Present: Peter Rugg, Kin Yellott, Charlie Van Voorhis, Lars Berntsson, Jennifer Miller, Sacha Simmons

In Attendance: Paul Zupan, Rick Thompson

Minutes from last call Jan. 14th approved unanimously.

2016 Worlds: Zupan- Met on 1/21 with SFYC to organize their part. Confirmed the sailing area-mid bay between Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge. Lots of current, but it is uniform. Probably social events every other night. YC is open all week with no restrictions. Could have 20 competitors-but might have to put restrictions on housing (no guests?). Figuring out how much housing is available before they send the invitations. No other events in the area are using housing. Next planning meeting is February 18th. Kin will send books to Paul Z. to use as gifts for hosts.

Bermuda has no one who qualified who can attend, but has a boat which races regularly on Wednesday nights. The Bermuda Fleet will send a request to the WCA to petition letting that boat represent Bermuda in the Worlds.

Treasurer’s Report: Yellott- Paid one bill to the web master for $89. We sold 2 books.

Committee Reports:
Communications- Nicole not present.
Thompson - Website-what do we want to see on it? Maura will help us as a technical resource (she is not part of the class). Nicole is contacting each individual fleet for news feeds. Facebook- getting good response and many ‘Likes’.

Technical- Van Voorhis- First meeting last week-looking at class rules to finish up fleet amendments, looking at the relationship of the WC rules with local fleet constitution and rules. Building best practices from some of the local fleets (Fishers Chester Bermuda Nantucket). The exec should write a letter to local fleets saying they can govern what equipment is used during racing but not what is or is not an IOD. We will wait for a report with drafted suggested changes in a couple of months. For next meeting, we should have Technical Committee resolution on letter to fleet on extent of local rules to be approved and distributed by the Executive.

World Sailing Membership -Thompson: Based on his report which was distributed. He spoke to several International Judges (IJs) who said no problem if the class is a member of country MNCs and not World Sailing. He spoke to other classes which do not qualify for membership and they have not suffered at all. He sees little benefit in the cost and effort of joining World Sailing and continuing to try to meet the criterion of getting 20 entrants at our championship. The One Design director for US Sailing Lee Parks, having conferred with Gary Jobson and Dina Kowalyshyn told Peter they are aware of the IOD class situation and how we have structured our championship in the past. A new idea is being discussed-If we

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wrote the NOR for the Worlds to include the qualifiers for each fleet, we would meet the 20 boat rule.

Membership is important for Class development. We also have to look at the cost (royalty is about $200/new boat and $350/boat built in the last 10 years). The class should consider higher royalties on each boat, as the current $1500/boat hasn’t changed since the ‘60’s. Kin will look up the data. We have to have our submission in by August 1st. World Sailing has its big meeting in November to discuss changes. Present thinking is that our chances are better in 2016 than a later year.

Molds Transfer to Canada: We have a willing skilled builder in a low cost building area with a positive exchange rate. RBYC has agreed to be the postal address of record for the class. They will forward any mail to whoever is the secretary of the Class. Sacha moves that we have a resolution to move the molds, Charlie seconds-unanimous. Current holder of the molds Bernie Shaw has no issue with them being moved from current storage at Lyman Morse.

Appeal #82: Technical committee is supporting WC ruling to let the boat race (twice, unanimously). The latest SF correspondence says they will not agree with us. Do we need to enact sanctions? We control the right of every fleet to send reps to the Worlds? We will give them till March 1st to adopt our recommendations before we enact sanctions. Peter is directed to have a conversation with Paul Manning saying that they will not be in good standing with the WCA. We will then contact the other members of the SF Fleet. Charlie proposed, Kin seconds-unanimous.

IOD Hall of Fame: Will help class development. Herb Motley will chair as historian. Fredrikstad, Norway could be physical site (a scroll). Gil Manuel, JP Roed, John Henry, Bob Duffy will be asked to be on the committee. Who to include was discussed. **Criteria:** Active in our class, and has made a significant contribution in sailing such as raced in the Olympics or trials, America’s Cup, Volvo Ocean Race, Vendee Globe, and or won another Class Nationals, Continentals or Worlds.

This resolution to be expanded for selection committee and recognition for approval at the next meeting.

Other Business: None

Next Call: Thursday, March 10th 10:30 NY Time (1530Z)

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