

Attendees

Steve Callaway
Kevin Gratton
Don Altmeyer
Larry Reed
Alex Monroe
Steve Johnson
Steve Vande Corput
Andy Gratton
Craig Bergh

Arden Anderson
Mike Fox
Jeff Hegwer
Scott Haas
Adam Anderson
Arnie Cleveland

Not present
Brad Woodworth

AGENDA

1. Review Officer List

- a. Motion for Arden Anderson to assume President from Phil Sage
 - i. Arden was willing to be president of if he offloads scoring
 - ii. Larry Reed motioned for arden to lead mowind this year.
Passed
 - iii. Arden asked if Craig would continue as treasurer
 1. Craig is willing to be treasurer one more year
 2. Craig stressed the need for dues to be submitted on time.
- b. Discuss who will take responsibility as scorer for 2012 (Arden stepping down after doing it past 5 years). Del Carpenter and Steve Callaway have each discussed volunteering to do Scoring.
 - i. Steve Callaway, Del Carpenter indicated an interest in scoring

2. Officer Reports

- a. Craig Bergh: Treasury and Mid West Speed Quest 2011 results, Insurance current status (*brief*, more later)
 - i. Craig indicated
1809.46 balance
715 insurance payment is due (covers every event all season long)
- b. Arden Anderson: US Windsurfing and 2011 MOWIND Race Series wrap up
 - i. Scores for 2011 are up online for MOWIND.
 - ii. Arden indicated US Windsurfing has lots of good will, but they are having trouble with direction
 - iii. US windsurfing is working on a better way to indicate who is a member.
 - iv. There is a need for an easy method for paying online. Craig indicates that you can pay through paypal.
 - v. Arden is working with US windsurfing a better way to pay.
 - vi. Arnie pointed out we have no way to track who is actually a member.
- c. Scott Haas/Arden Anderson: Web Site Status
 - i. Alex volunteered to help with mowind site and race reports
 - ii. Email mowind webmaster and they will set up the wordpress login
 - iii. MOWIND also has a google account: mowindracing@gmail.com

- iv. This account is active for Picasa (Google's photo service): <https://picasaweb.google.com/mowindracing> and it is also setup for YouTube (no content yet, though)
 - v. Email arden at arden.EL11@gmail.com to get the password to the MOWIND google account
 - vi. Anyone else interested in helping with content would be great.
 - vii. Website hosted at dreamhost. We may want to find a new home or server for the site.
 - viii. Alex will look into wordpress.com as a host for MOWIND site.
 - ix. Craig indicated his site host is ~\$7 a month.
 - x. Alex found out wordpress is free is 3GB
 - xi. Kevin motioned that Arden be reimbursed for domain site.
- d. Arnie Cleveland: Calendar
- i. Arnie gave a synopsis of the Florida races.
 - ii. The first NRT race of 2013 will be December 1-2 of 2013
 - iii. Weymouth is having a 40th anniversary
 - iv. Most races were confirmed
 - v. Grosse Pointe is working on permits
 - vi. Moose Regatta is not confirmed
 - vii. Wind Power Championships not confirmed
 - viii. Craig has 2 requests
 - 1. He needs a list of the races that require dues
 - 2. Midwest speedquest may be using different dates this year (instead of April 15 - October 15 as it usually has been). Perhaps 1 month in September.
 - 3. Dates will be confirmed offline.

3. Insurance

- a. Current situation
- i. Right now the cost \$715 insure all events that fall under MOWIND
 - ii. Restrictions
 - 1. No Charter Boards (probably insured by owner)
 - 2. No Lessons
 - 3. No Kiting (insurer believes not recognized by US Sailing)
 - a. It was pointed out that US sailing does recognize kiting
 - 4. No SUP (not recognized by US Sailing)
 - iii. Kevin and Mike Fox know of a couple options
 - 1. Kevin just sent the info to Craig and Arden about his current insurance
 - 2. Kevin believes a quote will come next week.
 - iv. 2012 dues not paid yet. Craig believes we need to be insured before MOWIND events. We should be able to get insured with our current insurer in ~ 1 week.
 - 1. Arnie expressed concern about having fund available to pay for insurance.
 - v. Craig recommended that a subcommittee of Craig, Arnie, Kevin, and Mike to investigate insurance results and present.
 - vi. Mike indicated that his supplier added SUP for no additional cost.
 - vii. Arden requested that Mike forward his policy to the sub committee

