

**2004 HCA AGM
September 14, 2004
Syracuse, NY**

Call meeting to order by Chairman Rich McVeigh

Roll Call by Secretary Bruce Andrews

- 14 of 16 Divisions represented and Women's Rep
 - We have a quorum

Introductions by Rich

Reports:

Membership – Liza Cleveland

- Statistics
 - 938 Members, 613 are regular members
 - 518 sail 16's, about 150 sail 17, 18 or 20's, 75 sail 14's and 47 sail Tigers
 - Largest Divisions 2 – 131 members, 3 – 103, 11 – 97, 16 – 84, smallest Division 1
- Recommendations:
 - Changes to registration Form
 - Check off for Skipper or Crew
 - Check off for new Registration Card
 - Membership Renewals to go out in the mail earlier
 - Include Hobie Cat Calendar with Registration
 - Suggestion buy a Hobie, receive a free HCA registration

Question: How many members? Answer: 939

Question: Can we, as Division Chairs, get a member list? Answer: Yes, contact Liza

HCA Newsletter – Matt Bounds

- Latest Newsletter on line
- Send me stuff!
- We will hold to the deadlines and send out assignments early

Guest Expert Program – Mimi Appel for Teri Reuwsaat

- Several good programs this year
 - Tom & Sue Korz at MWE
 - One more this year in California – Hobie P Alter

Youth Program – Mimi Appel

- Going great, Want to reach more youth
- Youth grant program
 - 4 kids – youth worlds, \$200 ea.
 - 1 youth registration for Worlds - 16 open
- North American - 17 youths this year, matches the MEGA
- Mimi needs some secretarial help
- Suggestion: Hold Youth North Americans in summer - would help attendance

Company – Doug Skidmore

- 3 things Doug is happy about
 - lots of people at the AGM
 - 74 boats and this years NA's, up from 70 last year

- Record numbers at this years Worlds in Mexico
- This year has been challenging, record setting year.
- 3 record setting months this year.
 - 16 sales are a record year for the last 10 years.
 - The year of the Hobie 16, Lots of advertising, Lots of sales.
 - 64 boats on the beach on Mex.
 - Supplied boats for the Alter Cup and Youth event and the NA's
- Several upgrades to the 16 this year.
- Will start manufacturing the Tiger this year. September 2005 will begin selling USA built Tigers.
- Asia market is reopening. Thailand, New Zealand and other countries
- 2005 boat supplied events: Hobie 16 NA's and Tiger Worlds

Women's – Heather Morrison, report by Fluffy White

- Women's meeting this week, Heather reelected as Women's Rep
- Began WOW (Women on Water) clinics this year, very successful,
 - 4 workshops with 41 participating, 2 more scheduled
 - Thanks to Hobie Cat Co, Division and all of the instructors
- New Women's pages on HCA Web site.
- Contact Heather to be added to the 90 Women on the email list
- Would like a stand alone Women's event versus tag on to the Open
 - Puerto Rico is floated the idea of a 2006 Woman's event

Race Dept – Paul Ulibarri and Lori Mohney

- Comment by PU: Women's event has always be paired with another event for financial reasons
- 2004 16 Worlds – Best Hobie worlds ever! Key is it created a Wave!
- 2005 Hobie 16 NA's to be held in July in Ventura CA.
 - HCA organized event. No local fleet Need lots of volunteers.
 - Women, Youth, H16 open classes – 10 day event
- Division 7 looking to run a 18 & 20 event – September 2005
- Still need locations for Hobie 14, 17 & Tiger
- Encourage divisions to look for potential sites for NA's.
 - We have a 3-year commitment from Hobie for boat supplied events. Need a venue with a Hotel and motor home parking.

IHCA

- 2005 Hobie 16 Worlds in South Africa in late October,
 - web site up in October 2004, see hobieworlds.com
 - Expensive to get there, inexpensive once you are there
 - Venue – Beach right in front of 5 hotels
- 2005 Tiger Worlds in Santa Barbara in March,
 - Web site up and running, see hobieworlds.com
 - Charter Boats available.
 - Port to Port container shipping.
 - Hotels going quick

IHCA Rules proposal

- Proposal: Change Course 4 to *(S) A, C, A, B, C, A (F) Downwind*
- A number of the changes to Hobie 14 & Hobie 16 were approved. These will be presented to ISAF, specific details to be in the HCA news and on the web
 - Issue – poor response rate from membership balloting.

Carleton Tucker Sportsmanship Award Winner – Susan Korz

Old Business

Treasury - Kathleen Tracy

- Balance Sheet – approx. \$13,000 in the bank
- Income sheet
 - Delayed income – if we had not sold a computer, we would have been in the hole by \$5400
- 501C7 almost approved by IRS, wanted a 501C3 (donations tax exempt).
- Lots of works on credit card, bank fees are not as high as they were but they are still there.
 - Send a check if you are in the USA, this will save us money.

