

**MARQUETTE LASER FLEET
2019 SPRING ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
4/30/19 @ MYC CLUBHOUSE**

Present: Michael Sauer, Neil Lynch, Al Strandlie, Michael Twohey, Hannah Lewis, Chad Lewis, Sheena Ketchum, Kyle Bloch, Ben Andrus, Matt Zavislak, Don LaChapelle

AGENDA:

1. Housekeeping
2. Starting Sequence Change
3. Host a kid's race with students from the MJYC
4. Welcome new members
5. RC Boat
6. Fleet Finances and dues structure
7. Schedule
8. Hosting District 19 Championships
9. Laser Fleet Projects

MINUTES:

1. All Lasers stored at the MYC grounds need to owners to be current on their membership, have paid their upland storage fee, and be a MYC member in good standing. Trailers should have the name of the owner on the tongue of the trailer. Boats should have a MYC dinghy sticker attached to the transom. Please contact Michael Twohey for stickers or if you have a question.
2. Fleet discussed changing start sequence from 5,4,1,GO to 3,2,1,GO. Everyone was in favor of the change and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Fleet discussed hosting a kid's race on Sunday, August 4th and having the fleet skip racing that day. This would dovetail nicely with the end of MJYC classes. MJYC will discuss having the end of the year party immediately following the race. Laser fleet members would let a MJYC student race in their boats with the student and/or guardian signing a damage waiver.
4. The Fleet welcome Sheena Ketchum and Kyle Bloch. Shenna is a Professor at NMU, sails Lasers, and recently moved to the area. Kyle has lived in Marquette for a while and has small boat racing experience. Kyle works at Lewis Boat shop.
5. Chad mentioned that he felt that the Laser Fleet was putting in more gas to the RC boat than it was using. Our current arrangement is \$200 annual fee, in-kind maintenance work, and 5 gallons of gas per week. Michael will discuss the 2019 season with Chad Lewis and Jennifer Grant.

Fleet also discussed an automatic start sequence. Fleet elected to look at this from a MYC level since it would benefit both fleets. Ben Andrus has done some research on Amazon and will do some further research this season.

6. The Marquette Laser Fleet checking balance is \$693.23. The fleet discussed the current dues structure of \$50.00 for the season and left it unchanged.
7. The 2019 racing schedule will be a 16 week schedule starting on June 16th and ending on Saturday October 5th, which is the day of the Dinghy Free For All (DFFA). The DFFA will be the season ending regatta for the 2019 season.

Exceptions are:

A fun race will be held June 9th on Teal Lake with Don LaChapelle hosting at his home.

The fleet will not race on Sunday, August 4th as it will be hosting a kid's regatta with the MJYC

8. Michael is still in discussion with Ken Swetka, District 19 Captain, on hosting the 2019 District 19 Championship's on the weekend of October 5th, nothing concrete and more to follow.
9. Michael discussed MYC projects that the Laser Fleet could help with. Ideas include: concrete work, RC Boat maintenance, and the construction of storage lockers for Laser equipment.