**Piseco Yacht Club**

**Minutes from Fall Meeting**

**September 22, 2012**

Commodore Frank Sczerzenie convened an ad hoc meeting of board and other members at 10:00 AM on September 22, 2012. Some members were concerned about the future of the club due to lack luster participation in the 2012 season. In attendance were Judy and Dave Ford, Mary Hyde, Tom Tys and Mark Godecki.

The Committee Boat was an issue this past season. Dave Ford has taken it to Keith Ford to work on. The motor appears to be fine, but new cables are needed from the control box to the motor. This will either be done now or in the Spring. The Board authorized Dave to fix anything on the boat up to $200.00 without contacting Commodore Sczerzenie, because during the season, this may be necessary in order to get a quick fix. Dave is also going to ask Keith to pressure clean the deck to get the moss out.

We worked on the 2013 Schedule. Out of 16 scheduled race days during the 2012 season, only 9 days actually had races, either due to the weather (mostly no wind) or no participation. A draft schedule was agreed upon, and will be sent to members. Changes to Committee Boat duty should be handled through Commodore Frank Sczerzenie. As we have fewer members able to do Committee Boat duty, we eliminated the first race of the season, as well as one race day in August. We tried to keep the majority of the races towards the middle of the season by cutting down on races at the beginning and end of the season. If you are scheduled to be on call for the entire weekend, note that if your race does not occur on the Saturday for ANY reason (thunder, no wind, no participation), you will be required to be available to do your Committee Boat duty on the Sunday. We have labeled this on the schedule "Alternative" date instead of "Rain" date.

Tom Tys suggested that if there is no one to do the Committee Boat, we should still have the race, but do it as a Self Start/ Self Timed race. Tom will draft up procedures and give to Commodore Sczerzenie.

The summer picnic will be held either at the Withington's or the Ford's camp. The Awards Party will be held at the Hyde's camp. The Poker Run will be run by Dave and Judy Ford, will be held on July 13, and will start at 11:00 AM and end at 1:30 PM.

Buoy assignments for next year will be:

#2 and #3 Chips Arend

#4 Ed Cox

#6 and #7 Ken Hull

#8 and #9 Gary Hyde

#5, #5A and #5B Randy Huta

Please store the buoys inside.

Judy reported that we are spending more money than we are taking in. We approved raising sailing dues to $50.00, non sailing to $25.00, and the cost of the picnic will be $5.00 per person. Note that children older than 18 are included in a family membership as long as they are in school.

We also discussed that we give out too many trophies, and this will be looked at next year. For example, if there are only 4 sailors eligible in a certain category, we should only give out 1st and 2nd place trophies.

In order to get new members, we would like a notice about the club, along with our race schedule, to be included in the Piseco Lake Association's mailing over the winter. We believe that Chips Arend will be handling this instead of Bill Edwards.

Mary Hyde reported that Amy Ball wants to do a Junior Clinic the week of July 4th next year. Commodore Frank Sczerzenie suggested that we give out Amy's e-mail address for interested Juniors to contact her directly. We need to check with Amy to see if this works for her.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hyde

Secretary