Question: Does Hobie Co. owe \$500 for another area Championship. Answer: Yes

Question: On the Balance sheet what is \$2000 for site visits. Answer: It is for travel to potential HCA sites and will be an event expense and reimbursed to HCA

2005 Budget

- Income is the same as 2004, Cost are Similar to 2004
- Membership income does not include crews being members
- WOW not a line item in the budget, will need some additional funds for next year

Question: What is the intent of the IRS application? Answer: Original intent was to incorporate as a 501C3 to be able to accept tax exempt donations. Approved as a 501C7. No tax exempt donations. It eliminates paperwork and assists us in areas such as event permits and insurance.

Question: What is the insurance line item? Answer: New insurance offering for fleets

Question: How much are the IHCA Dues? Answer: \$7 per person

The budget was passed unanimously.

New Business

- Proposal – all crew members to be IHCA members at National and World events
 - There was a long discussion on pros and cons of this proposal.
 - This is an open issue until December. Members are encouraged to submit comments to the IHCA.
- Web changes – moving to IHCA site.
 - New Domain name, server in Australia. Easier to use and manage.
 - It will have the capability to have electronic blast news.
- USSailing - 1 Design Symposium -
 - inviting all of the 1-design classes for a weekend symposium.
 - Rich is proposing to new officers to send a representative
- Division 4 - 101/102 in fleet building presentation by Peter Nelson and Laura Sullivan -
 - One day session on catamarans – mainly Hobie 16's
 - Program for the day
 - Morning session – chalk talk
 - Lunch
 - Afternoon – rig boats, hit the water for 3 hours
 - De-rig boats, Discussion after sailing and then to the pub
 - Number of great volunteers from the Division
 - Great help from local dealer
 - Result: 20 new boats added over the last 3 years

Comment: Division 10 took a modified version to the Chicago Boat Show. The web site is your best recruiting tool. West Marine – buoys and hardware can get for free

Bylaws – Update – Roger Brown

- Bylaws Committee: Roger Brown, Rich McVeigh, Kathleen Tracy, Jeff Alter, Bob Merrick
- Highlights
 - Added index

Article 1 change geographical boundaries

Article 2 – Added formula racing

Article 4 – membership requirement to acquire points

Article 5 – deleted things that were not being done i.e. reviewing divisional bylaws each year

Article 7 – added duties – Chair, 1st Vice Chair, Treasurer. Added new position – Youth director

Article 9 – eliminated 2 committees - Rules and Appeals. done by IHCA

Article 13 – eliminated

- Discussion
 - A lot of discussion on balancing the needs of the Tiger one design class and the F-18 class. In the end it was agreed that the bylaws should support 1 design only. A motion was made and unanimously approved to remove the words “and formula” from the bylaws
 - Weekend pass was never in the bylaws
 - No changes to voting procedure
 - The Bylaws were unanimously approved with one abstention

2005 Hobie 16 NA

- Ventura CA – July 20 – 29
- Several possible hosting areas & hotels
- Hotel rates will be high as it is summer in southern CA
- Format
 - 35 boats, round robin format
 - Wednesday through Friday – Women’s & Youth event
 - Saturday & Sunday – Open Qualifiers – up to 70 teams attempting to qualify for 20 positions,
 - Monday through Thursday – Open Semifinals
 - Friday – Finals – 35 boats

Suggestion: Flip the format as new boats intimidate the Youth teams. Doug and PU will address

Discussion on Boats: They will be supplied like a world's. Boats are free of charge for the event. There will be an entry fee, no boat fee. A damage deposit will be required

Question: Why are we changing the NA format? Answer: 82% of response to Survey for this format were for this format

North American Championship Qualification Systems

- National Points system was presented and will be published in HCA News
 - After a discussion on points multiplier, it was agreed that multipliers were valid.
 - Proposal agreed to add Cummin’s Cup to be added as an Area Championship. Need formal proposal from Division 13.
 - Discussion on sailors in other classes. Rich’s comments: Need to start now. Other classes will need to pick and choose their events if they want to pre-qualify or they can qualify at the event.
 - Question: Can we extend the cut off time on points system? Answer: We’ll take a vote this week.
 - Question: Will you get points for Race committee? Answer: No.

Term ending comments

- Rich Comments: My term is up, as well as Roger and Laura
- Doug Skidmore: Thanks to Rich with lots of gifts from Hobie Cat
- Lori Mohny On behalf of class – thank you very much. A gift of sailing books from the officers to be delivered to your home
- Rich – Thanks to the other officers, a gift of a fleece will be sent to each of you.

Elections,

- Nominating committee : Randy McConnell, Paul Ulibarri, Matt Bounds, Terry McKenna
- 3 candidates – Chairman – Ed Muns, Vice Chair – Bob Merrick, Vice Chair – Rob Jerry
- Unanimously approved.

