

First Coast Sailing Association
Fourth Quarter Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 11, 2024 6:00 P.M.



All Points Yacht Sales Conference Room
3074 Harbor Drive, St Augustine FL 32084

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees:

RAP, Rose Ann Points, Chairperson
TD, Tom Davis, Vice Chairman
AJ, Allen Jones, Treasurer
AN, Adam Norwood, Chief Rater/Webmaster
DE, Dale Edgar, Interim Secretary
DF, Dan Floryan, SARW
NW, Norm Wentworth, Amelia Island Sailing Club
JH, Jerry Holt, N. Florida Cruising Club

RAP Called the meeting to order at 18:02

Notes:

- Please refer to the Meeting Agenda for an outline of intended topics for discussion.
- This meeting only loosely followed Robert's Rules of Order and there were side-bar conversations that could not be successfully captured through notetaking by the Secretary.

Consent Agenda: Approved without amendment.

AJ: Question: Is 2025 Budget Approved?

RAP: The 2025 Budget gets approved by the Membership at the Annual Meeting next month (FCSA Annual Meeting date is January 11, 2025).

By Law Revisions

TD: Section 3.3.2 re: Inshore Rating; Requirement for 2 berths below is now deleted.

Example: Viper 640; we wish rules to allow PHRFs issued for Viper 640 boats.

AN: Viper 640: Lifelines not required for Inshore, but motor is required.

RAP: Any Committee should present rule/policy recommendations to the FCSA BOD for approval by the BOD.

TD: Will revise to address this.

AN: To clarify, Standing Committees are Subordinate to the FCSA BOD.

DE: Section 1.2 does not specify the remit of Youth Sailing. This should be explicit.

TD: Recommends adding "ITEM 5, Promote Youth Sailing among Member Organizations."

CONCENSUS AGREEMENT, Unanimous Approval carried by Roll-Call Vote: Section 1.2 to include "Item 5: To promote youth sailing among member organizations."

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AN: Recommends that Secretary provide document links in the Annual Meeting Agenda.
AN: Will create TBD links do Secretary can upload documents.

Race Management

TD: Proposes 1-day seminars on race management
RAP: Likes this idea
TD: Perhaps hold one seminar in StA and another at JAX Rudder Club
DF: Could be held at the SAYC for StA seminar.
RAP: Please pick 2 days for Race Management Seminar to put in the 2025 Calendar for the Annual Meeting presentation.
TD: Recommends Late January/Early February, and Late August.
AN: Late January is better because Frostbite race is on Feb 1st.
ACTION ITEM: TD will pick dates for Race Management Seminars.
RAP: We can now create events and post on the FCSA Member Page (social media)
TD: Race Management section of Annual Meeting slide deck will be ready next week.
TD: Provided an overview of the key topics for the Race Management seminar.
DF: Notify Members
TD: Will send RAP the Course Content as it is developed.

Treasurer's Report

AJ: Invoices have gone out to Members & Clubs
AJ: financials
 \$6,690 FCSA Account balance
 \$31,971 SARW Account balance
DF: SAYC Sail Team \$1,600 invoice is coming.
AJ: Financials are presently positive.
AJ: Annual Meeting costs are rolled forward to the following month.
RAP: How many organizations requested Scholarships?
AJ: Two Member Organizations:
 1) Florida Yacht Club
 2) SAYC Sailing Center
AJ: Approximate total number of scholarships = 13

Annual Meeting

RAP: Confirmed date January 11, 2025; Venue is SAYC
DF: Needs to update his slides and send to RAP
RAP: Goals NOT achieved in 2024:
 1) Establish a structured process for scholarship programs.

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AN: Inquiry: Who could become a future Chief Rater?

RAP: How about Mark Dixon?

DE: Overlap needed to assure understanding of process and institutional knowledge.

RAP question to AN: Would you like someone to start shadowing you as Chief Rater?

AN: There is not even a Rating Committee anymore. Was supposed to be comprised of Club Representative Raters.

RAP: We need to actively search for BOD replacements. Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Chief Rater, SARW, etc.

DF: Henry Baker is shadowing DF.

RAP: Advisory to BOD... Father is ill, and thus she may not be able to attend the Annual Meeting.

ACTION ITEM: TD and DF to cover for RAP if she is unable to attend the Annual Meeting.

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS:

RAP: Need pics of 2025 BOD Nominees for use in Annual Meeting presentation, Member Election and Voting section of the meeting.

RAP: Awards; Will we have time to get a pic of each boat receiving an award?

AJ: These awards are normally a surprise

DF: Recommends the Chief Rater ask for a pic for every PHRF boat.

AN: Doable, but takes time.

DF: Some organizations ask for a boat pic as part of the registration in a race.

AN: Complicated to use links inside a PDF.

RAP: Perhaps use in a gallery?

DE: For meeting announcement and Agenda distribution, he will need some assistance with current email addresses and use of mail merge.

New Business

DE: Opened Discussion regarding Eligibility of Organizations for FCSA Youth Sailing Scholarships. SAS Submitted paperwork through Dave Montgomery using currently approved processes and procedures. Funding was initially approved by Dave Montgomery, but payment was withheld by AJ citing concerns regarding eligibility of scholarship recipients (see Email from AJ to BOD members).

DE: Described SAS Program enabling Youth Sailing for All youth, irrespective of handicap, and cited two programs: SAS Youth Sailing Education and Training experiences for:

- (1) Students from the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind (and noted the recent in-classroom and on-the-water training of blind students in 10 meter+ sail boats.
- (2) Autistic children. SAS is a nationally Certified Center for Autism.

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DE: Mentioned that CBI (Community Boating Inc, sponsored by Boston Parks and Recreation) has single-handed sailing training program for blind students. Blind students compete in swimming events at the International Special Olympics, and other sailing venues.

AJ: We need to adopt rules.'

RAP: There are no BOD adopted rules.

DF: Summer Camps (e.g. SAYC Youth Sailing Program) do not teach racing.

DF: Original justification of scholarships based on need.

DF: 501C7 – there are income limitations for tax reasons, so some Clubs backed off applying for scholarships.

DF: Youth "Sail Team" scholarships were introduced.

DE: "Build it and they will come."

DF: FCSA is a 501c which is a charitable organization. Therefore, the SAS Program for Bland/Autism youth fits.

DF: TDC only cares about Race Week revenue and restricts the use of public funds contributed in support of SARW.

RAP: There needs to be a formal submittal process for issuance of scholarship funds to clubs, with an application deadline. AN, TD and AJ agree.

MOTION: DE entered a Motion to include the SAS Youth Handicap Sailing Training programs as in-scope, pursuant to By-Law Section 1.2, newly approved Item 5.

TD: Seconded the Motion.

DE requested a requested a roll-call vote.

Result of Vote:

DE – Yes

AN- Yes

TD – Yes

RAP- abstained due to potential COI

AJ - No

MOTION CARRIED by Majority Vote, and entered into the record herein.

MOTION: DE entered a motion for the Board of Directors to Approve a Payment of up to \$4,186.00, pursuant to receipt of Invoice from St Augustine Sailing (SAS) for Youth Handicap Sailing Program.

TD: Seconded the Motion.

DE requested a roll-call vote.

Result of Vote:

DE – Yes

TD – Yes

AN – Yes

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AJ – requests the record show that he objects only because written criteria are not in place for FCSA sponsored Youth Training Programs.
His objection is hereby noted and recorded herein.

RAP: Is there any other New Business

TD: What about Youth Training for US Sailing Level 1?
To be discussed at a future date.

RAP: Are there any other Action Items?

DE to Send AN a copy of the Annual Meeting Invitation/Agendas for posting on the FCSA Website.

RAP: Meeting Adjourned 19:45