

RHODE ISLAND STATE YACHTING COMMITTEE

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A meeting of the Committee was held at 12:15 pm on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation, Providence, R.I.

In attendance were: Paul Harden, invited guest, RIEDC; Members: Mrs. Sheehan
Messrs. Gowell, Hazelhurst, Stevens, Plumb, Keyworth, Holley, Magee, Herreshoff, Olsen,
Wallace

Apologies were received from Dyer Jones, G. Hoyt, D. Holley, R. Hopkins, T. Field, P. Willis,
J. Hilton. Not attending Messrs Hogoboom, Hall, Brodeur, Mayor of Newport/representative.

1. Chairman Wallace opened the meeting, declared a quorum to be present and welcomed those in attendance, thanking Paul Harden for joining and hosting the meeting
2. The draft minutes of the April 24, 2013 previously circulated were approved unanimously.
3. The Chairman invited Mr. Keyworth, head of the subcommittee on the future of RISYC to present the findings.
4. Mr. Keyworth thanked those who served on the subcommittee including RISYC members Wallace, Olsen and Gowell. Others members included Paul Harden, Brad Read, Sheila McCurdy, Paul Callahan and Vivian Spencer. The committee's approach was to first review the initial Executive Order in 1980 establishing the RISYC and two amendments in 1982 and 1988. The subcommittee proposed a new commission be appointed called The Rhode Island Sailing Events Commission with twenty-one appointed members to include representatives from DEM, RIEDC, city of Newport, the congressional delegation, RI marine trades, a range of sailing programs to include national, community, collegiate, clubs and disabled sailors and several at-large members. The duties of the new commission will be to attract and support events, assist the RI Sailing foundation with fundraising, serve as advisor to local and state leaders and deliver an annual report to the General Assembly. A draft Executive Order has been prepared and is under legal review. The Governor is expected to issue the Order and has expressed interest in making the announcement of the Commission. The final action of the subcommittee was to prepare an Executive/General Assembly Report through June 2013. Documents circulated at the meeting included the written subcommittee report, past Executive Orders, the Aug 19 draft of a new Executive Order and the RISYC General Assembly Report. Remaining to be done are bylaws (Gowell) and a financial plan (Olsen).
5. Committee discussion on the report included the substitution of "Sailing" in the new title rather than "Yachting", transferring the financial balance (\$1829.25) to the new Commission and maintaining the relationship with Newport to encourage future appropriations.

6. The committee accepted the report of the subcommittee and thanked the members for their efforts.
7. Current members and others who are interested in serving on the new Rhode Island Sailing Events Committee should write a letter of interest to Jonathan Stevens c/o the Governor's Office.
8. The meeting adjourned at 1305

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