

IDNIYRA Governing Committee March Meeting Minutes

Via Conference call March 23 2016 8 pm

Called to order 8:05 pm

Results of the conference call. I did not take formal minutes so I am just going to indicate the decisions made and discussion points.

Members Present:

- Commodore- Kent Baker
- Vice Commodore Eric Anderson
- Secretary Geoff Sobering
- Past Commodore Bob Schumacher
- Incoming vice Commodore Warren Nethercot (can't currently vote on bylaws proposals)

Members Absent

- Treasurer Wes Wilcox
- Incoming Past Commodore Lou Loneke

1. The NA regatta netted around 4000\$ due to location and low race committee expenses
2. Current total in the treasury ~31,000\$ (probably)
3. The following motions were made discussed and voted on (YES- NO- ABSENTION)
Note that the vote counts for items that would require ballot initiatives and bylaws changes had one less voting member (Warren not technically allowed to vote)
 - a. Website Vote passed 5-0-0 to hire Deb Whitehorse to revamp the website and migrate it to a wordpress site
 - b. Yearbook Vote failed 1-3-0 to print and mail the yearbook to all the members this upcoming year
 - c. Runner Tracks vote failed 2-2-0 to print and mail RT 3 times per year to members
 - d. 2 Tiered Membership Vote failed 1-4-0 to institute a 2 tiered membership as outlined in the constitution
 - e. Ballot initiative to increase dues to 40\$ vote failed 1-3-0
 - f. Ballot initiative to change bylaw wording regarding late fees and registration dates passed 4-0
 - g. Add a line to dues for voluntary contribution passed 4-0-0
 - h. Utilize a professional weather router for assistance in site location at the 2017 GC
Tabled for more discussion

- i. Change to a Paid Professional Race Committee for continental level events Vote Failed 4-0-0
- j. Accept 2017 gold Cup and NA dates proposed by Mike Miller (Jan 22-28) Vote Passed 5-0-0

Discussion

After extensive discussion the governing committee voted to have Deb Whitehorse change the IDNIYRA website over the spring and summer and to transition it to a wordpress site. The goals for the revamped site were laid out in a memo dated March 11 and sent to all the GC members Deb Proposed an initial budget of 1000\$ but it may increase. After she is done playing on the Playa she will submit a wireframe of how the new website will look/ function.

After an extensive discussion of the merits of the yearbook, format, costs for printing and the implications on membership the GC was not in favor of printing and mailing the the yearbook to members this year. The same held true for runner tracks- it will remain in its current format.

After discussion the GC did not want to implement a 2 tier membership, Basically a racing membership and a non racing membership. This did not need a ballot initiative because it was already in the constitution.

Since the decision was made not to print and mail the yearbooks or runner tracks the GC did not feel it appropriate to have a ballot initiative to change Dues to 40\$ for active members.

The GC did agree to start a ballot initiative to change the bylaws as they pertain to the dates for registration deadline and late fees, since the GC has been ignoring the bylaws as they are written.

Several drafts have been circulated by both Geoff Sobering and Eric Anderson. This is a work in progress

After discussion the GC affirmed the dates chosen by the host Commodore (Mike Miller Western Region) for next years Gold Cup. There was discussion about cold temps during this time and how it might affect site selection.

The GC discussed other ways to increase membership, but not conclusions or proposals resulted from the discussion

The GC adjourned at 10 pm