

**Lake Geneva Yacht Club  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
September 5, 2015  
Approved**

**4:00 PM - Call to Order**

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the Spring Membership meeting was made by Tom Freytag and was seconded by John Simms. The Motion was approved.

**Officer's Reports**

**Commodores Report-F. Terrence Blanchard**

Terry reviewed the racing season with a number of lost days of sailing due to construction. The ILYA regatta was a great success with 200 boats participating. Over 200 volunteers put in countless hours and we thank them for their service to the club. Two dinners with 500 and 600 meals served was a great success. Revenue from the event was approximately \$50K. The Melges 24 regatta will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. The project is at 90% completion but the last 10% has been a moving target. The F& B revenue exceeded last year's total in each of the months of July and August. Terry thanked the board, committee members and all the volunteers who made the event a success.

**Vice Commodore-Bill Barrett**

"What a year and a few million dollars can accomplish." In the fall we will no longer have weekday lunch service. We will continue with our regular Friday night service and have a prefixed dinner on Sept 26<sup>th</sup>. The Wooden Boat party and ILYA volunteer lunch will take place on Sept 13<sup>th</sup>. The garage bathroom is operational and the code to use the facility is \*\*\*\*\*.

**Rear Commodore-Rodney Rieger**

The racing schedule has been working well since the completion of the parking lot. The A Series has finished and the Fall Series is underway. The new scoring system has been used all season with much learned from the experience to be applied to the rest of the year and next season. The elimination of NFP days has improved attendance. Fairness has been enhanced through the elimination of awarding average point races and competitiveness improved by eliminating DNC penalties. The sailing instructions continue to be tuned and improved with specific mention of allowing rescue without disqualification for certain classes. Flagship and Boat 2 are managing well with new batteries in the Flagship and its fall oil change planned. Future upgrades are planned for the navigation and wind instruments with a revamp of its somewhat buggy electrical system and wiring. Fleets are being polled as to their desires regarding series length and timing and fine tuning the scoring system for each class.

**Secretary-John DeCarlo**

John thanked Ellen Bentsen for assistance on the yearbook that was completed in May. The book was recently sent to the publisher and there are a number of reasons for that delay and he apologized for this delay

**Treasurer-Tom Larimer**

Revenue has been above expectations in July and August. The operations committee has met on two occasions and will continue to meet to resolve any issues that occur in the joint use of the facility by the GLSS and LGYC.

**GLSS Report-Tom Freytag**

The Freytag home was used as a temporary site for the GLSS during the construction delays. 364 students participated in classes which is an increase from last year with a hope of reaching 400 students in 2016. The GLSS students had great results at the Opti championship and at all the regattas they participated in. We continue to raise funds with our next project the improvement of Building 4 as a rigging center. The high school sailing team consists of 15 students and they will be sailing through October.

### **Fleet Captain-Steven Boho**

The Open Fleet challenge was a success thanks to Don Holst. We need to encourage volunteers for the Race Committee. The Melges 24 event on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> is planned and all club members are invited to join their dinner event on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. Steve has been elected US Melges Class Association President.

### **Membership-Kristin Gannon**

We have 270 total members with 25 new associate members and 6 new regular members. The application for membership has been revamped.

### **Clubhouse Project**

#### **Building and Site-John Simms and William Barrett**

We are completing the Fontana easement document. The design for the entrance is being finalized with help from Don Holst and our application for a variance for two signs has been submitted to Fontana. All projects are completed except the entrance. At the completion of these projects the committee will be disbanded. We still require the full sign off by the DNR for the rain garden. A special thanks to the work performed by Clearview Landscaping.

#### **Fundraising-Tom Freytag**

We have net fundraising of \$3,077,907 to date and have received \$2,500,000 with \$550,000 outstanding pledges. We are confident the pledges will be met on schedule.

#### **Project Cost-Tom Larimer**

Building cost for the GLSS is \$3,185,000 and they are presently \$100K short of funds. The LGYC cost is at \$1.4 million which is at 110% of budget.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

#### **Proposed By-law changes**

##### **Membership-Kristin Gannon**

*A motion was made by Kristin Gannon to accept the changes in the By-laws as stated. (See enclosure)*

*The motion was seconded by Rod Rieger. The motion was discussed and finally a motion to postpone the discussion was made by Bill Bentsen. The motion was seconded by Jane Pegel. The vote in favor of the motion to postpone was approved by a margin of 15 in favor and 13 against.*

*Bill Bentsen then made a motion to direct the Commodore to appoint an ad-hoc By-laws review committee to report in time for action at the spring meeting. The motion was seconded by Dave Williams and approved by a vote of 15 in favor and 7 opposed.*

##### **Electronic Notice-F. Terrence Blanchard**

*A motion to approve the provision to allow electronic notice as noted in articles II, IV, V, and VII was made by Terry Blanchard and seconded by John DeCarlo. The motion was approved by a vote of 17 in favor and 4 against.*

*A motion was made to use the redlined edited version of the By-laws at the next meeting was made by Ron Schloemer and seconded by John Zils. The motion was approved.*

*A motion was made by Bill Bentsen to appoint an ad hoc committee to evaluate the new scoring system of 2015. The motion was seconded by Bill Freytag. The motion was defeated by a vote of 4 in favor and 15 against.*

**Election of Officers and directors**

**Nominating Committee-Chair: Christopher Gannon, Members: Jeff Brassel, Scott Ripkey**

Officers –One year term

Commodore- Rodney W. Rieger

Vice Commodore- William Barrett

Rear Commodore- John DeCarlo

Secretary – Kristin Gannon

Treasurer – Tom Larimer

Directors- Three year term expiring 2018

F.J. Frazier

Dana Porter

Robert Youngquist

*Motion to approve the proposed slate of directors and officers was made by Christopher Gannon and seconded by Jeff Brassel. The motion was approved.*

Terry Blanchard thanked the board and all the committees for helping this past year. Terry gave a special thanks on behalf of the LGYC to John Simms for all his work on the Executive Committee, Building Committee and Site Committee. He personally thanked him for all his strong support that he gave him this last two years.

Rod Rieger then thanked Terry for his service as Commodore and his strong guidance in our financial matters and hoped he will continue to guide us in this area in the future.

*Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Bentsen. The motion was seconded by Jeff Brassell. The motion was approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

John DeCarlo

Secretary