



THE COCKTAIL CLASS WOODEN BOAT RACING ASSOCIATION

Executive Team Meeting Minutes July 16, 2024 7:15pm

Attendance: Fred Allerton, Commodore; Tara Carew, VC, Jeff Weeber, Treasurer; Lena Cantera; Secretary; Keith Carew, Past Commodore, Ray Crowley, National Fleet Captain, Chris Norman, Member at Large; Peter Urbani

May Meeting Minutes: Motion to Approve, Fred Allerton. 2nd, Ray Crowley

Treasurer's Report: Jeff's report Deferred to next meeting, Tara reported \$400 in petty cash

2024 Race Calendar:

- 7/27 **Commodore Cup** – Keith composing announcement to be sent out
- 8/17 **Nationals** – Peter and Jack handling awards
- 9/21 **Great Oaks Landing**
- 10/12 **TK Walker Memorial Tennessee Cup**

2024 Shows & Festival Events:

- 10/31-11/3 **Sultana's Downrigging Festival**, Chestertown, MD

Wooden Boat Show Report

- (7/16/24) Fred reported that the activity at the CCWBRA exhibit booth was higher than last year. The booth was ideally located for visibility and drawing traffic. We had an email signup sheet and picked up about 30 MailChimp subscribers. CCWBRA again conducted the Mystic River Rumble for WoodenBoat Magazine and Mystic Seaport Museum staff, and that attracted a good-sized crowd. The July Happy Hour featured an informative report.

Pending Events:

- (10/5-6) St. Michael's Mid-Atlantic SCF: (7/16/24) All agreed that this event has great potential for CCWBRA outreach. Anyone interested should notify Fred or Lena regarding their intent to participate. Check your schedules for Oct. 5-6. We should confirm our participation soon with St. Michael's.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bylaws - 2024 Update:

- (7/16/24) Jeff mentioned that Atty Schuchman has not yet replied to our requests regarding the Bylaws review. The Exec concurred that Tom should contact a law practice that he has retained in the past for consulting on non-profit organization business.

Board of Directors: Update

- (5/14/24) Business pending for Board of Directors: Approval of 2024 Racing Handbook after final draft is completed. **(7/16/24) No update.**

2024 Handbook/ rule revisions: Update

- **(5/14/24)** The FINAL DRAFT, as proposed by the Rules Committee, includes elimination of the European CE 1385 Standard developed for white water canoeing helmets. That revision would be effective beginning with the 2025 racing season. During the meeting strong objections were raised by Todd S. and Keith C. regarding the elimination of that standard. As a result of the ensuing discussion, the CE 1385 helmet issue was put on hold pending further review of CCWBRA's position on protective gear for personal safety and on liability. Also, an investigation was suggested for possible alternatives to the CE 1385 standard that could address not only the concerns raised at the meeting, but also compatibility with speeds related to Cocktail Class racing. Refer to separate email memo from Atty Iliff to Execs regarding helmets, compatibility of standards to use, and liability.

Exec Team also spent time reviewing other FINAL DRAFT revisions overall and provided additional edits which Tara recorded. Tara will forward revised DRAFT with those modifications to Execs.

- **(7/16/24)** The ongoing helmet rule discussion resumed. Keith made the argument for broadening the range of approved helmet certifications; with parameters based on racing conditions other than racing speed; Pete offered thoughts on not just helmets but other safety issues that deserve attention. Notes on Pete's points will be sent separately. The Exec Team agreed that a separate committee should work off-line to investigate and provide a recommendation regarding the appropriate helmet parameters, research optional helmet certifications, and report back.
- **(7/17/24 Post-meeting Update)** Fred assigned the Safety Committee, as the Standing Committee for issues of PPE, to be tasked with the helmet rule issue. The SC. will investigate our options regarding: helmet performative parameters, optional and applicable certifications. They will deliberate and recommend revisions, if required, to the helmet rule. The following have been assigned as de facto members of the SC. After the helmet issue is resolved, they may remain as members of the SC. if they so choose, to participate in other upcoming safety matters. Chris Norman, Safety Chair will organize and schedule the helmet meeting(s):

Keith Carew, Todd Steffes, Ray Crowley, Peter Urbani, Charles Iliff, Fred Allerton, Tom Kerr.

Website updates

- (5/14/24) Posting “Race Results” in “What’s New”: Connie installed a Google Drive demo. Decision by Execs pending.
- (7/16/24) Exec Team decided to not utilize the Google Drive link for “Race Results,” and instead post results in list form.
Lena is working with Connie on “About Us” personnel updates and email links.

AV Plates & Skua Plans on CLC Website

- (5/14/24) (10) AV Plates were delivered to CLC. Final coordination of CCWBRA link to CLC back door pending.
- (7/16/24) Keith will check with CLC on status of set up of the website sales.

NEW BUSINESS:

Merch -

Hats:

- Terry Loewen (Hi Def Embroidery) provided a batch of hats. Fred handed them off to the Carew’s (7/13) to bring to upcoming events. Purchase price (and our cost): \$25.
- Keith mentioned P.O.S. retailers, such as Lands’ End and Team One Newport, where we can set up the sale of customized clothing with Cocktail Class branding via a “Club Store”. Ray will investigate. Our website can share a link to direct members to the P.O.S. retailer.

Racing Equipment -

Equipment that in the Red Trailer, with home base at Urbani’s in Rock Hall:

- Big yellow container to organize items - provided by Peter
- Race marks with storage bags
- Anchors: 2 or 3 folding claw type, one mushroom, 6 – 8 lbs. concrete cylinder type
- Safety boat motor: Johnson 8hp - provided by Jeff – Fred to record maintenance dates under the engine cover
- Digital starter system
- White boards w/ case

Rule: Note #6 (6th bullet) in NOR, “5. Motor Classes & Weight Handicaps”:

- **Rule states: “A Driver may compete only in one race per motor category.” The Exec Team concurred as follows: If this rule is not observed at a particular event per the RD’s discretion, then scoring for any annual award (which is based on overall accumulated scoring of multiple events) shall regardless adhere to the rule. For the scoring of the annual award, only the score of one event per motor category shall be counted for that driver.**

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Membership Committee
(AKA Promotion/Marketing):
Ray Crowley, Chair

Rules Committee:
Jim Schmicker, Racing Rules Chair
Tara Carew, General Rules Director

Appeals Committee:
Capt. Peter Urbani, Chair

Safety Committee:
Chris Norman, Chair

Design Committee:
Keith Carew, Chair

Ship Store:
Ray Crowley, Manager

Engine Committee:
Charlie Iliff, Chair
Members: C. Bluefeld, S. Wearly, R. Bowler,
Art Gompf

2024 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE: 2nd Tues of the month, 7:15pm (unless otherwise announced)

July 16, 2024	October 8, 2024
Aug 13, 2024	November 12, 2024
September 10, 2024	December 10, 2024

Motion to Adjourn : Lena, 2nd , Keith