lo, meals, and events into the registration cost. Shirts, etc., at other National Events were sold by a vendor with our design, but no cost to PYC, and maybe a portion of sales paid to our club.

It is proposed that businesses in town sponsor promotional materials and the Village be consulted with the schedule to assure that there is not a conflicting event scheduled by the Chamber of Commerce.

Mike feels that it is a great way for non-sailor members of the club to participate in a fun activity, a money maker for the club to feed and provide lunches, drinks, etc. for approximately 300 sailors and friends; great for businesses in the village, and prestige for our Club.

We will pick the race venue and course, Peter Blacklock will be asked to be PRO, and Judges requested from Chicago to officiate the event.

Committees required are:

Registration and housing accommodation

Hospitality and village coordination

Race committee

Events committee

Launch, mast, and un-launch

Spectator

This summarizes my notes of Mike’s presentation. We did not have a quorum at this presentation, so a motion was made by Noble, and seconded, that approval is made by e-mail by absent skippers to confirm the unanimos approval by skippers present at the meeting. Absent were:

Hold On, Troll, Eagle, Joan!!!, Spitfire, Even star, Doug Crossman, Gary Nicholson. If these skippers will reply by e-mail to Andy Noble at nobleinspect@mac.com with their approval or disapproval by 9/25, we will summarize at the next Fleet 70 meeting, and Mike can take our proposal to the PYC Board meeting October 8.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Noble