

**Lake Geneva Yacht Club
Board of Directors Meeting
December 7, 2013-APPROVED**

**A regular meeting of the Lake Geneva Yacht Club was held at Lake Geneva Yacht Club on
December 7, 2013**

Call to order 8:30 AM

Present: Terry Blanchard, Commodore
Bill Barrett, Vice Commodore
Rodney Rieger, Rear Commodore
Tim Doran, Treasurer
John DeCarlo, Secretary
John D. Simms, Jr. Retired Commodore
Directors:
Kristin Gannon
Jerry Millsap
Tom Pomierski
Dan Barker
Tom Larimer
Steve Boho
Andrew Wilson
Steve Lyon

Non Board

Attendees: Merilee Holst, Ellen Bentsen, Bill Bentsen, Bob Winter, Jim Peterson

LGYC Staff Michael Moore, Operations Manager

Document Approval

Minutes of Previous Meeting

A motion to approve the October 19, 2013 Board of Directors meeting minutes was made by Kristin Gannon and seconded by Rod Rieger. The motion was approved

Officer's Reports

Commodore (Terry Blanchard)

Terry reported on the last executive committee meeting and noted that it was 100% dedicated to the budget. He thanked Bob Winter for driving the budget process in this collaborative effort. The *At The Lake Magazine* will be doing a story on the LGYC this summer. They have already contacted Michael Keefe and Thomas Freytag. Terry will be interviewed by them this week. A special thanks to Robin for helping to arranging this promotional event.

Vice Commodore (Bill Barrett)

The piers have been removed and one crib will be replaced next spring. One of the cranes required repair at a cost of \$1900. A new canvas cover has been ordered for one of the cranes. The cord has been lengthened on crane #1.

Rear Commodore (Rod Rieger)

The racing season concluded with the Fall Series. The remaining trophies will be awarded at the Christmas Party. A meeting with the fleet captains, Steven Boho and Bob Pegel was held and the tentative structure of next season's calendar was established. Consideration was made of an additional boat driver to bridge the start and end of season gaps caused by college attendance.

The 2014 racing budget was formulated and another dinghy was purchased to replace the unusable one. New flags will be purchased to replace many aging flags. Bob Pegel has worked diligently at resupply and maintenance of the equipment. The regatta schedule for 2014 includes the GLSS Dinghy Fest and both the E-Scow Spring Regatta and ILYA E-Scow Invitational. It is planned to end the A series at the time of the Class's Inlands and begin a Fall Series at that time. A long discussion followed on the pros and cons of having the M-17 Regatta next summer. The major objection is that we will lose two club racing weekends in a row. **Steve Lyon made a motion to accept the M-17 Regatta and not to have club racing on Saturday and Sunday of the Regatta.** The motion was seconded by Andrew and approved by a majority vote. A discussion to compensate the fleets that would be losing races followed. Tom Pomierski noted that the C fleet had voted for Sunday racing when there was an anticipated loss of Saturday races. Rod will consider this in making up the race schedule. Steve Boho will speak to the MC fleet regarding a few back to back series to make up for postponed races. The Melges 24 Regatta is not on the race schedule at present due to possible construction and a date will be discussed later in the spring for this fall event.

Secretary (John DeCarlo)

The yearbook preparation is underway with the help of Ellen Bentsen. John asked Steve Boho to help organize the fleet list and Terry noted that boat owners should be required to submit their racing registration early. John will discuss this with Michael Moore and Julie Navin to begin the process at an earlier date. A running document that contains the roster of members needs to be maintained and then used for creating the document for the yearbook. Steve Lyon suggested that we use Access software instead of Excel for membership roster. We have misplaced the wording of the temporary membership motion from the summer meeting. John was concerned that this may be an indication of a lack of control of documents in the office and asked Michael to do an internal review.

Treasurers Report (Tim Doran)

The expenses for 2013 were down and revenue was higher to budget. We now have \$415 K in the bank. Tim reviewed members that were delinquent in payment. A letter of intent to expel will be sent to Claire Marlen and Barb Phillips.

Managers Report (Michael Moore)

Our storage is near completion with one boat moving in today. There is still some space available. The club will be opened on Friday nights as long as it remains popular. Last Friday night had 15 members and felt that 10 or more members make it viable concept.

Committee Reports

Trophy Committee (Bob Pegel)

Bob reminded members to pick up trophies that are located around the first floor fireplace. We need a long range plan to store trophies during construction. Terry suggested that perpetual trophies reside at the home of the winner next season during construction. There were 160 active perpetual trophies scheduled for competition last year. There are 15 inactive trophies and 22 retired trophies, Bob reported an expenditure of \$2227 with \$2039 collected from engraving fees.

Membership and Long Range Planning (Kristin Gannon)

Kristen will be revising the new membership form. John DeCarlo reminded Tim Doran on his suggestion to speak to his public relations consultant for suggestions for the LGYC.

New Clubhouse (Bill Barrett)

The kitchen and bar are now in the fine tuning phase. Terry noted that we need to finalize construction costs and we are in great need for a site plan. A budget item has been set aside for site planning work and Terry noted that the previous site planner will be asked to re-evaluate our site requirements since they have a history with the club having prepared a site plan several years ago.

