

2.4 Class Meeting June 11, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm at the Noroton Yacht Club. Enough members were present for a quorum, even though this is not required in the by-laws. The minutes from the June 2007 annual meeting were approved. President Roger Cleworth recommended the following slate officers for the coming year:

President - Roger Cleworth

Roger said he would be willing to serve one more year and then he will step down.

Vice President – Bill Neal

Sec./Treas. – Eric Roberts

There were no other nominations, and these officers were elected for 2009.

Carolyn Wilson gave the Treas. Report. See attached. Bruce Millar asked what we planed to do with the money that is building in the account. The Canadians have used their surplus to reduce the fees to regattas.

Old Business:

1. Newsletter: Roger feels there is a need for a 2.4 Class Newsletter. This newsletter would carry pictures, class news. Mark Bryant suggested ads could be put in the newsletter which would help pay for it. This newsletter could be sent to yacht clubs so people could see what the class is doing. Mark LeBlanc volunteered to put the newsletter together. He will ask people to write articles and he will coordinate them. It was suggested he keep a file of pictures as people like to see themselves and their names in newsletters. Print names in bold.
2. Website: Roger has been in control of the website and would like to share this job. Bill Blevins volunteered to help with this.
3. Fleet Building: Bill Neal reported on his efforts at fleet development during this year. Bill said basically you can't promote fleets without boats. He is however very enthusiastic about the boat and the possibilities of growing fleets and plans to use many of the tools the Lightning Class has used. There was discussion about building fleets and getting boats. Mark Bryant reported that he has 3 orders for 6 boats each and has built a new mould. He says they will be equal or better than the boats from Charger. Getting new boats is a major problem to building fleets. Roger would love to have three builders in the country he could direct people to who were interested in getting a boat.
4. One-Design: Peter Wilson gave a report on the status of the 2.4 One Design discussion going on in the International 2.4 class. There should be a decision to approve within the next month and then it would go to ISAF. Basically the one design 2.4 would be the Norlin Mark III with a small smoothing of lines. If this is adopted, any Norlin Mk III boats built after January 2009 (or the effective rule implementation date) would not be accepted for certification as 2.4 one design boats, but would be open class only. Boats built before this date would be able to be brought into line with the one design rule and measured accordingly. Peter Wilson and Bruce Millar will be talking to potential builders in the coming months to find if there are builders out there that might be interested in building

the one-design. They feel there must be a more active role by the class organizations in North America to get builders interested in building boats and that Canada and the US should coordinate efforts to build the class together. There was a general feeling that in order to build the class you need to have good builders who will have boats ready for sale.

5. Membership: Mark Bryant reported on his efforts in membership coordination. He said he has been receiving the email addresses from the Yahoo site and responding to them. He has contacted 55 new people in the last couple of months and 5 of those have responded. He is trying to put these people in touch with 2.4 sailors in their area.

New Business:

1. Sail numbers: Roger suggested the class change the way sail numbers are assigned. He suggested that new boats get assigned sail numbers identical to their ISAF numbers. Peter Wilson said that the numbers must be sequential and continuous and therefore Roger's suggested could not be used. Roger was going to check the class rules.
2. 2009 World Championships: Roger reported that the 2.4 Worlds hopefully would be in Fort Meyers in 2009. He hopes people will either come sail or have their boats available for charter to make things easier for people to come sail. It would be important also to have a pre-event the week before.
3. Regional Championships: Roger would also like to start regional championships in Chicago, the Northeast, Florida and California. This will give those areas a regatta for those who do not travel to the nationals.
4. "2.4 Train": Roger would like to see a "2.4 Train" which would carry 15-20 2.4s from regatta to regatta. It would make it easier for people to sail in more events and there could even be boats for sale that would be at events. Bruce Millar said he had a 6 boat trailer for sale.

Roger then wished both John Ruf and Paul Tingley the best of sailing in China.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Carolyn Wilson
Secretary