

**Lake Geneva Yacht Club
Board of Directors Meeting
July 16, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Lake Geneva Yacht Club Board of Directors was held at the Lake Geneva Yacht Club on Saturday July 16, 2011 at 3:00 PM.

Present: Michael Keefe, Commodore
John Simms, Jr., Vice Commodore
Donald Holst, Rear Commodore
John DeCarlo, Secretary
F. Terrence Blanchard, Treasurer

Directors:

William Bentsen
Tim Doran
Rodney Rieger
Dana Rolander
Frank Davenport

Excused: Marie Kropp
Arthur Larson
Robert Youngquist
Paul Wood
Tim Doran
James Smith

Guests: David Navin
Jerry Millsap
Bob Pegel
David Williams
Robert Winter
Kathleen DeCarlo

Document Approval – Minutes of Previous Meeting

Michael Keefe made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2011 meeting of the Board of Directors with corrections. Terry Blanchard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Manager's Report

Kim Bliss reviewed the trial membership program and reported that six individuals have signed up. Since July 1 they have spent approximately \$1800 on food and beverages, and all have expressed interest in moving to full membership next year. Kim discussed the dingy fleet event and believed it went well.

Commodore's Report

Michael Keefe reviewed the results of his meeting with members of the GLSS and the architects to discuss the preliminary concepts for a joint structure. The concept we are contemplating calls for a building of no more than 10,000 sq feet on two floors, GLSS on the first floor and LGYC on the second. This footage is indoor space, decks will be part of the plan but are in addition to the 10,000 or less footage. The goal being to get most of what we want for no more than \$2,000,000

Michael Keefe presented his concept for a town hall meeting of LGYC and GLSS members on Saturday August 6 at 2 PM. He announced that the LYGS/GLSS Building Committee is made up of the following LGYC members: Don Holst, John Zils, and Michael Keefe. The LGYC/GLSS Campaign/Finance Committee which has the responsibility to investigate the mechanism to raise capital and develop a format for recording capital expenditure will be chaired by Terry Blanchard. He will appoint appropriate members to this committee

Vice Commodore's Report

John Simms reported that the House and Grounds Committee is pursuing improvements to Building Three and the area around Building One. The dry hydrant inlet will be removed in a few weeks. Don Holst and Bill Barrett will work on the south side of Building Three to alleviate the hydraulic pressure by installing drain tiles. We will be evaluating the need for a second phone line.

A contractor has been hired to spray for spiders and other insects to make the deck more pleasant. A new plumber evaluated the grease trap and advised that is 75 percent undersized. The carpet will be cleaned shortly, but replacement should be considered. We will be investigating other methods to improve ventilation in the building since this persists in being a problem.

The food service has been doing well with consistent monitoring by Terry. We had a financially successful wedding that contributed to the food and beverage numbers.

Rear Commodore's Report

Don Holst reported that a number of new PRO's and Race Committee members have participated this year, and he is optimistic for future PRO development. Lengthy discussion was held regarding the responsibility of fleet representatives and the fleet captain. There have been a number of complaints by sailors regarding race management. Don Holst believed we should avoid the word complaint and criticism of race management and be more concerned with developing a conversation between sailors and the Race Committee to improve the overall program. Don Holst and John DeCarlo will attempt to develop better communication within the present framework. John DeCarlo noted that we are all reluctant to interact with the Race Committee prior to the race and that the Race Committee is perceived as being reluctant to receive suggestions. Don Holst noted that the proper use of the SI's and better communication between fleet representatives and the Rear Commodore should solve many of the problems. John and Don will attempt to formulate a plan to improve communication.

Don reported that the parent race would proceed as planned. Dana Rolander anticipated five boats for this event and was considering sailing in the event.

Don noted that the starting time for one of the Thursday Melges 24 races was missing from the schedule and notification will be posted with a starting time of 5:30 PM.

Treasurer's Report

Terry Blanchard reviewed the food and beverage report and believed that we are in good shape. At present, we have \$300,000 cash on hand and have experienced a reasonable decrease in past due accounts receivable.

Secretary's Report

John DeCarlo reported that Rod Rieger and Barb Bishop have assisted in the trophy project. There was a short discussion on the yearbook, and John DeCarlo was directed by Michael Keefe to create a Yearbook Committee to decide on content. A discussion followed regarding a more timely distribution of minutes. John DeCarlo will encourage Julie to distribute them as soon as she receives them.

