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Meeting of April 15, 2023
Long Island Maritime Museum & Zoom
Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Officers Present:

President: Robert Gutmann
1st Vice President: Jimi Grover
2nd Vice President: Phil Smyth
Treasurer: Melanie Oswald – Not Present
Secretary: Regina Soto - Via Zoom
Race Committee Chair: Brian Elliot

Past Presidents:

Al Guardino – Not Present
Dave Hale – Not Present
Glenn Schmidt – Not Present

Clubs Represented:

Babylon, Bay Shore, Bellport, Hempstead Bay, Sayville, Point O'Woods, Westhampton, SBCC,
Wet Pants (quorum)

Thank you to Jimi Grover for taking the minutes for the April 2023 Minutes.

President's Report:

1. Ensure meetings will not go past 9:00 p.m.
2. Finalize all chairperson positions.
3. Ensure the GSBYRA dinner meeting at Moriches Yacht club is being organized.
4. Finalize details on the Jr. Race week clinic.

1ST Vice President's Report: Jimi Grover:

No report

2ND Vice President's Report: Phil Smyth

No report

Treasurer's Report: Not Present- Melanie Oswalt: No changes in treasury (Checking, Savings, and Scholarship).

Balances: As of April 15, 2023

- \$41,507.37 checking
- \$19,500.16 savings
- \$21,034.08 scholarship

Treasurer will review dues that are overdue from some clubs.

Committee Reports:

- **Appeals:** No Report
- **Championship Coordinator:** No Report
- **Fleet Captain Chairperson:** No Report
- **Handicap Chairperson:** No Report
- **Invitational Regattas Chairperson:** No Report
- **Junior Regattas Chairperson:** Ensure the Jr. Regatta schedule is complete for print by March 15, 2023 (yearbook deadline).
- **Junior Sailing Chairperson:** No Report
- **Membership Chairperson:** No Report
- **Nominating Committee Chairperson:** No Report
- **Perpetual Trophy Chairperson:** No Report
- **Prize Chairperson** - President Rob Gutmann reported that the Narrasketuck class met and they are in the process of vetting their trophies to decide which to continue and which to retire.
- **Race Management** -Tom Conlin: Reported the Area B Sears Cup will be held at the Waterfront Center July 5-6 (In order for a GSBRYA sailor to qualify the sailor must compete in the Gulden event held on June 28). The event is capped at sending 2 teams from GSBYRA.
- **Race Week Registrar:** No Report
- **Sailing Grant Chairperson:** No Report
- **Social Events Chairperson:** No Report
- **Schedule Chairperson** - Jimi Grover 1st Vice President: Reported Babylon Yacht Club will be extending an invitation to include Flying Scots & PHRF to their annual 4th of July Regatta (amended since last meeting).
- **Scoring Chairperson:** No Report
- **US SAILING Delegate:** No Report

- **Webmaster:** No Report
- **Yearbook Chairperson:** No Report
- **Yearbook Ad Sales Chairperson:** No report

Old Business:

Eric Everitt added more detail to the GSBYRA scheduled Jr. race week clinic. Eric reported that Monday and Tuesday prior to Race Week will be a 2-day clinic. Ali Blumenthal from Bellport (CGA Asst. Coach/ College All-American) will be the Head 420 Coach. Coach Burnet from South Florida Coral Reef Opti Team will be the Head Optimist Coach. Rob Gutmann requested a small resume from each coach and financial costs to be provided. Eric Everitt has agreed to generate this informayion.

A check will be written for the agreed amount (*including: coaching fee, travel, meals, etc.*) The Clinic will include a ½ hour parent session at the end of day 1. GSBYRA will provide breakfast. It will be communicated to the sailors to bring their own lunch. On the 2nd day, SYC will provide a BBQ dinner at no cost to sailors or GSBYRA. Eric feels a \$25 fee should be charged per sailor (tee shirt included) for the 2 day clinic.

The clinic fee will increase to \$50 per sailor after the registration period has ended. The purpose of this fee would be to ensure that the event is worth the coach's time (and the GSBYRA investment). Registration will be conducted online through regatta network as all other GSBYRA regattas have been registered. Registrants must be approved by their head instructor from their registered club. A document will be created outlining the itinerary of the event.

President Gutmann will investigate any insurance limitations for this event. Second Vice President Phil Smyth pointed out that every Friday event includes an instructional component to it with Green Fleet (in terms of insurance).

New Business:

Hempstead Bay Sailing Club has several families with young children for 1st time in many years. Hempstead has asked GSBRYA club to help navigate the process of coordinating a Junior Sailing Club. They are looking for a certified instructor (part-time). President Gutmann: communicated that funds are available to improve sailing for adults and youth (motion passed 2 months ago). Hempstead Yacht Club with devise a specific sailing program proposal and make a formal request to be presented to the Board for approval. Part of Hempstead Bay Sailing clubs plan is to seeking instructors approximately 4 hours per day + travel.

Ken Boyle suggested that we have official emails for GSBYRA officers. An email blast system would be useful so that users can sign up for communications. President Guntann proposed that a email system will be included when the website is updated next year.

Next meeting will be the May 19th dinner at Moriches YC (light meeting). A June meeting will be scheduled as the final meeting before summer. Rob thanks everyone for their efforts.

Next meeting items will include: the differences Regattanetwork vs. ClubSpot.
Ken makes motion to adjourn, 2nd by Pat Sullivan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Dr. Regina Soto, *Ed.D.*

Secretary, GSBYRA

Vice Commodore Moriches Yacht Club