

## Cortez Racing Association

Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025, Location: SWYC

1. Call to Order: 1837

Roll Call: *Keith Ericson, Chris Seidel, Chuck Bowers, Dale Greaney, Carolyn Sherman, Susi Graff, Shelly Raming, Toralf Strand, Colleen Cooke*

2. Quorum – YES - *Article V: Section 7. Meetings: A regular meeting shall be held each month. Seven Officers shall constitute a quorum.*

3. Introduction of Guests: *NONE*

4. Announcements: *NONE*

5. Review and Approve Minutes: November 6, 2025 – *Vote - YES unanimous*

6. Treasurer's Report to include Accounts Receivable – *reported bank statement – all bills paid*

7. Email Votes - *NONE*

8. Old Business

### **CRA Race Check List -**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18kLpicb\\_YzPcxa6udOI8pwK46ZLPEvoFu1lrSH9lAQ/edit?ts=569810eb#gid=2135070042](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18kLpicb_YzPcxa6udOI8pwK46ZLPEvoFu1lrSH9lAQ/edit?ts=569810eb#gid=2135070042)

a. Holiday Party – *well attended – good energy – need two bars and possibly a cashier to allow bartenders to pour drinks only – good food*

b. Fall Regatta, 11/15 – *strong winds – only 4 boats raced*

c. Year End Regatta, 12/13 – *need permit, trophies, photographer, boat and driver for photographer – venue confirmed at SWYC, photographer, boat and driver for photographer confirmed – permit confirmed*

d. Winter Regatta, 1/17 – *need sponsor, permit, PRO, venue, food, drink, raffle prizes, trophies, photographer, boat and driver for photographer – Dale to work on venue – permit filed – PRO Colleen*

- e. Midwinters, 2/15 – need permit, PRO, venue, food, drink, photographer, boat and driver for photographer – *permit not required – venue SWYC*
- f. Commodore's Cup – PLYC wants to be included with a double handed class – *discussion – Colleen to go back to PLYC to further work out the details*
- g. RC boat "Dennis Conner" – *Keith spliced a new anchor chain snubber – Jerry repaired leaking water hose related to removed water heater – still some leaking issues from shower head – Toralf will take a look at the leak and if he can not fix it then Chris Donathan will be called in to do the repairs.*
- h. Response to Bluewater Racing Project – see Minutes 11/6/25 – CRA says no to PBWR - Based on the sub committee's recommendation, CRA declined to accept any money from PBWR directed toward the proposed match racing program. However, CRA may be able to help with and is open to the education aspect of the proposal. This decision has been communicated to PBWR
- i. Associate membership – *some discussion about inviting the sailing public to some of our events*

## 9. New Business

- a. High Point Rules 2026 – Keith encourages a change to drop fleets and classes and award the top boats throughout all boats – this year we gave a High Point Award to a boat that scored only 42.6% - while several boats with far better scores did not get an award – *discussion – Dale suggests setting a threshold of 70% for any boat to earn a High Point Award – Motion to add a threshold of 75% so only boats scoring 75% or more will earn the High Point Awards – Vote – YES 8, NO 1 - passed.*
- b. Dinner for the Board – Shelly to investigate venue and suggest some dates
- c. Suggesting Guidelines for Director at Large Ways & Means concerning sponsorship – as soon as possible after the yearly calendar is announced check in with all of last year's sponsors and confirm their plans to continue – two months before every event confirm all aspects of sponsorship including but not limited to venue, trophies, raffle prizes, photographer, and boat for photographer – continue to recruit new sponsors for unsponsored events

10. New Member applications sent by email for approval vote since the last meeting – NONE

11. New Member applications (in need of approval) – NONE

12. Directors Reports:

Commodore: *no report*

Vice Commodore: *reported by email by outgoing Rear Commodore Jerry Lewis - As outgoing Rear Commodore I report that the High Point awards vendor screwed up and shipped the \$711 worth of trophies by FedEx Ground, missing our due date. Vendor apologized and stated that's their first missed shipment in 25 years of business. I quickly made some substitute trophies so winners would have something to hold onto for their phot ops. Now I'm stuck with delivering their real trophies.*

Rear Commodore: *no report*

Fleet Captain: *no report*

Secretary: *no report*

Treasurer: *no report*

Communications Director: *no report*

Director at Large: *not present*

Director at Large Ways & Means: *not present*

Junior Staff Commodore: *no report*

PHRF Representative: *PHRF SD Annual Meeting will be at its regular monthly Board Meeting*

Membership Director: *not present*

Race Committee Chair: *no report*

10. 2035 Adjourn

11. Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, January 8, 2026

Addendum PBWR

Written response to PBWR's November proposal:

As you are aware, the Cortez Racing Association (CRA) is an Organizing Authority that puts on 12 monthly regattas and 10 Beer Can races each year. Our membership is primarily boat owners who join CRA to race their own boats. We fulfill our mission statement by "*offering interesting race events and social activities for a modest annual fee*" to our membership.

The CRA board is all volunteer and structured to support the monthly regatta and Beer Can races we offer. The addition of a match racing program and the ownership of race boats by CRA is a huge expansion of scope to our current operations and our core mission. This expanded scope and boat ownership would simply overwhelm the board and dilute our ability to execute our core mission. As such, we respectfully decline to accept any money directed toward the match racing program and partnership that PBWR envisions.

Further, the CRA board must remain an independent body, free to always act in the best interest of our membership. As such the CRA board cannot become contractually obligated to act on behalf of another organization or form partnerships that compromise CRA's independence.

The CRA board may be able to help with the educational aspect of the PBWR proposal by managing the disbursement of scholarships in the 2026 calendar year, subject to review. However, CRA must remain fully independent in this regard. As such, the criteria used to make the awards and choose the recipients will be at the sole discretion of CRA.

CRA does want to continue our good relationship with PBWR and support, as we are able, the match racing endeavour. PBWR's vision for match racing in San Diego bay is a worthy cause and would be of great benefit to the local sailing community. CRA wishes PBWR much success.

Best Regards,  
Dale Greaney

Vice Commodore  
Cortez Racing Association