

The Gulf of Maine Ocean Racing Association Minutes

December 9, 2008
2 Portland Square
Portland, ME

Present: Peter Price, Ren Drews, Gretchen Sullivan, Jon Randall, Randy Rice, Peter Garcia, Randy Whitney, Carter White, Gregg Carville, Dick Stevens

Peter Price presided.

1. Scheduling:

- a. Camden's representative Randy Whitney will work on the CYC board to approve the regatta the first weekend in August. He was offered support from the board to help to recruit volunteers for RC help.
- b. GMORA owners meeting will be held on January 22nd. Ren will be providing more information about the exact time and location of this meeting. The thought was to find a place that would give us a room, at no cost, in turn, we would bring business to the establishment for drinks and food. The meeting was scheduled to tap into what the membership is looking for GMORA to accomplish in 2009. It will be an open forum format.

2. Treasurers Report:

- a. Jon Randall reported that there was about \$12,000.00 in the GMORA account. He reported that the GMORA annual banquet had a lower cost than previous years.

3. Yearbook:

- a. The yearbook will be printed in a higher volume this year with the same amount of content due to Regatta Promotions involvement this year. Points East and Regatta Promotions have come to an agreement about the sponsorship dollars for the printing, to our benefit.

4. By-Laws:

- a. Peter Garcia has offered to write to the IRS to ask for a copy of the most recent changes to the by-laws. They were lost by GMORA's accountant in a flood and no recent copy of the changes exist. From the meeting it was determined that there are some vacant seats on the board presently. January's meeting will discuss those vacancies and possible replacements.

5. Scoring:

- a. Dick Stevens has offered to re-do the scoring using a different scoring system than the Rinderle B system to see if it makes a difference in the final outcome of the season scores. Dick will bring results to the Jan or Feb meeting.

6. Race Seminar:

- a. GMORA approved preliminary proposal to help sponsor member clubs to attend the race management seminar held at PYC spring of 2009. Once the final cost of the program is known, the board will make a motion of what it will do for sponsorship.

7. GMORA Survey:

- a. Carter brought the results of the PYC survey and shared it with the group. The response for the numbers sent out were great. The board decided to go forward and create a survey to send to the membership of GMORA. Ren will work on this with Carter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gretchen Sullivan
GMORA Secretary