**Piseco Yacht Club**

 **Minutes from Awards Party**

**August 25, 2012**

Tom Tys convened the meeting at 6:30 PM. The minutes from the July meeting were accepted as read by Secretary Mary Hyde. As Judy Ford was not present, there was no Treasurer's report.

 Old Business: Regarding 2 boat races. There will be a separate award for 2 boat races, because to include 2 boat race results with the regular races is detrimental to the stats of racers who competed in the 2 boat races.

Tom asked if the Committee Boat started that day, but it was still problematic. Suggestions were to keep trying and leave the details with the Commodore.

Thanks to Randy Huta for letting us moor the Committee Boat at Green Jade. We will either call Randy or send him a thank you note.

We agreed to keep the Poker Run going, but have it start perhaps at 10:30 AM instead of 10:00 AM and end at 1PM. The Piseco Lake Association will include a notice about the Poker Run in their letter to lake owners. If Judy and Dave Ford are not at the lake next year, we need volunteers to take over running the Poker Run, as the club believes it is a worthwhile cause and we want to continue it.

We discussed what happens in the event of a thunderstorm. It is up to the Captain whether or not to continue racing. (However, after looking at our PYC rules, this is not exactly true - our rules state that a thunderstorm automatically cancels the race.)

We want to start using Facebook to communicate to others about the club. We can share comments, invite others to the club, post photos. Elizabeth Sczerzenie volunteered to implement. Mary Hyde will give her e-mail address of all club members, so that they can become a Facebook member of the PYC Facebook group. Elizabeth will be the administrator (Mary Hyde is also an administrator).

Remember to take your buoys out. The Committee Boat needs servicing, as members had much difficulty with the motor. Dave Ford will help with the servicing.

Racing participation this season left much to be desired. Was it due to light or no winds for much of the summer? We had a few active members become more inactive this year. How will this impact the number of races we can have next year, as we face fewer and fewer people willing to do Committee Boat? Chips suggested that we assign certain members to personally reach out and speak to those members who have dropped out and find out why. We need to grow the club. Frank pulled out a letter from 1977 in which the club faced similar circumstances.

2012 Awards were handed out as follows:

Founders Cup: 1st Chips Arend

 2nd Mark Godecki

 3rd Doug Smith

Arietta Sesq. 1st Chips Arend

 2nd Mary Hyde

Flying Scot 1st Chips Arend

 2nd Gary Hyde

Senior Regatta 1st Tom Tys

 2nd Chips Arend

 3rd Doug McIlroy

Variety Class 1st Tom Tys

 2nd Chips Arend

 3rd Mark Godecki

Juniors: 1st Brittany Toffey

 2nd Zach Ball (Captain)

 2nd Hannah Giedraitis (crewing for Zach Ball)

 3rd Becca Giedraitis

Tom Tys then passed the PYC tie to Frank Sczerzenie, who will be Commodore next year. Note that Frank does not have a Vice Commodore to assist him. We need a volunteer to step up. Please let Frank know if you will be willing to be his Vice Commodore.

We thanked Tom for being Commodore these past two years.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Hyde

Secretary