

Sunday, March 05, 2006

Meeting opened at 1:20

Mike Austin gave an update on Coaching, NOR's and Sponsorship.

Stan Hyatt is secured to coach the 420's/CFJ's

Al Terhoun is being pursued to coach the Thistles or Lasers

Todd Fedderson, national team coach from USODA is being pursued by Hank Reffner.

Friday, June 16 we will need volunteer Safety Boats. Anyone interested in helping should contact Mike Austin.

NOR's - Adjustments are being made as needed. Registration and classes will need to be finalized and posted in updated NOR's.

**Sponsorship-** Mike reported for Bill Semans. A notice has gone out in the Crossbearings and sponsor sheets are available online.

National City has come onboard as a Platinum sponsor at \$1000.00. Tartan Marine is a new sponsor this year and has committed to \$100.00 sponsorship. APS, Gill and Harken are also committed to sponsoring. I-LYF, through the Yachtsman Fund has been solicited. The Sandusky Register has also been contacted and asked to sponsor again this year.

Cedar Point is still being pursued. Bill Semans will report back at the next meeting.

Regatta stationary can be downloaded from the web site to be used by anyone who would like to pursue a sponsor.

**Registration: Nancy McRitchie**

Online Registration is up. March 8 starts registration. We will not be doing any "Buy More Stuff" on the registration. Extra t-shirts and food wrist bands will be sold at the event.

T-shirts are provided for each participant. Nancy will have a place for them to put their t-shirt size on the registration.

**Merchandise:**

Discussion re: possible items to sell was held.

Candy, chips, ice cream sold well last year.

T-shirts and hats from the event will be sold also.

Food- Sue Austin

Sue will charge walk-ins at the window.

Sue is also contacting Donna Brinker re: help with food or doing a meal.

.Tofts will be helping with the ice cream.

Mike Fleming will be contacted for water.

Myers Grocery Stores may be contacted also.

**Safety: Hank Reffner** has Mike Muhn and Ken Carter for safety boats. Doug Blackburn will be on the Opti Course. Fred Walcott, Boissnault's and Grace's are also available to be out there. Hank will pursue more safety boats.

Flags for safety boats and coach boats were distributed from registration last year. Carol Peter will work the Flag table for Hank this year.

Hank will coordinate with Steve Jackson re: safety system for Opti sailors.

Princess will be used for Jim Keane as Head Judge and the coaches will use the other boats.

**Trophies-Don Guy-** First, second and third place trophies will be provided by USODA. Don Guy asked how far in advance we would need to order medals and how many places we should award.

The next meeting the committee will determine how deep the awards will go.

The trophy will be a plaque for any places deeper than third.

Social: Connie Carter

Connie will report next month with some information on DJ pricing. Jeff Fantozi and Stuart Brand were suggested to be contacted for possible DJ info.

**Mike Zuilhof- Web Page**

Mike is working on a flier for distribution promoting the event. There was discussion on the name of the event and how it was worded on the flyer.

Publicity- Carol Peter

Contacts have been made to Plain Dealer, Toledo Blade and Sandusky Register.

Sandusky Register has committed to cover the event.

Mike is trying to reach Eric Winkel for involvement in creating an invitation for local dignitaries. Carol requested that the names of local folks who should be invited be put together by next week.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 2.