

NYMCRA Meeting Notes
Sat., October 30, 2010

Board of Directors Meeting:

Members Attended: Chas Billingsly, Kevin Berl, David Sennett, Pete Ross, Tim Henning, Ed Griener, Kim Griener, Mary Houck, Sandy Waters, Rich Butts, Mary Schlimmer, Brian McDonnell

New Business:

Discussion about vacant Board of Director's positions lead to Ed Griener nominating Chas Billingsly as new Board president. Mary Houck 2nd the motion, Mary Schlimmer 3rd. All were in favor. Chas Billingsly accepted the new position.

Chas Billingsly next nominated Kevin Berl as Board vice president, Ed Griener 2nd the motion, Mary Schlimmer 3rd, all in favor.

Mary Houck the kayak specs. chair has moved to fill the Board secretary position which was vacated when Chas Billingsly moved to Board president.

Mary Schlimmer has been appointed as the canoe specs chair.

Kim Griener has agreed to continue as the membership chair

Tim Henning will continue as the canoe points chair

A discussion regarding the kayak specs chair indicated the need to have an individual fill the seat that was familiar with kayaks. Mary Houck agreed to talk with John Ders, a canoe and kayak racer, if he would be willing to fill the position.

Old Business

Race Director's Meeting- Ed Griener indicated the need to get a date scheduled for the next meeting. The need to get next year's race schedule out on time was discussed as well as the difficulties the Board has encountered in the past in trying to get race information in a timely fashion. Several Board members offered to help Ed in making phone calls in an effort to retrieve the information so the newsletter can go out on time.

Location of the next meeting the meeting was also discussed. Old Forge and Long Lake were both decided upon as good possibilities (central location) that need to be looked into. A tentative date of January 22 was discussed.

The NYMCRA web page was also a topic of discussion. Holly Reynolds had agreed to continue developing and updating the web page. However, Sandy Waters, a long standing NYMCRA member and computer expert has also agreed to work on the site. All were in agreement that if Holly Reynolds does not want to continue as web master, Sandy Waters could fill that position. Tim Henning offered to ask Holly if she wanted to continue working on the web page or if she would want to pass it on. He also will check with her on where the web site is hosted.

Rich Butts suggested that everyone look at the web site and see what's missing and suggest what we'd like. Please send a list, page by page of what you like or dislike, or what links are working and not working, for each page. He will consolidate this list and send it out to all Board members.

Some suggestions by Board members for the web site were links to web sites with past race results, and a listing of past results of those races not listed on other web sites. Another suggestion was to have the canoe and kayak specs listed on the web page and a link to the 200/400 mile racer info through the AWA web-site.

Peter Ross suggested that we look into the possibility and feasibility of electronic timing for canoe races. This method of timing is used in Auburn's Great Race with good success.

Brian McDonnell also initiated a discussion about the specs for boats in the C4 class. Due to the large increase of participants in this class, and the need to set specs for boat builders, this was suggested to avoid any future problems. Brian has specs in mind and he will email them to the Board.

Dave Sennett spoke about the need for the Board to follow the guidelines in electing new Board members. Appropriate protocol should be revisited by the Board and clarified for future elections.

Points Series: A brief discussion about the need for changes and what changes to make, if any was tabled due to the lengthiness of the meeting. All agreed to revisit the discussion through email. Some of the ideas that were generated at the meeting were a traveling trophy, a possible change in how we accumulate points or to add more races or have less point's races.

Meeting was adjourned around 4 pm

