

ASA BOD meeting Sep 19th 2023

Chair: SG

Invitees: PP, LS, SG, JC, KD

Guest:

Regrets: PPax, SM

Staff: KS/BD

Location: By Zoom.

| Topic | Time |
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| Call to order | |
| Quorum reached? YES | 1805 hrs |
| Conflict of interest statement. | |
| Approve agenda. KD/JC – carried | |
| Adopt previous minutes. KD/JC – carried | |
| Board opportunities and issues | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Glynis's proposal regarding rhombus to identify female sailors.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Board feels that individuals can do this themselves if they want a rhombus on their sail to identify as a female sailor• There is a backlog of administrative work (invoicing, bill payments, policy, calendar, website, communications, contact information for all clubs, grant writing).• Clubs with active memberships, ASA needs their membership gender identification (male, female & non-binary); age ranges.• Sail Canada AGM in October (it is virtual)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Voting takes place via proxy submission to Sail Canada via email• ASA AGM – date? Communication? 25 November 0900 hrs<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ To vote membership dues to be paid by end of September○ AGM will be virtual• Newsletter – Pay your membership; Congratulations to Brianna; Winners of Provincials & Alberta Series; Welcome to Kathy as Administrative Assistant• Kathy is taking Casino courses to ensure that our funds are being used properly• GSC wants to borrow trailer and possibly coach boat for Pumpkin Bowl – KD will pass on to CYC's Youth coordinator for possible pooling of resources | |

President report.

- Safe Sport – ASA policy -- this is ongoing and it was reported that the ASA agreed to this in January, which was not true – email has been sent to Lisa (Safe Sport Coordinator) stating this and our concerns
 - MOTION: The ASA will be adopting the Safe Sport guidelines as recognized by Sail Canada, as soon as possible, not withstanding adoption by the 2024 season. KD/JC – carried
 - i. SG will send a formal introduction email to Lisa (Kathy as Administrative Assistant) to hopefully expedite this process
- Sail Canada Bylaw revision meeting – brief summary was provided
- Committee for ASA bylaw revision – we need and KD will look into the templates and current bylaws will be sent to KD – need to find the notes that I have from the non-profit lawyer that I met with many years ago about our bylaws
- Provincials report will be provided by Meaghan – soon
- 2.4Mr use – lovely email from Avery’s Mom thanking for use – how much longer are we going to keep these as our assets?

Admin report

- Friday file – has been submitted weekly to SG
- Assisted with Provincials – event summary to Camp; meeting with BD & SG about future of the ASA (BD’s vision); flags for match racing clinic (which was postponed); signed up for Casino courses

Secretary report – n/a

Treasurer report

- Need to pay Brianna
- Pay restaurant for keelboat provincial dinner
- JC’s bills to be paid
- PP trying to expedite getting the remaining ASA files from Halie

Communications report

- Minutes will be up on the Website soon, hopefully by the end of this weekend
- Instagram / Facebook is active with postings
- Policies and Bylaws are not active on website
- Change the phone number on the website to the ASA cell phone number

Sailing and racing report from Head Coach

- n/a

Equipment report.

- All assets, but the 2.4mR’s are at JC’s
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- BD will get list for equipment needs
 - Issue with the ASA truck – JC is hoping that it is just a computer thing, possibly it is the transmission?
 - Needs new summer tires
 - Winter Tires are presently stored at WTL

Youth Report

- Cam (GSC) & Chaz (CYC) are communicating as to Pumpkin Bowl
 - Optis are looking to charter so that they do not need to be transported out a week earlier than the rest of the dinghies
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- **Other Business:** BD contract from now to Christmas (20 hrs); Christmas to April (20 hrs); then May to September (consider flights/insurance) – PPax & SG negotiating
 - Change insurance on truck & trailers to winter mode and remove BD from insurance – KS will do – send her the information
 - **In Camera if needed.**

Next Meeting date: 28 October at 1000 hrs at WTL

Terminate at 1955 hrs by KD

Proposal: Rhombus Symbol for Alberta Female Laser Sails

September 15, 2023

Dear ASA Board

At the 2019 Laser Master Championships in Geelong, Australia, I was introduced to the Rhombus symbol on the women's Laser sails. The Rhombus allowed the women to compete not only against the men in their category, but also compete directly with the women as a separate category. With women seldom winning regattas, this gave them a distinct recognition.

On the water, the Rhombus symbol on the sail allowed women to recognise with whom they were competing for the female competition.

I believe the Rhombus symbol is a great acknowledgement of female sailors and pride of "being a female sailor". We should follow this policy in Alberta. Thus I propose that:

- **ASA promote Alberta female sailors to use Rhombus symbols on their laser sails and that the females compete against each other as an additional category.**
- **Initially, ASA will purchase for the Laser sail Rhombus symbol and provide them free to interested ASA Laser female members or to ASA clubs with competitive sailing schools using Lasers for females.**

I contacted an American Laser distributor, USOneDesign. They are willing to sell us the official Laser Rhombus symbol for US\$.50 each plus shipping.

After making enquiries with CYC, WSC, GSC and Glenmore Sailing School, we would need about 60 Rhombus (2 per sail). About 6 sails would be designated for clubs where girls borrow the club or school Sails. Thus I suggest that we order 100 to cover those we missed and future needs.

$100 \times \$0.68 \text{ CAN} = \$68 + \$3.40(\text{GST}) = \71.40 plus shipping and border costs.

Once ASA approves the proposal, I can handle the ordering.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Glynis Dorey
WSC member