

MAST

Annual Business Meeting

Thursday, January 25, 2018

West Marine, Greenfield

Commodore McClellan called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. A quorum of MAST members was present.

A. Opening Remarks

Terry thanked West Marine for hosting the annual business meeting and encouraged members to enjoy the discount provided by West Marine.

Terry directed the members to the MAST website for a review of Ken Quant's "Racing Rules Every MAST Racer Needs to Know." There will be additional educational opportunities for refreshing knowledge of racing rules as we get closer to or into the racing season.

Terry suggested that the members review the minutes from the end of season meeting held last October. The minutes are posted on the MAST website. MAST officers are available to discuss any feedback about the ideas discussed in the October meeting.

B. Election of Officers

Joe Duehmig was welcomed as the new MAST Commodore. As there has not yet been any interest expressed by anyone to serve in the role of Vice-Commodore, Terry has agreed to fill this position on an interim basis.

Ed Bushman has been nominated to serve as Race Chair. The nomination was seconded. After a brief discussion, the nomination was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

C. Budget Report

Guy distributed the year-end financial statements. Guy reported that MAST had a very good financial year due to outstanding expense management. The organizers of the social events were thanked for their hard work in managing the events to pay for themselves. The projected surplus was exceeded by \$8 and MAST is in a strong capital position with net assets of approximately \$3500. Membership revenue was at 94 percent of budget, with somewhat smaller captain membership offset by increases in social membership.

Guy presented the 2018 budget for discussion. The 2018 budget is very similar to the 2017 budget, as we expect approximately the same revenue and expenses in 2018. A motion was made

to approve the budget, the motion was seconded, and the motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

D. 2017 Race Chair's Report

Joe Buck reported that there will be a new and improved starting box for the 2018 racing season.

Joe was thanked for his outstanding service as Race Chair for three consecutive terms. Song Xiong was thanked for her unflagging and enthusiastic assistance with the Race Chair responsibilities.

E. New Business

Terry reminded the members about the following upcoming events:

- Awards Banquet will take place on February 16 at Best's Place. Caroline Duehmig has received only one RSVP so far and we need 40 participants in order for the event to break even. Members were encouraged to send their responses to Caroline as soon as possible.
- Spring Brunch will be coordinated by Severine Zaslowski and likely will have a new format and location, most likely to be held in April. Details are forthcoming.

Joe Duehmig reported on changes to the membership renewal system. The system will now automatically send out renewal reminders 30 days before membership termination and on the day of renewal. If the membership is not renewed, Dana Robb will send out a hard-copy reminder. There will be a June 1 deadline for membership renewal and the former member will lose access to the non-public portion of the website on June 15.

Terry encouraged members to check their profiles when renewing their membership so we know we have accurate information, particularly e-mails.

Terry indicated that a survey will be going out to MAST members in the near future in order to get feedback on what MAST is doing well and how MAST could improve to retain existing members and to bring in new members.

Joe Duehmig encouraged captains to have their crews join as social members.

Ken Quant asked if the survey will include a question about topics for possible educational seminars. Clay Greene said that such a question would be added to the survey if it is not there already. Charlie Kopchick suggested crew overboard drills as a possible seminar topic.

Ken Quant stated that Mark Bruschel had suggested MAST look into the use of RaceQs racing application for real-time boat tracking during MAST races. Ken suggested that a

question regarding membership interest in using this type of technology could be added to the survey.

F. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, the motion was seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clay Greene, Yeoman

MAST Attendees: Bill Ashby, Sheryl Bowman, Joe Buck, Joe Duehmig, Matt Furey, Clay Greene, Gene Joerres, Charlie Kopchick, John Krezoski, Guy Mascari, Terry McClellan, Vishal Rand, Jim Reinardy, Dana Robb, Ken Quant, Paul Turzinski and Song Xiong,