Bill Bentsen made a motion to approve the officer's reports. Motion seconded by Rod Rieger. Motion was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

House and Grounds Report (Chairs – John Simms and John DeCarlo)

See Vice Commodore's report for update by John Simms.

Membership Committee Report (Chair – Dana Rolander)

Dana reviewed plans to encourage GLSS parents to participate in the club. The Kinder Program is a success with over twenty-five families participating.

Finance Committee Report (Chair-Terry Blanchard)

See Treasurer's Report.

Long-Range Planning Report (Chair – Mike Keefe)

No report.

Social Committee Report (Chair – Kathy DeCarlo)

Kathy DeCarlo reported that the menu has been revised but we still need to improve quality in some areas. The Reuben sandwich needs improvement and codfish portions should be more substantial. Kathy has agreed to speak to Kim and suggested that Kim spend additional time in the kitchen overseeing product quality. Kathy DeCarlo reported on the upcoming Commodore's Dinner that will consist of a four-course dinner with matching wines. The theme is red and black and she encourages all to attend. This will be followed by the August 5 Island Party. There will be a kid's flip-flop decorating event and a limbo dance contest. Paul Wood will be doing the entertainment. There will be an Old Guard Race on August 25 beginning at 3 PM. The Wood Boat Party is scheduled for Sept 18. The Junior Trophy Dinner will be Labor Day weekend and is being organized by Julie Navin. The Awards Dinner will be held at Big Foot Country Club on October 15th and will be organized by Kim Bliss and Don Holst. John Simms made a motion to approve a budget of \$1500 for the event. The motion was seconded by Rod Rieger and unanimously approved.

Mike Keefe suggested that Kim attempt to organize a staff appreciation day with sailing for the employees. This is still under consideration and Kim will report on the event.

Publications and Communications Committee Report (Chair – John DeCarlo)

No report.

Trophy Committee Report (Chair – Bob Pegel)

Bob Pegel reported that the return of trophies to the Club by members is underway but proceeding slowly. Trophies will be sent for engraving in August. The issue of lost E scow trophies was discussed. John and Brian Porter advised that they will look for the trophies but do not believe they have them. Michael Keefe believes we need to improve the "keeper" trophies and suggested that we consider this now and possibly have nice photos as the trophy. Dana Rolander noted that the GLSS has used Regatta Outfitters, and the quality is good and the cost is reasonable. Don Holst and Dana Rolander will discuss options for trophies. Bob Pegel concluded with a Race Management Report. He reported that several of the faded buoys have been replaced and the cannon is now one hundred percent operational.

History and Archive Committee Report (Chair – Ellen Bentsen)

No report.

Merchandise Committee Report (Chair – Art Larson)

No report

Fleet Captain Report (Chair – John DeCarlo)

There was a long discussion on the role of the Fleet Captain. John and Don Holst will review the issue and come up with suggestions regarding a job description and responsibilities of the Fleet Captain and fleet representatives.

GLSS Report (Chair- David Navin)

The Optimist event was a success but the 420 was a non-event. David Navin asked if the E-blast on the new trial membership concept should be sent to GLSS members and participants. Mike Keefe encouraged him to do this at the first possible opportunity.

Terry Blanchard made a motion to approve the committee reports. Bill Bentsen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership

John Simms made a motion to approve the membership status of David Brown from Associate to Trial, and of Michael Belsley from Associate to Regular. In addition, he moved to accept as trial members: Weiss, Brown (Jack), Licht and Schuld. Rod Rieger seconded motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Bob Winter advised that there have been scoring difficulties primarily related to a member in good standing. He questioned how to score a non-compliant member when they resolve their situation and return to a good standing status. John DeCarlo noted that Terry Blanchard had reviewed this and had criteria for a member in good standing. However, this does not solve the scoring issues that Bob Winter has encountered. Bill Bentsen was directed by Michael Keefe to establish a committee and review and report on this issue to clarify the meaning of a member in good standing and the mechanism to be followed by Bob Winter in scoring.

Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, Bill Bentsen moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Rod Rieger and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John DeCarlo
Secretary