

2009 US 2.4mR Class AGM Minutes
October 29,2009 19:00 hours

Roll call established a quorum and the meeting began promptly at 19:00. Class members present were Roger Cleworth, Forrest Douglas, Mark Bryant, Carl Horrocks, Andy Ross, Nancy Graver, Britt Hall, Peter Wilson, Carolyn Wilson and Gene Hinkel.

The minutes from 2008 were approved.

Roger gave his President's Report which included the following:

- Membership is slightly higher than last year with 30 members currently. We picked up some additional memberships from those attending the National and World Regattas in Ft. Myers..
- Eric Roberts had been acting as Class Secretary/Treasurer up until April but do to personal issues he had to give up his responsibilities. Roger has been fulfilling those positions since.
- Feedback Roger received on the "Come Sailing with Me" Cards which were given to class members this year to encourage attracting new sailors to our class, was that the cards were not used. The Hot Rod stickers were a better way to promote the class but a smaller sticker would be better.
- The newsletter had one edition but after that, no other edition was published. Consistency is important for the newsletter to be effective. There was discussion that confirmed we should have a regular newsletter and that an electronic format would be ok. Roger suggested that previous comments had been to the effect that if hard copies were printed, people could leave them on their Yacht Club information tables.

The Treasurers report was discussed by Roger and accepted by all.

Gene Hinkel, our Technical Director gave a report on the progress of the 2.4mR moving towards one design and some of the trouble and hurdles it is facing getting past by ISAF.

Under "New Business" Roger mentioned that he would be attending the International Class AGM this weekend and there would be discussion and the ballast weight limit. Based on the response he reviewed on the Yahoo group and from Class members that he would vote in favor of the weight limit not going above 181kg. All agreed.

Peter Wilson discussed the Nick Scandone Memorial Trophy which he and Bill Neal sponsored. The Class will award this Memorial Trophy each year to the top US National Sailor in Memory of Nick Scandone. Nick was a good friend of many of us and an exceptional 2.4mR sailor who died last year from ALS.

Mark Bryant proposed that at each Annual Meeting of the Class the executive committee will propose a person be recognized and given an honorary Lifetime Membership for their contribution to the US 2.4mR Class. All agreed and voted unanimously that this year John Kruger be given the recognition.

Elections were held. A slate of officers was presented and Mark Bryant withdrew his offer to fill the Presidents position. All voted and agreed on the following officers and positions:

Roger Cleworth –President

Britt Hall- Vice President

Charlie Rosenfield- Secretary/Treasurer

Technical Committee- Gene Hinkel

Roger Cleworth- Webmaster

Mark Bryant- New Member Coordinator

2010 commissions for the new board are to include revitalizing the newsletter and to change the class dues structure. It was suggested by Carl Horrocks to make Class dues renewable on the members sign up anniversary date. The class voted to keep dues payable on the calendar year. The class also agreed that the “Temporary Membership” should be a one time only deal. A new Associate Membership should be put in place which allows sailors to sail another member’s registered boat. Also a new “Youth Membership should be put in place encouraging the “under thirty” age group to sign up. \$40.00 was voted on and approved for this Youth fee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm