

Minutes of the 2011 Midwinter General Meeting – International Lightning Class Association March 17, 2011 – St Petersburg Yacht Club

Call to Order

President Rob Ruhlman called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Roll Call of the Fleets

Secretary John Faus called the roll. Fleets in attendance: 5, 6, 12, 34, 36, 42, 70, 71, 74, 75, 112, 126, 151, 173, 187, 215, 228, 253, 266, 303, 329, 335, 442, 481, 488, 511, 519

Proxies Held for: 35, 69, 90, 110, 121, 129, 164, 189, 192, 194, 198, 216, 228, 257, 262, 301, 338, 506, 509

Quorum achieved.

Minutes from the Last Meeting

Bill Clausen made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded, and unanimously approved.

Reports of Officers

Chief Measurers report – Bill Clausen

Chief Measurer Clausen reported that the Measurement team in Toms River, NJ for the Women's, Master and Junior NA's and the NA's were very organized. They did a great job. Clausen excused himself from the meeting to attend the Race Committee Meeting for the regatta.

President's Report – Rob Ruhlman

President Ruhlman began by announcing that earlier today the Governing Board ratified the Executive Committee's decision to contract Laura Jeffers as the new Executive Secretary for the Class. Rob continued by Thanking Jan Davis for her 6 years of service as the Class Secretary. He also thanked Laura for pulling double duty and serving as the Class Secretary and the Southern Circuit VP. He asked for any suggestions on a replacement for the Southern Circuit VP Position. Rob reminded the group about the Fisher Sportsmanship Award Ballots.

Treasurers Report – John Faus

Due to travel delays Treasurer, Victor Lobos was not in attendance. Secretary John Faus reviewed the 2010 Year End Financials and the proposed 2011 Budget. So far for 2011 donations are trending up. On the expense side, we have budgeted more expenses for the printed Yearbook this year due to the delays from last year's book; it was not booked till this year. This will result in 2 yearbooks being booked in the 2011 FY. Membership numbers are holding about the same compared to last year at this time. A motion was made to approve the 2011 Budget as presented, David Werley seconded, and all approved.

Secretaries report – John Faus

John Faus reported on the 2011 membership to date. Please encourage your fellow fleet members back home to renew their memberships.

Faus announced that we have two new Fleets that were ratified at the mornings Governing Board Meeting. The first is in Rosario, Argentina, Fleet 522 and it has 5 registered Skipper Members. The second in Valle de Bravo, Mexico, Fleet 523 and it has 4 registered Skipper Members.

Vice Presidents and Committee Reports

VP Boat Worlds and Youth Worlds - David Starck

David Starck reported that the logistics for the 2011 Worlds in Brazil in July are coming along well. There will be a meeting during the first postponement this weekend for competitors that are going to Brazil or are considering last minute plans to attend. Tom Starck and Mark Schneider have been working very hard on the container shipping from the US to Brazil. A special thank you goes out to both of them. After Brazil, the 2013 Worlds will be in Nuama, Italy and are scheduled for the 2nd and 3rd week of June. One thought to consider in the future when planning where and when to hold a Worlds, would be to consider all costs associated with the regatta, shipping, visas, lodging, additional transportation (vicinity of major ports and airports) and also the timing of the event.

He continued to announce that the 2012 Youth Worlds will be held in Finland. The Finland District is getting geared up this summer with a lot of youth sailing activities to promote the event and encourage local participation.

VP Boat Grant - Debbie Probst

Debbie Probst reported that Bill Faude replaced Denise Cornell on the Boat Grant Committee. For 2011, two teams have been selected, Caroline Patten from New Jersey and Will Tyner from South Carolina. We have purchased the boat grant boat that was used last season from Allen Boat Company, so the Class currently owns two boats. She was happy to report that a 4th Boat Grant Recipient is looking to buy a boat this year. We need to continue to spread the word about this program.

VP North American Championships

President Ruhlman reported that Todd Johnson could not attend the Southern Circuit this year. Laurie Dieball, North Cape Regatta Chair, reported that the club is ready to go, the NA website is live and there is a lot of hotel information and lodging options located there. The Committee has been working hard preparing for the regatta. We can accommodate a lot of boats and we would love to see 100 boats! President Rob Ruhlman reports that the Executive Committee has set the NA Ratio at 1:4, we want to accommodate good participation from the Michigan District. He reports that the Executive Committee wanted to set the ratio so that people will have a chance to plan ahead with vacation schedules.

Ruhlman continued on behalf of VP Johnson and announced that the Executive Committee voted to award the 2012 North American Championships to Houston Yacht Club in Texas home of Fleet 521. They are very excited and submitted an excellent proposal.

VP Southern Circuit

President Ruhlman reported that our numbers for the overall Southern Circuit are about the same as 2010. We had 40 boats in Savannah, 37 in Miami and 57 here in St Pete. Thank you to those who have helped with the educational opportunities. David Starck did an excellent job in Savannah and talked to a large crowd before racing on Saturday morning. Skip Dieball had a nice crowd this afternoon. Thank you both. On behalf of the ILCA Laura Jeffers thanked North Sails for the bow numbers used on the boats for this event. There will also be a Southern Circuit meeting during the 2nd postponement this weekend. Anyone that would like to share their comments on the organization of the Circuit is welcome to attend.

Unfinished Business

Secretary John Faus thanked Darryl Waskow and the team that worked on the changes to our rules in order to be in compliance with the current ISAF Rules. The major changes include our scoring procedure and the changes that

we will need to incorporate into the SI's for the NA's regarding the ability to appeal a protest ruling during the qualifying series. Earlier this morning the Governing Board approved the recommended changes to the newly re-named Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships (previously known as Rules Governing All Area Lightning Class Championships).

Faus reviewed the proposed revisions to the By-Laws and Constitution as posted on the ILCA website and in Flashes. The main purpose of these revisions is to comply with recent changes to ISAF Regulations. It is proposed that these revisions take effect April 4, 2011. Bill Cabrall made a motion to approve the revisions as presented and published on the web and in the Flashes, Joan Hurban seconded, all approved.

New Business

Laura Jeffers presented the new Flashes format. A special Thank You was given to our Computer Consultant Sherryl Egy for all of her assistance with this new process.

John Faus made a motion to adjourn this meeting of the Governing Board. It was seconded by Ryan Ruhlman.

President Rob Ruhlman expressed his thanks to all who attended for their support and contributions to the discussions.