

ORR Committee Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2010

Phoenix, AZ

Committee members present: Pete Reichelsdorfer, Jim Teeters, Dan Nowlan, Gino Patino, Dick Hampikian, Jerry Fipps

Participants via conference call: Bill Lee, Frank Kern, John Winder, Shawn O'Neill

Special guests: 8 observers present

- I. Meeting called to order at 12:10 p.m.
- II. Approval of Spring 2010 meeting minutes
- III. US Sailing is looking into creating a relational database. It will track a boat's measurement in all rules within the database while serving as a checks and balance to catch any errors. This is a process and will require multiple stages.
- IV. Offshore Director's Report: Dan Nowlan presented the health of ORR with a drop in certificates in '09 with an expectation to increase in '10. The ORR Scratch Sheet page was illustrated and can be downloaded to Excel and is 'sortable'.
- V. Associate Director's Report: Jim Teeters highlighted the necessary on-going program development- all of which has been funded by SYRF. Jim walked the committee through the off wind program and proposal for work submitted to SYRF.
- VI. Role of SYRF- Pete Reichelsdorfer gave the history of SYRF and its reason for being. It was brought up that SYRF should have a link to the ORR website. A motion was made and seconded to create the link. Pete reported that SYRF had funded \$150,000 worth of work since its inception. Jim reminded the group as to the importance of giving and that SYRF is a 501c3
- VII. ORROA –Frank Kern reported that the main thing accomplished by ORROA's first year was to give the rule some support. The first Great Lakes series had a variety of support with 50 entrants. The org was put together from scratch to add legitimacy to the rule. ORROA used a professional PR and marketing firm to publicize the initiative and will use the winter to seek out the next region to implement the series. Ultimately, the series brought attendance up in the different races.

- VIII. ORR Lite- Frank Kern shared that people want a simple rule and they want it cheap. Discussion revolved around how this would happen, the role of Jim Teeters and whether to require new measurements or not. Pete Reichelsdorfer suggested forming a sub-committee to study the gap between ORR and PHRF. Pete will decide who the chairperson will be and added Frank Kern, Ron White, Jim Taylor, and Dick Hampikian to the team to look into this. A motion was made and seconded to have this team look into this.
- IX. Adjourn- Motion to adjourn and seconded 2:03 p.m.