



NATA - North American Tasar Association

Annual Meeting 2008 - Minutes

Saturday 20th September, 2008, 6:00pm, Bellingham, WA. (Gary & Shelley's house)

Attendees :

Gary Brandt
Shelley Macy
Tony Norris
Brian Key

Elisabeth Hafeli
Julian Hannabuss
Chris Carberry
Guy Wall

Marie Wall
Sebastian Centmayer
Isabelle Belanger
Diane Dronsfield

Officers

- Tony Norris agreed to continue as President.
- Guy Wall agreed to take over as Measurer in place of Gary Brandt.
- Gary Brandt agreed to take over as Vice-President in place of Guy Wall.
- Julian Hannabuss agreed to take over as Secretary.
- Diane Dronsfield agreed to continue as Treasurer.
- There was no word about Carol Buchan's position of Newsletter & Promotion. Tony Norris agreed to contact Carol to see if she would continue.

Accounts

The accounts were circulated for comment by Diane Dronsfield. These were accepted unanimously.

Newsletter

There was discussion about the need for a separate newsletter in addition to the content on the website. Tony pointed out there were a number of members who were not users of the website, and for whom an annual printed newsletter was a way of keeping in contact. However there were issue about who would be able to produce the newsletter. Tony Norris agreed to contact Carol Buchan to see if she would be willing to continue.

World's 2009, Japan

There was a potential for 5 to 6 boats to attend. Guy & Marie Wall, Shelley Macy & Brandt, Brian Key & Elisabeth Hafeli, and Richard Spencer were all probables.

2009 Regattas

An extensive debate on the structure of the 2009 regattas took place. The consensus was to focus on a small number of named events where the local fleet is strong. Suggested location were the Vancouver area (BC Champs at Jericho), Portland downtown, and Seattle. This would enable local fleets to support and help with the logistics.

Communications

Tony Norris suggested that the current use of multiple subscription lists was inefficient, and a more effective way of ensuring communication across the local fleets was through use of the NATA forum. This would foster a greater sense of community across North America and reduce the need for people to subscribe to multiple lists. The forum is all prepared (by Richard Spencer). <http://natasar.org/phpBB/>
It would need efforts by the regular list contributors to gradually move across to the forum process.

Harken Advert

Currently we pay \$900 p.a. to appear in the Harken advert in Sailing World. Tony Norris suggested this was an ineffective use of our funds and that we should instead promote the class through more local based media. The motion was proposed by Tony Norris, seconded by Julian Hannabuss and passed unanimously. Tony to propose the method of accessing these funds by local groups.

Scales

Official scales have now been purchased, for \$600. These are currently in the possession of Richard Spencer.



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Building News

Tony Norris announced that George Yioulos of West Coast Sailing would no longer be manufacturing Tasar hulls, as the economics did not work out. Instead he was intending to import batches of hulls from Indonesia (as used by the UK) and making them available in the US. Prospective buyers would need to register their orders in advance. Boats would be provided either complete ready-to-race, or as hulls which could be equipped by the owners. Further information would be made available by West Coast Sailing.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm.

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