1. Lessons would require further inquiry
 2. Under \$1000 for the entire year. ~\$900
 3. Company is geared towards this type of work.
 4. Mike entering his 4th year on this policy
 5. Mike is checking on his policy to see if they insure the charter boards
- viii. Jeff indicated they have not insured for lessons at Worthington
- ix. Arden asked Kevin about lessons experience with sailing school
1. Asked Alex and Steve about insurance for events at yacht clubs
 2. Arnie works with Glen McCarthy in Chicago. He is the guy who helped get the off the beach insurance working. He is checking into the insurance.
 3. Alex will check into the lessons with the RYC
- x. Craig wanted to remind we get insurance for 12 events. Currently charge dues \$80/event. We are insuring MOWIND, not the race director.
- xi. Jeff added that he agrees that MOWIND is about racing. He believes it is about capturing the sport and encourages the next generation.
- xii. Arden asked for a vote on adding SUP for races assuming no additional cost. No one opposed
- xiii. Arden asked the same about lessons for free at event. Arnie still has reservations about this.
1. Our current insurance specifically excludes lessons.
 2. Arnie suggested using US sailing for insurance.
- xiv. Jeff makes a motion that MOWIND promote all sports related to windsurfing and that we get the most coverage we can to accomplish that goal. Full support was achieved.
- xv. Arnie motioned to have MOWIND relisted as a US Windsurfing club for the cost of \$50. No opposition
1. Arnie will get the funding to the right place.

4. Race Director Question and Answer

- a. None

5. Discussion on classes & scoring

- a. Kona update from Mike Fox, Steve Callaway, et al
 - i. Steve was happy with the Kona start last year, and he is excited about a second season.
 - ii. Mike thanked Steve and Woody. They believe there may be a doubling of participation this year.
 - iii. The Kona North Americans will be held at Waconia this year in August.
 - iv. Mike is a major meeting for Kona at Calema Midwinters
 - v. Arden asked about the 2011 format for the Kona class.
 1. Jeff liked the 2011 format. It kept the racing close, and kept Kona from delaying races.
- b. Arden indicated in A fleet
 - i. We eliminated Formula and Hybrid class last season. Prodigy and RSX (grandfathered the RSX 9.5 sail) are good fits within the 8.5 Limited class. Formula and Hybrid can still be recognized as a division at the discretion of the individual Race Directors, but will not be tracked for purposes of the MOWIND Series.

- ii. This left the unlimited and limited and raceboard 9.5
- iii. Alex suggested we eliminate Raceboard 9.5.
 - 1. Don Agreed
 - 2. Jeff suggested leaving it to the race directors discretion
 - 3. Arden agreed, but MOWIND will not track it across the season.
 - 4. We will take it off of the series fleet and allow individual races. No opposition.
- c. Finalize MOWIND classes for 2012
 - i. Finalized Fleets are: A Fleet (Open Unlimited and 8.5 Limited), Kona, Sport, and Workshop
- d. Discuss scoring. Main options are stay with current MOWIND scoring (regatta score is also Series score) vs going with system used in US Windsurfing NRT (basically, high point by fleet place, 10pts for attendance) vs PWA system (basically, low point by fleet place). How many races should be counted each season?
 - i. Steve Callaway is interested changing the scoring. His concern with the time it takes for scoring. He also suggests scoring events.
 - ii. Andy suggests using historical data to determine the best scoring.
 - iii. Alex suggested Steve send out his proposal to the race directors for an up or down vote.

6. All other discussions

- A couple of ideas to touch on:
- a. Kona North Americans in Midwest
 - b. Bic O'pen Nationals in Oshkosh
 - i. Kevin is excited for the North Americans in Oshkosh.
 - c. Polling former/less active racers to see if there are suggestions on how to draw them back (more or fewer regattas, one day events, weeknight events, different locations?)
 - i. Arden would like people to ask about why they are not coming to events.
 - ii. Any suggestions from old racers would be great.
 - d. Ideas/feedback from shop owners or more active discussion boards such as lakawa or iwindsurf
 - i. Similar to above see if these forums have some interesting ideas for increasing participation
 - e. Engaging the sailing/crossover SUP community. Invite them to MOWIND events
 - f. Alex will put together a proposal for introductory and intermediate levels of windsurfing skill
 - i. Potentially include marks.
 - ii. Use experienced windsurfers to share the stoke.
 - iii. He will send it out to Arden to share with the insurance group.
- 7. The Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM CST**