Finance Committee (Bob Winter)

No report

The committee consists of Tim Doran, Tom Larimer Don Holst and Bob Winter.

Fleet Captain (Steve Boho)

- Conducted Fleet Council Meeting Saturday, November 30. We used feedback from the fleets and the 2013 Fleet Meeting Summaries to construct 2014 racing schedule. Race Management was represented by Bob Pegel. Bob provided valuable insight on many points.
- Also discussed at the Fleet Council meeting was the shortening of races. Rod Rieger has carefully studied the Racing Rules of Sailing and our own LGYC sailing instructions on this

issue. The challenge is to balance maintaining the legitimacy and quality of a race with the risk of abandoning a race altogether. Rod informed us that the Racing Rules of Sailing provide 5 legitimate possibilities where shortening a race could be warranted. If we accept these instances we can adopt policy and adapt this to our sailing instructions. Further discussion and a recommendation are necessary.

- The Fleet Council and Rear Commodore recommend a policy where a competitor can apply for average points if he/she is competing in a regatta of his fleet's class. He/she will apply by filling out a form and submitting to the Rear Commodore within a specified time. The Rear Commodore will evaluate based specific criteria. The sailor must have participated in a minimum percentage of races. The regatta is an event of his own fleet. And it is not possible (allowing for travel time) for the sailor to participate in this race. The motivation for allowing average points is to encourage outside regatta participation and hopefully promote participation from other clubs to our regattas in return. The Fleet Council is not motivated to continue NFP racing because it punishes club participants and depresses club activity for that particular date. Finally, in consideration of these concerns, Rod is emphasizing a return to the tradition of "A Championship Series" racing to conclude by the time of the ILYA regatta.

Wooden Boat (Bill Bentsen)

The date of the wooden boat show will be Sunday August 24th beginning at 11 AM. Discussion followed regarding the time of the wooden boat party and its conflict with the E fleet race schedule. It was felt that since this is during the fall series and several of the E boats come from homes on the lake the conflict will be minimal.

GLSS Report (Tom Freytag)

Tom will be getting out an updated letter or E- mail blast to the membership. To date we have \$2,245,000 in cash and pledges. Of this \$1,042,000 is cash on hand and 1,003,000 is in future pledges. This is made up of donations from approximately 120 individuals. 81 LGYC members have donated making up about 43 % of our senior and active membership. The Bilge Pullers have donated \$25k with a matching campaign pledge of an additional \$25k. There is no confirmation on the Koch pledge but Buddy is reaching out to him.

Old Business

Regatta Schedule

The 2015 Inland Regatta has been awarded to the LGYC. The E-Invitational requires a chairman. The E-Spring Regatta will be chaired by Peter Strothman. There was a discussion on the need for a regatta check list to assist chairman in running a regatta. The Melges 24 Fall Regatta date will be determined in the spring due to the uncertainty on the building plans. David Navin has agreed to chair the M-17 regatta.

LGYC Boat Slips (Bill Barrett)

Bill and his committee developed a list of 12 regulations related to the clubs boat slips. There was active discussion on many of the items and each was informally voted upon to give Bill and his committee direction. He will develop a final document for discussion and approval at the next board meeting.

New Business

Membership

John Simms made a motion to approve the resignations of Bruce Hamilton and Jessica Luttrell and to table the resignation of John Anderson. The motion was seconded by Kristin Gannon and approved.

Several board members expressed their desire to keep John as a member and John Simms and Terry Blanchard will reach out to him to change his decision. Terry gave a background of all the great input that John has had in the building process and hopes that he will remain a member.

Terry noted that Chuck Palmer has approached the LGYC with an interest in joint talks with the LGYC. A committee consisting of Gerry Millsap, Bob Winter and Steve Boho will continue discussion with the Great Keel Boat Club.

2014 Budget

Bob Winter noted that this budget is the business plan for 2014 and is a budget prepared by the executive board with input from several committees. Tim reviewed the assumptions that were made in the creation of the budget. Based on a regular membership increase to 127, an increase in junior membership to 14 and an associate membership increase from 25 to 40 would result in total membership revenue of \$325K. The M-17 regatta is not shown in this budget. The budget included \$5 K for a site plan. Tim Doran and Bill Barrett reviewed some of the plans for the grounds. There was a loss in F/B this year primarily due to high labor and food cost. Josh delivered poor food but he managed food cost and staff. We will be using Gordon Food Services that has an on line vender software to create menus and track food costs. Bill discussed the finishing of the painting of building #3 and a bid will be obtained to paint building #4. An irrigation system to pump water out of the lake and the cost of upgrading the appearance of the northeast corner of the club is being considered. **John Simms made a motion to approve the 2014 budget.** The motion was seconded by Tim Doran and approved.

Addendum 2014 Budget

Next Meeting-February 1, 2014

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by John Simms and seconded by Rod Rieger. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted

John DeCarlo

Secretary