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**Meeting was held online via webex due to COVID.**

**Attendees: John Spierling, Chris Craig, Cary Diehl, Brad Boston, Mitch Polgar, Brian Smith, Ron Matthews, Scott Derby, Chuck Goff, Claudio Martin, Reid Wightman, Tac Boston, Rob Jossart, Jeff Padnos, Andrea Hill, Tim Boak, Mark Lukow, Brent O'Keeffe, Mickey Nielson, Paul Latour, Joel Wolfe, Al Wolczyk, David Weimer**

General Announcement: CCR is Sept 17, 18, & 19 per Tom Bryant

### **Call to order 7:10pm 8/31/2020**

- 1.) John Spierling - Welcome & Regrets over COVID canceling the 2020 CCR
  - Mark Rode makes a motion for same officers, Mitch Polgar seconds – Approved by general membership.
- 2.) Approval of minutes 2019 CCR meeting – Approved by general membership
- 3.) Financial Summary 2020 – Approved by general membership
  - a. Biggest cost difference year over year was shipping masts from Florida to Michigan
  - b. Renewal email sent to general membership; this reminder helped drive membership
  - c. Extrudex refunded us for our spreader die for tooling (one-time credit)
  - d. Racine only asked for \$200 from class for credit towards 2018 CCR instead of \$1500 saving the class \$1300
- 4.) Old Business
  - a. Mast Dies – John traveled to Extrudex and picked up the mast die, John is storing for the time being. We need to find someone to extrude if and when we need more masts. Paul noted that Extrudex would guarantee quality if they stored the die, however Extrudex no longer wanted to store the die.
  - b. John has completed spreader replacements in stock. Paul questioned if we still had spreader blanks, John confirmed we have lots of blanks. Cost are \$500
  - c. 21 mast blanks are at Offshore Spars, Offshore is our new supplier. \$4680 base cost + \$990 for rigging
  - d. Rudder replacement update- Final details and issues have been worked through with Ruddercraft. From now on it is requested that ruddercraft does not drill the pivot hole as each boat can be slightly different. Discussion about how the rudder is constructed – solid fiberglass rudder head around the bolt, I beam that runs the length of the rudder height, and the design is hollow with no foam to make it easier to drain. This structural design has been used in other classes with great success. Blade is approximately \$950 with shipping. There is a parting line on the front and back edge of the rudder that saves great cost, otherwise the rudder is fair from the factory.
  - e. We have forestays in stock if anyone needs them, they are costing the class around \$90 each

## 5.) New Business

- a. New Boat of the Year trophy – will be the results of the class sanctioned regattas (Equalizer, St. Pete, Lake Erie, Lake Huron, & CCR)
  - i. Discussion to have BOTY start with the CCR, so 2020 will start technically with the Equalizer since the CCR was canceled due to COVID.
- b. Class Dues for 2021
- c. Regatta Updates:
  - i. Equalizer 2020 – October 17 & 18 – *remains on the calendar and approved, there will be some COVID restrictions.*
  - ii. St Pete NOOD – February
  - iii. Annapolis NOOD – May
  - iv. Lake Erie Championship – May
  - v. Lake Huron Championship – August
  - vi. CCR Holland – September 17,18, 19
- d. Future CCR Locations
  - i. 2022 Port Huron
  - ii. 2023 Racine
  - iii. 2024 Holland
  - iv. 2025 ??

## 6.) Other New Business

- a. Chris Craig reminded the class that you can only buy 2 of a main, genoa, or spinnaker per CCR to CCR. Since there was no CCR in 2020, 8/31/2020 would be the cutoff and 2 new sails can be purchased between this date and the Holland regatta.
- b. Chris Craig did a quick tutorial of updates to the website and how it works and where to go for various topics.
- c. Chuck Goff – asked about a cruising class or non-competitive sailing, or if any interest in that. Chris, Cary, and John were not aware of anything in the past. FYC will offer a cruising class as a test if COVID allows.
- d. Mitch Polgar – asked if there is any interest in a medium distance race. Some interest in doing the Mills Trophy Race. Some discussion about Lake Erie Bay Week at Put in Bay.
- e. Ron Matthews – Not much opportunity for class racing, most racing is portsmouth ratings and PHRF for where he is located. John described PHRF. Portsmouth needs sail areas – Tac Boston suggested that exact sails are measured since each sailmaker makes them slightly different.
- f. Mark Lukow – General comments that the 7.9 is a great short handed boat

## 7.) Chris Craig welcomed new members to the class.

Meeting Adjourned 8:20pm

## 2020 Financial Summary

### OVERALL TREASURER COMMENT:

This year had additional costs due to Shipping of masts, may need to consider raising dues.

<b>CLASS BALANCE:</b>	<b>8/30/2020</b>	<b>\$21,070.30</b>	(2019=21,018; 2018=\$22,000; 2017=\$23,829;)
<b>INCOME: TOTAL</b>		<b>\$4,469</b>	(2019=\$5452; 2018=\$3875; 2017=\$3900;)
New Members		\$320 (8)	(2019=\$308(11) 2018=\$230(8); 2017=(12))
Renewed Members		\$2720 (68)	(2019=2744(98); 2018=\$2390(83); 2017=88)
Mast Replacement		\$-	(2019=1; 2018=1; 2017=1; 2016=0)
Spreader Die Replacement		\$1650	(Extrudex reimbursement)
<b>EXPENSES: TOTAL</b>		<b>\$5,644</b>	(2019=\$6930; 2018=\$7056; 2017=\$4671)
CCR Support RYC 2019		\$200	(2018=\$1500; 2017=\$1500; 2016=\$1059)
FIXED Forestays(3)		\$270	(2017=\$2100 for 30)
RUDDER replacement		\$1694	(shipping + One "rudder system" in stock)
US Sailing Membership		\$350	(2019 = \$300)
Sailing World Ad		\$0	(Canceled per 2019 ACM, \$200/issue)
Mailings, Stickers, Tax Prep, etc.		\$389	
Website Costs		\$29	
Gas for picking up mast dies		\$75	
St Pete/ Midwinter Class Party		\$700	
Spreaders		\$1492	
New BOTY Trophy		\$387	
Class Flags		\$58	
<b>2021 FORECAST:</b>		<b>\$2,860</b>	
CCR 2021 MBYC		\$1500	
Fixed Forestays?		\$270	(Do we wish to continue this?)
Mailings, Stickers, Tax Prep, etc.		\$400	
St Pete/ Midwinter Class Party		\$700	
US Sailing		\$350	