

SAN FRANCISCO BAY FOLKBOAT ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Spring 2020 Meeting

I. The meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2020, was held via Zoom teleconference service. The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Attendees:

Dave Wilson
Don Wilson
Peggy Lidster
Tom Reed Sr.
James Vernon
Chris Hermann
Laurie Chambers
Mike Schlichter
Kurt Hemingsen
Richard Keldsen
Eric Kaiser
Chris Larsson
Bill Madison
Evie and David
Tom Haverstock

II. Previous Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting by email and approved.

III. A proposed agenda was distributed prior to the meeting by email by Dave Wilson.

IV. A proposed racing schedule prepared by Tom Reed Sr. was distributed prior to the meeting by email by James Vernon.

V. Reports and Discussions

- a. The Covid Cup was lauded. There was discussion about including similar events to augment the racing schedule and promote family time, favoring light air.
- b. The midwinters was discussed. According to jibeset.net, the GGYC has no opportunity for registering for racing.
- c. Tom Reed Sr. discussed the potential for holding the Internationals in 2021 or postpone to 2022. One difficulty with pushing to 2022 is scheduling difficulties with European events and the likelihood that European sailors would choose to race locally rather than come. James suggested Spring of 2022 - pending the pandemic. The vote opposed attempting to schedule a 2021 Internationals. There was no opposition to Spring 2022. The issue must be revisited as the pandemic and vaccine news develops.
- d. The Gold Cup will be held September 11-18, 2021, on Lake Constance in southern

Germany.

- e. We discussed the mast purchase. Owing to the Aluminum tariff and import duties the landed costs for a mast have increased significantly. We had previously voted to purchase 2 masts from John Mast, with a request for a third, consignment mast. Because of shipping costs, more masts are better to amortize that cost among more masts. We anticipated a cost of ~\$14K for the 2 masts. The new price may be as high as \$20K. The fleet's cash balance was unknown as our treasurer was unable to attend (but James believes the balance is \$14K). It was also unknown whether the StFYC was invoiced for the Wednesday night series in 2018 and 2019. We voted to purchase 3 masts.
- f. Kurt proposed finding a North American source. Tom Reed Sr. related that the Knarr fleet had done that. The cost of the extrusion die was around \$6K.
- g. The weekend racing schedule was discussed. In addition to the schedule proposed by Tom Reed Sr., Don Wilson had worked with Bill to develop a schedule. The preferences of many are to not have multi-day regattas (except the Woodies and Resin) and to avoid races in the East Bay and Southampton when possible. Peggy recommends the Stone Cup, the Woodies and the Joe Logan. She also recommends against the Swiftsure for Folkboats. David attempt to merge the two schedules. We did not fully bottom out on the schedule. David proposed to have an interim meeting ahead of the Spring Meeting to finalize the schedule and preserve our spot in the various regattas.
- h. David discussed the NORs for the Wednesday night series. We agreed to schedule the series to begin the last Wednesday in April pending pandemic and vaccine news.
- i. James announced that there will be no end of the year awards dinner or other social events in 2020.
- j. James is beginning his tenure as fleet president. He is seeking a volunteer for Vice President.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Stay healthy!