

Minutes
Midwest District International Lightning Class
Sheboygan Yacht Club
February 1, 2014

Commodore David Stix called the meeting to order at 12:21 in the bar area of the Sheboygan Yacht Club. Representatives of the following Fleets were present:

5 Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club
69 Milwaukee Yacht Club
112 Green Bay WindJammers
187 Sheboygan Yacht Club
442 Fond du Lac Yacht Club
515 Lac Du Bay Sailing Club

The chair made particular mention and welcomed Jim Force representing Lac Du Bay Sailing Club attending a District Midwinter meeting for the first time. When asked for details about the club Mr. Force indicated that Lac Du Bay is a lake of about 900 acres that is a widened section of the Wisconsin River between Stevens Point and Wausau, WI. The Fleet is made up of two Lightnings currently with plans to add a Lightning from the Sea Scout ship in Wausau. The boats race on handicap with a 'Dogs Breakfast' of daysailers. They have a great time. Mr. Force invited anyone interested in sailing to come join them on Tuesday nights. The club is off Interstate 39 just south of Knowlton accessible via the County Road DB exit.

Officer's Reports

President Stix reported that things look very optimistic in the Midwest District this year with the District hosting the North Americans and potentially having a boat grant boat sailing in our District. He also indicated that the Canadian Open Championships will be held July 12 and 13 in Thunder Bay, Ontario. He remarked that as the Thunder Bay sailors have been so regular in their support of our district regattas, that it would be the right thing to do to return the favor. A show of hands indicated that at least 3 teams plan to attend. A website for the regatta has been set up: www.lightningcanadians2014.com

Treasurer Olson Reported that the District has \$175.00 on reserve and that it has been approached to fund half the cost of Chief Measure Bill Clausen's airfare to attend our District Regatta to help train measurers for the North Americans. It was noted that any boats that are measured at the District Regatta will already have been measured for the North Americans and will not need to be measured again. At the meeting, the following fleets paid District Fleet dues of \$5.00/fleet. 5, 69, 112, 187, 442, 515. The new balance in the reserve should now be \$205.00.

Old Business

The Faude Team was awarded 1st place for the annual Lake Michigan Championship. Richard Walsh from Dryden, Ontario Canada was second. Teams were eligible if they sailed the District regatta in Green Bay. The scores are a compilation of the ranks of their best 4 finishes (including the District regatta) in the 5 District Regattas.

New Business

The 2014 Midwest District Schedule was approved as follows:

May 31, June 1

Fond Du Lac Lighthouse Regatta, Fond du Lac Yacht Club

June 20 (Measuring) June 21-22

Midwest District Regatta, Sheboygan Yacht Club

July 19-20

Evans Regatta, Green Bay Windjammer Club

August 7-10

International Lightning Woman's, Master's, Junior's North American Championships, Sheboygan Yacht Club

August 11-15

International Lightning North American Championships, Sheboygan Yacht Club

August 30-31

Brotz Regatta, Sheboygan Yacht Club

September 20-21

Red Flannels Regatta, Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club

It was noted that all District sailors are encouraged to volunteer to serve during the North American Championships. Many members will be assisting with the measurement function. There will be measuring August 7 for the W-M-J regatta and on August 9-10 for the North American Championships.

Joel LeMahieu indicated at this point that the Wisconsin Badger Men's Basketball team appeared to be missing significant numbers of free throws in its game with Ohio State which was taking place concurrently with the meeting the bar TV. A short break in the meeting was approved by Commodore Stix during which time the Badgers in fact lost to Ohio State 59-58. Some expletives were heard.

An open invitation was made by Todd Wake (Off-Water Regatta Chairman) of the North American Championships for anyone (individuals or district fleets) who

would like to sponsor an evening's beer refreshment at the North Americans. Each evening 2 kegs of beer will be tapped which equates to 334 12 oz cups of beer. The cost of beer sponsorship is \$300.00/night.

Commodore Stix pledged that The Red Flannels Regatta would sponsor one evening.

District Secretary Bill Faude (also On-Water Regatta Chairman) of the North American Championships indicated that the Faude and Wake Families will also sponsor an evening. Dieball sailing and Coral Reef Sailing are also lined up to sponsor.

Todd Wake indicated that Saturday night of the WMJ's a Mexican Buffet is planned. Sunday Night there will be a large Brat Fry. Tuesday night there will be a Pasta Buffet and Friday evening, the concluding awards banquet will be held at Blue Harbor. Each evening there will be a casual menu of food served in the Lowell North Pavilion at SYC and that following the free beer, the SYC bar will also be open each evening.

SYC Club Manager Shawn welcomed the District meeting to the club and indicated how pleased the club and its staff was to host the upcoming North American Championships (The Club's 4th time hosting one or both of the NA championship regattas.) SYC Member and former club Board Member Mark Wessel who is also a Lightning Crewmember indicated that the Club and Sail Sheboygan feel that hosting events is a great way for the city of Sheboygan to showcase with the city and Sheboygan county have to offer visitors.

There being no more new business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15Pm.

Subsequent to official adjournment, it was discovered that no new officer elections had transpired. So the same leadership team will continue to guide the District during 2014.

Commodore David Stix
Treasurer Doug Olson
Secretary Bill Faude

Respectfully Submitted
Bill Faude
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