



Thursday, October 16, 2008

Steering Committee meeting in Hatteras at 11 am

Present: Bill Anderson, Helen VanGelder, Fan Pat, Colin Pitts, Daphne Lathouras, Fred Thomas, Janice Emerling, Maureen Pritchard, Petra Kanz and Chuck Schnee

Treasurer Report

BABA's current balance = \$11,533.36, with bills still outstanding from the East Coast Championship race.

BABA Merchandise

- Several club members have expressed interest in XXL tee shirts. We should try to factor that into an order when next placed.
- Rash guards Bill requested through Mark Bandy at East of Maui are exceptionally small in size and were not delivered in the requested colors (red, yellow and bright blue). Although they are probably the type of rash guards that should fit tight, only XXL sizes have been sold thus far. Bill will contact Mark to see if the sizes are consistent with what they have received from this vendor in the past.
- Similarly, our black hoodie sweatshirts run small (the adult unisex small size seems appropriate for Fan). However the tee shirts run true to size and the hats have been a huge success.
- We will not rush into ordering additional merchandise until our current inventory is reduced.

Officers for 2009

Maureen announced her intention to step down from the Chair role in BABA after 3 years in that position and requested thoughts about potential successors. We generally elect officers at our annual meeting in the fall, leaving only a few weeks to find a successor.

Hatteras trips for 2009

- Coby Leyden (not present) has deposits on 3 sound-front houses and Island Attitude (just across the court from the sound-front houses) for May 2009. Daphne commented that Island Attitude is a fine house but only has 2 bathrooms. It was suggested that an email be sent to potential trip attendees to gauge interest before paying a full deposit this fall. It may be that 3 houses are sufficient for May 2009.

- Considerable discussion took place about the current trip and effort put into making sure the rooming assignments were done in a harmonious fashion.
- It was suggested that we attempt to reserve Island Mist (in the middle of our row of sound-front houses) for the October 2009 trip.
- Concern has been expressed about the need for additional maintenance to the Island Creek houses.
- Discussion also took place about the need to rent houses for people who just want to attend one of our Hatteras trips, but are unlikely to contribute to the success of our club in other ways. A comment was made that some individuals may prefer to sponsor something financially, rather than to give of their time and/or talents due to family and work time constraints. We agreed to think about how some type of solicitation of that nature could help us
- Fred expressed an ongoing concern about his personal liability for the houses rented from Hatteras Realty in the October trips, as he is the only one listed as being responsible. It was decided that Maureen would accompany Fred to Hatteras Realty and try to reserve Island Mist for next October and make a formal request that they list the Baltimore Area Boardsailing Association as the rentee. (Accomplished on 10/16/08).

Stolen Bank Checks

A report was made that a number of checks were stolen from Ann Jackson earlier this summer when her car was broken into and her wallet stolen. These were checks for membership dues and other purposes and were generally for \$20 or so each. Several checks (approximately 5) were cashed by a non-BABA individual, and 5 remain outstanding at this time. We discussed whether or not to ask those who have an outstanding check to rewrite their check to BABA or make any other attempt to recover those funds. **A proposal was made and ADOPTED** to not seek reimbursement for those funds with the justification that the individuals paid BABA for their goods or services and their checks may still be cashed. Additionally, it would not be cost effective for those individuals to pay for a stop payment order.

Reschedule of ECC Sept. 27 & 28 race

- Tomaso has sent an email inquiry to all Steering Committee members asking their thoughts of rescheduling the late September races cancelled due to no wind for the last weekend in October. He proposes having the races on Saturday and Sunday and a dinner Saturday night with a potential annual meeting and season racing awards.
- We discussed how to make awards for a race season that won't end until the next day and decided that the annual meeting and dinner could take place on Saturday and awards could be distributed on Sunday at the conclusion of the races.
- A suggestion was made that we suggest a one-day race to end the racing season. Since most who attended the September event already received several meals, their 2-day fee would cover costs and eliminate the need to try to calculate

refunds, etc. (We later learned that the race notice has already been sent announcing a 2-day race.)

Sponsorships

- Marc Rosen has resigned in his role as sponsorship chair. An article was printed in the summer newsletter requesting help from our membership in following up on his leads to ongoing sponsors. However, no further effort has been undertaken this year.
- Daphne agreed to make contact with our current sponsors and hopes to acquire merchandise for raffle use at our mid-winter party early in 2009

Membership

- We will request that Ann email all on the steering committee to let us know which BABA members have not renewed their memberships for this year. That will give all steering committee members a chance to contact persons to be sure they are aware that their membership has lapsed.
- Ann will also be contacted by Hatteras trip coordinators prior to the trip to get a current listing to see who should pay for their membership with their Hatteras room fee.

Other Items

- Colin suggested that we consider conducting stand up paddleboard races on race days when waiting for sufficient wind. Comments were made that such races could also take place using longboards and kayak or other paddles. Ideally, standup paddles are 5-7" taller than the paddler and may cost \$150 or more.
- Could BABA potentially figure out how to invest in several paddles for future use?
- Others suggested that we try to have a stand up paddle race each time we have a regular BABA race. The consensus was that most would prefer to windsurf if winds allow and only conduct standup paddle races when waiting for wind.
- Maureen reminded the Steering Committee that we are still in need of a Chair for 2009.
- Fan volunteered that she and Colin would organize the mid-winter party. They are hoping to use (or possibly have BABA rent) the facilities at Podickory Point.

Adjourned at 12:30 pm