Call to Order: 8:47 a.m. EDT by President Will Kresic.


Minutes
Motion to accept the Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting as published in the Windward Leg, by Gail Turluck, seconded by Sonya Dean, passed.

President’s Report
Have had a good regatta. Will try to keep meeting brief. Had a good year, Midwinters went well. We have lost a few members compared to last year. New system, Wild Apricot, could help us in the future. We’re working through it. In order to maintain the Class and keep regattas going we continue to recruit people to come to events, regattas, Region Championships, North American Championships, encourage them to join the Class, have people enjoy the Class like we do. Anything you can do to reach out to sailors: email, call, etc., to grow the Class and keep people involved is strongly encouraged. Technology is key, reaching out by social media and having Sunfish Class out there on people’s minds, the more we do that, more chance we have of having younger people see Sunfish is something they can have a lot of fun with and continue to enjoy the sport. All members are encouraged to submit posts for the web site, post to the “Sunfish Listserv” page on Facebook, Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/sunfishclass/), more presence we have the better. If you go to a regatta, please write up an article and send it to the Office, Vicki Palmer and Gail Turluck.

Treasurer’s Report
This year has been difficult for the Class. Bank accounts still have a positive balance. The change this year is we are collecting one year of membership rather than people paying two years at discount. Next year will normalize this. Income is to promote regattas and organize regattas. Membership dues, Sunfish Bible selling better than last year, advertisement on web site are current income sources. $2600 in Sunfish Bible sales. Money we collect goes to have web site, Class Office. 67% of our income goes to the cost of Class Office, 22% goes to ISCA ($15 per member). Cash is $12,000 in the bank. Do we want to continue to pay for a Class Office or do we want to find volunteers to handle the membership management and web site? We need at least $6,000 to pay through the end of this year. There are 732 members to date. A number of members paid 2 years last year. We will have a more realistic number in 2020, as all will pay 1 year. There were 759 members this time 2018.
Eduardo question—since we have about the same number of members with membership solicitation only electronically, it’s important for the Class to recognize we have a large number of members that don’t do email. If you want to keep people in, use other means than just email and accept checks. Mailing to those without email is of critical importance.

A suggestion from the floor was to add a check box on our application for how to renew: email with link to Wild Apricot, automatic in Wild Apricot, mailed paper form with check payment. This works well in other organizations. In Sunfish Class, paper memberships have been up to 25% of membership recently.

A Motion of Thanks to Eduardo Cordero for his years of fine service to the Sunfish Class brought a standing ovation.

World Council Report
Rich Chapman - Rules changes approved for the Class by the ISCA World Council: rudder position change, electronic compasses; both of these proposals were sent to World Sailing for consideration and approval. They will not be legal for use until World Sailing approves the proposals.

Larry Mass – The Sunfish Class agreement with Laser Performance and World Sailing is not complete, Laser Performance has not signed it.

On relations with Laser Performance, Buttons Padin met with them 5-6 times in last 6 months. Seems like they want to work with the Class, working on getting a construction manual, World Sailing has one featuring 1972-73 drawings. Working on sponsorship agreement for Laser Performance supplied boats for 3-5 years for the World Championship. Laser Performance has a short term goal to have Sunfish represented on more continents, adding Europe, Asia, and Africa. Communications with them are better than they’ve been in our memory. Laser situation has scared them a little bit, maybe.

What can be put on shirts, etc.? Can use Sunfish®. ISCA and Laser Performance signed trademark agreement. The Class owns ISCA™. Logo use in conjunction with a regatta is fine.

Advisory Council Report
Last year’s meeting at World Championship led to submission for two changes approved by the World Council that were sent in to World Sailing for approval. The vertical rudder blade concept is great, logistics of making it work is awkward. Looking to make sure the Class, if this is approved by World Sailing, that we could later elect to not use it. When you pop up the changed rudder, the springs pop off. As we look to proceed with this change, it may need engineering improvement to make sure it works right. Need to make sure Sunfish Class maintains its sovereignty for its own decisions and management.

Paul Welles and I have worked together, he is going to step away. John Condon is willing to run for our Advisory Council Nominee II. If you have questions or suggestions about our boat and equipment, please email me. We need to do things in a calculated and proper fashion. If the rudder change is approved by World Sailing, sailors will need to observe, as ISCA World Council approved, the requirement to stay with the rudder style you start a regatta with.
Election
Secretary – Emily Wagner

Advisory Council Nominees - Jim Koehler
                John Condon

Master Events – Brian McGinness

Womens Events – Gail Heausler

Nominations Coordinator - Tom Katterheinrich

Gulf Coast - None

Midwest - Tom Katterheinrich

Southwest - Stewart Draheim

West - None

Motion to elect the nominees for office by acclimation by Chris Gates, second by Rich Chapman, passed unanimously.

Announcement of Next Annual Meeting and North American Championship
A host is in development and it is anticipated this will be announced in the July issue of Windward Leg.

Motion to adjourn by Tom Katterheinrich, 9:18 am EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. Turluck
Secretary Pro Tem