

# Hobie Class Assoc.- Division 4 AGM Minutes

11/19/16 Nelson Home, Renton WA

Called to order by Laura Sullivan approx. 11am

Established a Quorum of 9 (min 6) eligible voters per bylaws of the Division (see PPT slide for voter list).

In attendance (arriving various times):

Paul Carter	Kelly Havig	Hannah Cooke	Della Hoag
Bob Combie	Tim Dorwin	Todd Morrill	Jennifer Hoag
Laura Sullivan	Jere Bott	Al Jones	Josh Markovich
Peter Nelson	Jaedon Bott	Kailey Jones	Dave Wilder
Will Nelson	Scot Chapman	Martin Hollinworth	Paul Evenden
Ron White	Tim Webb	John Hoag	

Laura presented the Agenda for the meeting.

Paul Carter, Treasurer presented financials;

Total funds in the Division accounts as of 11/19/16 is: \$6,404.06

This is broken into the original Main operating account at \$3,629.64 and the "North American" account created for NA events at \$2,774.42

Another approx. \$633 cash is not included, pending decisions on Youth Program funding, these funds are provided by Harrison Hot Springs regatta to be used for Youth.

Tim Dorwin requested funding be provided for minimum safety gear for our chase and committee boats.

**Action:** Tim D. is researching appropriate first aid kits and dry bags, plus other assorted items like righting lines etc and will request (to Paul C) purchase by the Division. Expected to be less than \$100 each, for three boats.

Laura presented a slide listing "what worked" and "didn't work" from our 2016 planning. Main take away was lack of follow through on youth and rules clinic type of events.

A discussion ensued on Rules Clinics and providing the ability to weigh any Hobie at several events.

It was decided the hanging scales would be provided for voluntary use at Cultus Lake and Quinault.

It may be required to weigh-in at Quinault NWAC unless the boat has been weighed at a NA within a year.

**Action:** Laura has the scale and wood support assembly and will try to get the scale officially certified.

**Action:** Paul E. plans to do a rules clinic at Cultus Lake.

Social Media was discussed, regarding the use of Facebook, local Sailing publications, YouTube and the website.

Plans still exist for using YouTube to publish our own set of "How to" videos for beginners on setting up and sailing Hobie Cats. We talked about automating links between Twitter, the website, and Facebook for postings.

We also talked about providing a forum for listing parts and boats to sell/share, or needed by others.

**Action:** Peter will keep working on organizing and creating the videos, with help from others (like Josh and Matt M.)

**Action:** Paul C. will work to "clean up" the accounts like Twitter, and automate linkage between accounts (with Will)

**Action:** Will N. will add a link to the website homepage to the existing HCANA Division Forums instead of building our own. They can be used for the boats and parts swap, buy, sell, notify etc.

Paul Evenden provided a discussion on the pending proposal for hosting a Hobie 16 NA event at Harrison Hot Springs.

At HCA request, the proposal has been moved from 2018 to 2019, and is expected to be accepted.

The dates would be the 3rd week of September.

Paul will add the Hobie 20 class to the proposal as suggested by others at HCA.

## LUNCH BREAK

Peter went over the sailing survey he had sent out. He will have the full results. Main takeaways were;

Regatta/location listing from #1 are NWAC Quinault, Harrison, Skamokawa, SPLASH & Jericho

There is a lot of interest in helping to organize an event, so must ask sailors/members to help.

There is a lot of interest in rules clinic and guest speaker type of learning events

Discussed planning for Hobie 16 Kid's camp week at SSP. Talked about anyone being welcome to come and assist.

**Action:** Jere B. will look for a good date within the SSP schedule to have local sailors come and take kids out at SSP.

More of this discussion occurred at the end during the youth program topic.

**Action:** Paul C and Bob C will work with Tim Player and Kaitlin as liaisons to SSP instructors.

Tim D. led discussion of Chase Boat Procedures.

Tim worked on a list of procedures. It was decided to publish these procedures out to the fleets and use them as guidelines for all points events. Mostly it requires 2 chase and one committee boat minimum, and the chase operators are in charge. They need qualified assistants that can control the boat if necessary, and will not be available to photographers unless a third chase boat is available.

**Action:**Laura will publish the guidelines to the Division

**Action:**Laura will work on creating a list/DB of known/possible people qualified to assist BIMBOs.

Paul Evenden handed out the season scoring results.

**Action:**Paul will update the results with some missing events, (and share with Will for the website).

**Action:**It was decided to advise all Division sailors to consistently register under one skipper to avoid fracturing of points.

Peter and Paul C need to make sure this is shared to the Division.

**Action:**Laura will double check the class rules governing "points" regattas, and the 3 mixed events allowed. Need details regarding the classes and numbers or separate start required etc.

A tentative 2017 schedule was worked out with all in attendance.

**Action:**Tim Webb recorded into a spreadsheet and shared to most attending. Peter or Laura can share to the Division.

We talked briefly about the current communications between HCANA and the Div. Commodores. Asking that more communication occur to the Division officers and/or members.

Paul C asked about interest in accounting details regarding accounts. It was determined that separate accounts is not too important, but we must be able to separate Youth Program funds from Operation funds, either by account or other classes.

**Action:**Paul C will choose, dependent on accounting programs, to merge checking accounts into one.

The remaining time was spent discussing options for a Youth Program.

Laura and Peter have offered to setup of a separate 501c3 entity to take in donations and use Laura's extra boats as lease boats to kids for annual use. They both may have pending financial resources to use for funding this entity. Many attendees felt we should focus on first locating pockets of kids, getting the kids excited and out on boats for first time experience. Then focus on a boat lease program. There is a limited time to take advantage of the financial resource offer for this new entity. We discussed doing it ourselves vs using Sail Sand Point and their existing 501c3 status and structure to create and manage this kind of fund. We need more information on options either way.

**Action:**Paul C has contacted Leslie Keller for advice, and the initial response is to try and work with SSP.

**Action:**Della H stepped up with her experience to assist in how to plan and organize a youth program. She will work with Tim W. to setup a "Camp" committee, with members and duties, events and dates. The plan will be to begin with spring single day events to build interest through SSP and our youth circle of friends. Then build to a three day camp to be held Wed/Thu/Fri prior to NWAC at Quinault.

**Action:**Further discussion will be needed as soon as practical to provide Laura and Peter with an avenue to keep funding available to the Division Youth!

5:12pm Meeting as formally adjourned.

Special thanks for Laura and Peter for organizing, plus Will and Ruth and friends for helping to plan, procure, prepare and cook a great Mexican themed dinner for all. And for the TV so those remaining could enjoy the Husky game! Thanks!!