

**Bullseye Class Association**  
**Annual Meeting 5/7/23**  
**Minutes**

This meeting was conducted on Zoom at 4:00 P.M.

**Present :** Windsor Coffin, Frederick Baker, David H. Burnham, Sherri Casey, Kathryn and Chris Collings, , Peter Drinkwater, , Wendy Goodwin, Laura Hollowell, Ken Jennings, Niko Kotsatos, Kym Lee, George Lucas, Bill Reynolds, Gary Sayia, Kyle Stearns (by phone for part of the meeting), and Joan and Ed Tiffany.

President Drinkwater called the meeting to order at 4:01 P.M.

The minutes of the annual meeting of April 24th 2022 were approved. Secretary Hollowell gave her membership report but conceded that the website had not been working properly so the numbers will need to be corrected after consultation with Treasurer Burnham. Webmaster Richard Robbins had again quickly fixed the problem once it was discovered. His work is extraordinary.

Burnham gave the treasurers report. The BSA currently has \$1000 in the PayPal account and \$16,491 in the bank account. This is roughly \$2300 more than last year. Over the last few years our balance has been increasing, driven by membership. Major expenses continue to be the one-design ad in US Sailing, the Chubb insurance policy, and \$500 to support the Nationals. Burnham recommended increasing the fleet support to \$750 since costs have been increasing. The motion to increase support to \$750 was approved.

There were questions about the one-design ad in Sailing World. It was felt that it is important to continue this ad in a magazine with a national presence to remind people that the Bullseye is an important one-design boat, even if the ad does not directly sell Bullseyes. The treasurer's report was approved.

President's report: Drinkwater thanked the Executive Committee for their support, Hollowell for her assistance, and FIYC for hosting last year's Nationals and BYC for stepping into the void to host this year's Nationals.

Drinkwater proposed having Team One Newport handle our merchandise, and expand our offerings to caps, tote bags, etc. - We could choose anything on the Team One website. We probably would not even need to spend the \$200 -\$300 to digitize our logo because Winter Harbor and Beverly YC have already done that. It would also relieve Wendy of the responsibility of keeping track of merchandise at Cape Cod Shipbuilding. The proposal was approved.

Second, Drinkwater proposed giving a free membership to the BSA to anyone who buys a Bullseye at Cape Cod Shipbuilding. We could also give a free BSA membership to the first two new members who see our ad in Sailing World. Both proposals were approved.

## Technical Committee Report

Kotsatos explained that CSSC had applied to experiment with Direct Sheeting of the jib in lieu of using the club. They hosted sailors from BYC, WHYC, FIYC, and CSSC and ran some trials to assess the effects of the change. They saw very little differences in speed, and neither system dominated. This is the beginning of a year long discussion before a vote may be taken at next year's annual meeting as to whether to allow yacht clubs to decide whether to give people the option of using either system or to stay with the one-design concept.

WHYC and CSSC, with about 40 boats together, have been using both systems for about 30 years. Many of their sailors come from having sailed other boats with direct sheeting, and are reluctant to use the club. The club has advantages for less experienced sailors and single-handing. Some people thought the club was "simpler"; others thought direct sheeting was "simpler". It was pointed out that boats have all sorts of different ways of trimming the mainsheet. The main argument for the change was to keep as many people happy and getting out in boats as possible. On the other hand, this would be an option to eliminate a spar, not just trim the sail differently. There is some question as to whether one system or the other is advantageous if spinnakers are being used.

It was decided that there will be a special issue of the newsletter with the study that was done at CSSC. Subsequently, our webmaster would design a way for people to go on the website and submit ideas to the Secretary, who would then periodically issue News Flashes with these ideas, encouraging further discussion. This would be more controlled than a "chat" option.

Competition Committee: Kathryn Collings announced that the NOR has been posted on the website as of today. Kotsatos will write a short release for the secretary to send to all members.

## Nominating Committee:

President: Peter Drinkwater, WHYC

Vice Presidents: Richard Brown, WHYC; Kathryn Collings, BYC; and Gary Sayia, CSSC

Treasurer: David H Burnham, FIYC

Secretary: Laura Hallowell, SBYC

There were no further nominations; the slate of officers was elected unanimously.

The following officers were elected by the Executive Committee:

Historians: Jim and Kristen Pluntze

Boat coordinator: Ken Jennings

Technical committee chairs: Chris Collings and Niko Kotsatos

Competition committee chair: Kathryn Collings

Commodore: Windsor Coffin

Nominating committee a chair: not yet filled

## Nationals Report

FIYC: We sailed; it was fun!

BYC: August 18-20 with racing on Saturday and Sunday. There will be a full social schedule. See the website for details and registration.

2024 WHYC

2025 BYC

2026 SBYC

2027 FIYC

#### Grant program

The Association has plenty of money to fund of the grant program but so far there has only been one recipient. It can be for the club boats in any fleet (not for privately owned boats) or any program that will get more club Bullseyes out on the water and on the line. It could be for sails or parts for the boat or equipment that makes it easier to run races, such as buoys or a countdown board. Ask! It is likely to be accepted. Chris Collings and Drinkwater will write up a form and description which the secretary can send to all members and post on the website.

#### New business

There was a suggestion to add a check off box for donations on the members' page of the website where they pay their dues. Burnham said that donations have to be used in that calendar year or will need to be returned, but otherwise there are no IRS requirements. The idea was approved and Richard Robbins will work on it.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Hallowell