

First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA) Board Meeting

St. Augustine Yacht Club

Monday, November 14, 2016

Introductions and Announcements

Tom Davis, FCSA Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and introduced the Board Members and FCSA Club Representatives.

- Chairman Tom Davis
- Vice Chairman Allen Jones
- Treasurer Dick Leatherman
- Secretary Denise Smith
- Susan Grich, Florida Yacht Club, Women's Sailing Network
- Dave Huff, Halifax River Yacht Club
- David Smith, Smyrna Yacht Club
- Dana Hunter, St. Augustine Yacht Club
- Adam Norwood, Chief Rater
- Dan Floryan, St. Augustine Race Week Chairman, SARW, SAYC
- Guy Anderson, St. Augustine Race Week Co-Chairman, SARW
- Dave Montgomery, St. Augustine Race Week Publicity

Treasurer's Report

Dick Leatherman reported the FCSA and SARW accounts have been reconciled with 10/31/16 bank statements and transferred \$4193.40 from 2016 SARW spreadsheet to 2017 SARW spreadsheet bringing the SARW balance to \$2789.14.

The FCSA 10/31/16 bank balance was \$8915.39. After paying US Sailing dues renewal of \$190, the FCSA balance is now \$8725.39.

Dick reported that all insurance and taxes are paid and up-to-date. Dick will check P.O. Box if he has a key. Adam and Allen have keys. Dick Leatherman will send his P.O. Box key to Guy Anderson to facilitate regular checking of the P.O. Box.

Tom Davis reminded the members that FCSA is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation and that scholarships are granted to allow youth sailors to register for summer sailing camps.

Dan Floryan and Guy mentioned donations from Meehan's (\$10,000), Tourist Development Council (\$7500), Champion Brands (\$3000) and pending Sailors' Exchange (\$2500).

Dan Floryan asked for a motion to authorize his signature on the TDC grant money. Dave Huff made the motion to authorize; David Smith seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Guy mentioned a need for a club racing count; possibly a J-24 fleet; asking for more advertising dollars; reaching out to other sailing clubs; and a need for more participation in the downtown tents to generate more revenue than last year's event.

Dan will send out the P&L (profit and loss) Statement from last year to all member email addresses above.

Chief Rater's Report

Adam Norwood reported approximately 98 PHRFs this year with 1 associate member and that approximately 30 did not renew with 34 newly joined and that all current ratings are posted on www.sailjax.com.

Tom Davis thanked Adam for all his work keeping the website updated and that his integrity is always supported by all members of the association.

SARW 2017 Update – Dan Floryan – March 22 – 26, 2017

Dan will continue to chair SARW with Guy's assistance. Concern was raised due to entertainment expenses, but SARW must attract more local residents and tourists to the tent parties and advertise free entertainment via the TDC grant.

Dan mentioned the new user-friendly website (SARW.com) and yachtscoring.com as the race regatta website. Dan shared newly designed sponsorship applications/brochures and that PayPal has been set up for on-line registrations and that square cards are being used again at the tents.

Dan also mentioned that all permits have been applied for and that safety requirements have been met.

Dan mentioned he may have a professional race committee, but that he needs to reserve David Smith's (SYC) Race Committee boat volunteers for the race.

Dan also mentioned possibly racing a Hobie class off St. Augustine Beach. Tom Davis will contact Rich and Kim Brew about a Hobie class racing.

Youth Development Committee – Dave Montgomery

Dave distributed the [John Daniel Meehan Youth Sailing Scholarships, 2016 Summary](#), delineating parent organizations (FYC, SAYC, HRYC, Halifax Youth Sailing, SYC, and the Rudder Club), program directors, and that 22 scholarship grants were distributed totaling \$5,440.

Dave also mentioned that he would like to budget at least \$5,440 for this year's scholarship recipients based on this summary.

Dave mentioned the youth sailing component is well-organized and that all program directors will be participating again this year.

Dave also distributed the advertising flyer he created. All members requested that the flyer be emailed to them and attached as a pdf file. All committee members will help distribute, post,

and include in any sailing club newsletters available to them. Guy Anderson volunteered to make poster-size flyers to be distributed to local establishments as well.

Women's Sailing Network – Susan Grich

Susan expressed concern due to decreased yacht racing participation in this annual 4-series race to encourage women to race and helm all-female. Susan also expressed concern due to lack of continuity in the Notice of Races (NORs). Susan asked for some clarification and direction for the WSN 2017.

Adam suggested having only 2 classes of boats: all-female and mixed crew. Adam also mentioned that a 6-second “penalty” be applied to any boats using any racing sail. This could be a 12-second penalty for main and racing jib.

Tom Davis volunteered to write all 4 NORs before the racing series begins to diffuse confusion in assigning classes of boats.

Susan agreed that this would be a better solution for all sailors, amenable to her, and that she will continue to lead the WSN for 2017.

Dana Hunter mentioned that the St. Augustine Sailing Association (SASA) may want to get involved and to speak with Barbara Sperbeck and other female sailors in the association.

Old Business

Tom mentioned a possible Interclub Regatta embedded in SARW 2017. Further discussion may be forthcoming. Dan suggested it may be a fleet of 420s. The Junior Regatta is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 25th and 26th.

Tom asked about updating PHRF Rules, and all members are satisfied with the current rules. Adam did mention a sprit length adjustment. After an 8% increase, a three-second penalty may be applied.

Tom asked about widening membership. New certificate holder fees remain at \$35 with renewals at \$30, and new associate member fee is \$25 with renewals at \$20.

New Business

Tom held discussion pertaining to FCSA Board of Directors. The 2017 Board will remain the same: Tom, Chairman; Allen, Vice Chairman; Dick, Treasurer; and Denise; Secretary.

2017 FCSA delegates and representatives include:

Susan Grich, FYC, WSN

David Smith, SYC

Dana Hunter, SAYC

Dick Leatherman, NFCC

Adam Norwood, Chief Rater

Dan and Kathleen Floryan, SARW

Guy Anderson, SARW

Reggie Maggs, SARW

(Dave Huff, HRYC, will train replacement)

Tom asked for input and possible programs for the FCSA Annual Meeting. The date has been set for Saturday, January 28, 2017, at the St. Augustine Yacht Club.

Tom asked Dave Montgomery to create a new logo for the FCSA. Dave has agreed to look into it and possibly work with Joni Berg.

Tom also asked that all clubs send their 2017 racing schedules to Adam Norwood as soon as possible so he is able to post races on the FCSA website at sailjax.com. Adam remains as Webmaster.

Major future events include the Lipton Cup, Mug Race, and GulfStreamer.

Allen Jones then made a motion to adjourn; Adam seconded; unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by Denise Smith, Secretary, FCSA
