

## *Great Lakes Singlehanded Society*

### *Board Meeting Minutes*

**March 8, 2016**

President John Hoskins conducted meeting by teleconference at 7:30 PM EST/6:30 PM CST. Board members present:

President	John Hoskins
Vice President/Webmaster	Mark Mahowald
Treasurer	Rick Stage
Recording Secretary	Lease Schock
	David Courtney
	Joey Baker
	John Ollila A
	Elizabeth Reichling
	Alan Belovarac

#### **AGM Minutes**

A motion was made by David Courtney to accept the AGM minutes. It was seconded by Mark Mahowald.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

There have been no deposits or withdrawals during the past month.

Between Pay Pal and our account we have \$8813 in the bank. Revenue will increase as changes are entered. Fifteen members have paid dues since the AGM.

#### **Old Business**

*1. 501c3 Status*

The Board discussed 501c3 status.

*2. Item 15 & 16*

Discussion was renewed on Item 15 & 16 on our race safety requirements.

- a. Mark made a motion that Item 15 be modified with Elizabeth seconding the motion. A verbal vote on the motion was passed with an all yes vote.

*Safety Harness, designed and constructed for offshore sailing, to be worn and securely tethered to the jacklines or yacht at all times when out of the cabin. The tether shall be used as soon as practical after casting the yacht off the dock to start the Challenge until the yacht crosses the finish line and returns to the proximity of the dock. Such safety harness is to include a personal strobe and whistle.*

*A safety harness, tethered to the boat at all times is highly recommend, however a skipper may meet this requirement by wearing a self inflating life jacket, with harness, tether, and a DSC capable waterproof VHF radio at all times when they are out of the cabin from the time casting off the dock to start the Challenge until the yacht crosses the finish line and returns to the proximity of the dock. Such life jacket is to include a personal strobe and whistle.*

- b. Safety Item 16, the safety tether provision, was discussed. Elizabeth made a motion to change Item 16 with a second by Lease. The motion was passed with a unanimous verbal vote.

*A dual tether with one tether no more than 3 feet in length and one tether no more than 6 feet in length is recommended. Any tether shall have a snap hook at one end and quick release shackle on the harness end that can be released under heavy load.*

## **New Business**

### *1. Head Trauma*

Head trauma and possible solutions were discussed. The subject was tabled.

### *2. Age Requirement*

Discussion was held on the 18 year old minimum age requirement.

### *3. Race Schedule*

September 9- Lake Michigan Scramble

September 10- Lower Huron

October 1- St. Clair

*4. Open House and Safety Meetings*

Torreson- March 12th Spring Thaw 11:00 am

Crowley- March 26th

Detroit- March 30th Great Lakes Yacht Club

Larsen- April 2

**For The Good of the Order**

**Adjournment**

Motion for adjournment was made by Mark Mahowald with a second by Lease Schock. The motion carried.

**Date of Next Meeting: April 4th at 7:30 PM**

