



The Twenty Hundred Club

Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island

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Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting, December 2, 2015 at the Tipsy Toboggan, Fall River

Present: Nick Bowen, Lisa Hammond, Bill Kneller, Peter Michaelson, Gregg Morash, Gary Venable, John Whaley, Wendy Bowen, Deb Smith

1. The meeting came to order at 1910 hrs. A quorum was declared present.
2. Minutes of last year's Annual Business Meeting of December 3, 2014, and the Executive Committee Meeting of November 10, 2015, were reviewed and approved as distributed.
3. Nick read a written treasurer's report, attached. We sustained a net deficit of \$467 on total expenditures of \$7428 and income of \$6960. Changes from past practice included new insurance for the Club, and a small increase in dues levied during the year. At the end of 2015 we have 45 members. Bill K. declared the Treasurer's Report accepted with thanks to Nick.

Nick suggested raising the charge for food at the social after the Block Island Race from \$5 all-you-can-eat-and-drink. This was discussed with general agreement but no decision was taken.

4. Nick reviewed the racing of the 2015 season. 45 boats participated: two raced 5x; 2, 4x; 8, 3x; 8, 2x, 28, once, mostly Spring and Fall races.

A working group of EC, Nick, and John Whaley was appointed to allocate trophies for the 2015 races. MSP:Michaelson/Venable.

Since so few boats finished all 5 (6?) races, it's proposed to award the championship to the boat showing best in any 3 races in each category, spinnaker and cruising.

5. Racing schedule for 2016 was proposed:
 - June 18, Sat. Around Aquidneck Race
 - June 25, Sat. Cuttyhunk Race
 - Aug. 6-8, Sat. & Mon. Block Island Race (& Return)
 - Aug. 27, Sat. Prince Henry Race
 - Sept. 24, Sat. Fall Race Around Prudence Is.

This schedule was moved and voted - MSP:Bill/Nick

6. John W. presented proposed changes for the Prince Henry Race.
 - A new additional starting area in the south Bay was agreed.
 - A new finish line at the mouth of Allen's Harbor was raised. Such a finish line will make the direction of finishing ambiguous, which may be dangerous. A new final leg needs to be specified; this was referred for further study, to the Awards Committee for report at the January Executive Committee meeting.
7. Rear Commodore things:
 - Introduction of the new RCom: Lisa Hammond
 - Gregg will consult with Brewer's Sakonnet to secure an arrangement for moorings before/after the AAR.

- Lisa will convene a committee to develop a social strategy to report at the Feb. Exec.Cmte. meeting.
- John W. & Lisa will facilitate gathering THC supplies and materials from Tom Charlton. And determining a new storage site.

8. Spring dinner, April 9:

- Correspondence confirming Bristol YC as the site has been received.
- Lisa will oversee catering arrangements.
- John Whaley will work on gathering and arranging awards and trophies, along with the Trophy Allocation Committee (above). Nick will provide John with the audited race results in February. John will send an email to those holding trophies to return them, after the January ExecCom meeting. Peter will assist John W. getting the trophies to John Howell for engraving.
- Gregg and John W. will serve as nominating committee. Gregg will discuss with Marcus the possibility of his eventual elevation to commodore, whether he can/is willing to stay in line for that. Notwithstanding, the tentative slate may be:

Commodore	EC
Vice C.	Marcus
Rear C.	Lisa
Treasurer	Nick
Recording Secretary	Gary
Corresponding Sec.	Peter
Fleet Capt./Webmaster	Bill

9. New Business:

- a. Nick and Bill suggested a new category of dues paying membership within existing THC Bylaws, of "Sailing Crew Member." Their dues may be affordable. Such members may enjoy benefit of a discount for social event charges, among others. A committee will develop a proposal to be voted at the Spring Dinner Meeting. MSP: Whaley/Nick Bowen.
- b. Bill suggested, and the members present concurred, that the restaurant bill for the meeting, \$188 including tip, be paid by the THC Treasury.

10. Next meeting of the ExecCom: Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1900 hrs. @Oak Hill Tavern.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Michaelson
One of the Secretaries