

# AMERICAN Y-FLYER SAILING ASSOCIATION

## CLASS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

6-24-2015

Meeting called to order by President Mark Barton at 9:30 am.

Motion by Carlin Hodges, seconded by David Irons, not to call a roll of the Class members. Motion carried. Secretary White declared that there was a quorum, more than 10% of members present.

Motion by Drew Daugherty, seconded by Shelby Hatcher, that the minutes of the General Meeting of June 2014 be accepted as printed in the Flyer. Motion carried.

Summation Area, Fleet, Officer, and Committee Chair reports are as follows:

Area 1 – IL, KS, MO, WI Bill Totten related that Fleet 39 at Lake Mattoon had a very successful Riviera regatta with 19 boats. They were sorry that the Shearlocks are moving to Florida to live on their keelboat Jim Severson Y-2764 is a new member. There will be the Beer & Boats Regatta at Lake Carlyle August 8 & 9. It will be a Bring Your Own regatta with Ted Beier being the Principle Race Officer. Dan Haile is now the only active Y sailor at Carlyle, Fleet 56.

Area 2 - KY, TN No report.

Area 3- NC, SC No report

Area 4 - IN, MI, OH Kevin Black reported that Fleet 4 at Lake Chippewa has 6 – 10 boats on the starting line weekly, but they do not travel. The Chippewa Mid Summer Madness Regatta is scheduled for July 18 & 19. Fleet 8 at Indianapolis has 6 active sailors. Fleet 13 at Lake Lemmon has 2 active sailors. The Lake Lemmon Regatta is scheduled for September 26 & 27. Fleet 25 at Hueston Woods State Park Ohio has 7 Y sailors but only 1 joins the Class and all do not travel.

Area 5 – AR, LA, OK, TX Drew Daugherty reported increased growth at Grand Maumelle with 12 sailors who are actively racing. Greg Bradley comes from Fleet 7 at Shreveport and sails at Little Rock for the Hawg Wild Regatta. Drew stated that Fleet 30 is not struggling like other Fleets. Chris Bright has moved from Kentucky to the Dallas, TX area and is trying to get a Y Fleet started at Rush Creek. 6 Ys traveled to Rush Creek and sailed in their 2015 Spring Regatta. Drew stressed the need for all Y sailors to travel to other regattas

Area 6 - MA, NY, VA, PA Fleet 63 at Saratoga Springs will have their Indian Summer Regatta on July 11 & 12

Area 7 – AL, FL, GA Shelby Hatcher reported 2 Y-Flyers in Alabama, Zack Lawson Y-2397 and Josh Trimble Y-2695, and 15 at Fleet 1 in Atlanta. Fleet 1 has 2 new family members, the Garrets and the Kusnicki. Fleet 1 will host the Beers Regatta on October 10 & 11. There was no report of any Y sailing in Florida.

Measurement & Restrictions – Doug Kinzer related that only 1 boat weighed light, All others weighed properly. Some new sails needed very small trimming to the jib head. The trimming did not cut into the sewing stitches. There were no other measurement issues. Doug reported that Andy Pimentel at Jibetech Marine, the new boat builder, is planning to begin to build Y-2809 the latter part of June 2015. He plans to have it completed sometime in July 2015. Doug Kinzer will get Y-2809 and rig it for the new owner. Tentative cost plans for Y-2809 and others from Jibetech Marine is the Jibetech Y will cost approximately the same as did a new Y from Turner Marine. There was discussion about the possibility of incorporating a whisker pole launcher on new Jibetech boats. The pole launcher is very effective on Snipe sailboats. Chris Brooks had Class permission several years ago to install a pole launcher on his Y-Flyer and test its usage and compatibility. Chris filed a report after his testing. Nothing has been done about a whisker pole launcher on the Y since that time.

Secretary / Treasurer - Secretary White reported that as of June 15, the Class membership count was about the same as that in 2014, but less than the average of the last 5 and last 15 years. The Class purchased the boat molds from Turner Marine for \$10,000 and had transported them to Jibetech Marine in Portsmouth, RI. The purchase of these molds was a large and not a usual expense. With only 17 boats registered for the 2015 National Regatta, the Class will need to assist with National Regatta expenses. Fiscal Year 2015 Expenses are estimated to be about \$1,200 more than Income, not counting the purchase of the Turner molds. This includes \$919 of Donations made to the Class by Class members.

	2014	2015	Ave 11 - 15	Not Rejoin 2015
Active (Boat)	79	83	132	29
First Time Free	2	1	3	1
Associate	7	6	14	2
Junior	6	1	15	3
Crew	37	36	60	17
Life	6	5	6	
TOTAL	129	131	228	52

There was discussion that many of the active Y Fleets have Fleet rules that Fleet members need to pay Class dues to be recognized and counted for Fleet racing, but many Fleet members do not pay Class dues and this situation is somewhat ignored by those Fleets. It was suggested that Fleets collect Class dues each new year and forwarded them to the Class. Secretary White related he would be happy to receive bulk dues payment from the Fleets. He also related that Fleet collection of Class dues was previously done but most of the time took forever to get Class dues from Fleet members who did not attend the Fleet meetings when the Class dues were collected. Secretary White related that he found that Class dues were more reliability and conveniently collected when Dues Statements were mailed directly to Class members by the Secretary. The Secretary needs to give feedback to the Fleet Captains indicating who has and has not paid Class dues.

New Business – Kevin Black began discussion about an issue that took place at the Mid Winter Executive Meeting at Columbia SC in March 2009. A motion was made and passed 5 to 1 that the Executive Committee NOT then and permanently, not employ Racing Rules of Sailing, RRS, rule 87 that allows Class rules to be changed by the posting of an approved change to a Class rule. Kevin then motioned that the March 2009 action by the Executive Committee, which permanently prevented the Executive Committee from employing RRS 87, be removed (lifted). Motion seconded by Shelby Hatcher. The continuing discussion that followed was that the 2009 Executive Committee action to permanently NOT make use of RRS 87 was more of a knee jerk reaction than something that was given full thought. It also was related that the Class should 'NEVER say NEVER'. The motion by Kevin Black was passed unanimously.

Amanda Hodges reported that there are/were Ys in Cuba. There is a Regatta Cup at the Atlanta Yacht Club with dates in the mid 1950's for the HAVALANTA Regatta. Boats, at least 2 times, went from Atlanta to Havana for the regatta.

Sectary White read the list of nominations for Class Officers for Fiscal Year 2016 beginning October 1, 2015. These nominations were accepted unanimously.

President Dan Haile  
Secretary/Treasurer Paul White  
Area Vice Presidents

Area 1 – IL, KS, MO, WI – Bill Totten  
Area 2 – KY, TN – John Bright  
Area 3 – NC, SC – Charles Murphy  
Area 4 – IN, MI, OH – Kevin Black  
Area 5 – AR, LA, OK, TX – Evan Daugherty  
Area 6 – MA< NY, VA, PA – John Smith  
Area 7 – AL, FL, GA – Shelby Hatcher

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Paul C. White  
Secretary