**FLEET 70 MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 18, 2023**

**MEETING**:

Fall 2023 Fleet 70 Meeting, October 18, 2023, 4pm at Patterson Marine

**ATTENDING**:

Marsha LaHaye Doug Nelson

Mike LaHaye Pete Zangara

Tim O’Connor (zoom) Paul Slotsema (zoom)

Larry Conroy Dave Roseman

Brad Davis (zoom) Mary Sue Rischar

Don McGahan Sarah Johnson

Nick Stoyanoff

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

* Minutes:
  + May 22, 2023 Minutes (with one typo corrected) were approved unanimously after a motion by Larry and seconded by Nick.
* Report of Officers:
  + Secretary – Tim provided a reminder that all relevant documents should be placed on the Fleet 70 website (including final draft of updated bylaws, approved minutes, race schedules, PRO duties, future youth sailing application for funds, etc). Larry will check his computer for final approved bylaws. Dave advised that Lars Maaseidvaag will be helping with the website.
  + Treasurer – Mike L reported $23,316.42 is the current bank balance with $13,049 of this amount coming from Nationals. These funds, earmarked for youth sailing, will remain in Fleet 70’s control and Fleet 70 will entertain written applications (form to be completed by Marsha and Tim) for funds. Mike L will seek clarification from the tax accountant regarding the formal status of the Fleet 70 501(c)(3) status (after having applied for same 3-4 years ago). [Post meeting Mike L confirmed our CPA said Fleet 70 is listed with the IRS as a 501(c)(3); Brad obtained IRS letter dated July 28, 2014 stating Fleet 70 is “exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(7).” The (c)(7) is for social clubs].
  + Captain – Marsha, beyond other agenda items she discussed, reported that regarding the Nationals she has received only compliments from the community and the Club with no complaints received. Cleveland, who is holding the Nationals in 2025, has reached out with many questions and she has provided planning assistance.
* Election of Officers:
  + After no one chose to enter their names, Dave Roseman moved to elect the entire current slate (Captain, Treasurer and Secretary), Don seconded, and the vote was unanimous to keep Marsha, Mike L and Tim on for 2024).
* Race Schedule for 2024:
  + After much discussion of the race schedules for the last couple of years, Spring, Fall and Championship series, Wednesday Beer Can races, the race committee, offshore, cross fleet and existing trophies, it was moved by Pete, seconded by Larry and unanimously agreed that:
    - There will be no formal Spring nor Fall Series, the Championship Series will be lengthened to possibly 13 races and be held on Saturdays.
  + The location of the Saturday races was discussed and no formal decision was reached as to whether to race on Pentwater Lake or Lake Michigan, and Marsha will craft a race schedule listing Pentwater Lake or Lake Michigan, with the decision to be reached by the PRO after considering all aspects for a safe and competitive race.
* Scoring:
  + Scoring for 2024 was discussed, the 2023 new scoring system was assessed and it was agreed that Brad, Pete and Larry will meet separately to continue to review the 2023 scoring system, consider any modifications and how it (or any other scoring) can best serve the 2024 racing schedule. They will report back prior to the May 2024 Spring Fleet meeting so the approved scoring will be in place before the first Championship race.

**OTHER:**

* Fleet Dues will remain at $30 per boat and ECA membership was encouraged
* Flags were received for the 2023 Championship Series
  + 1st Place – Legacy
  + 2d Place – Shamrock
  + 3rd Place – Joan!!!

**UPCOMING:**

* Ugly Christmas Sweater Party is December 13, 2023 at Jamesport Brewing
* Winter ECA meeting – Marsha will provide notice
* Spring Fleet 70 meeting – date to be set

Meeting adjourned at 5:13pm. Minutes recorded by Tim O’Connor.