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**Annual Membership Meeting  
Saturday, September 3, 2016 4:00 pm  
Lake Geneva Yacht Club  
Meeting Minutes**

**APPROVED**

**4:07PM – Call to Order**

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the Spring Annual Membership meeting of Saturday, May 28, 2016 was made by Jeff Brassel and was seconded Christopher Gannon. The motion was approved.

**Officer's Reports**

**Commodore – Rodney Rieger**

Rod reported that he is very proud of our Club – our volunteers, our sailors and our race committee. We had a wonderful ILYA Championship and we have the upcoming Melges 24 National Championship. We will be represented in the Resolute Cup at the New York Yacht Club. He has been blessed with a wonderful Executive Committee and Board of Directors. The Membership Committee has done a splendid job.

**Vice Commodore – William Barrett**

This is the year of putting the icing on the cake. We have added new landscaping and retaining walls. There is now landscaping at the southside of the rain garden and new landscaping around the two transformers. The big improvements at the Club include the sound damping ceiling in the bar also the new valance and bar rail. Thank you to Tim Fischer and Fischer Custom Homes. We added new doors to the kitchen. We are concerned about the HVAC system and we have hired a local contractor to do a survey of our systems.

On the F&B program, this summer we offered Saturday dinners and had a buffet on Tuesday evenings. The hiring of a Front of House Manager. We still have opportunities to improve. We are looking at the fall and we would like to look at being open mid-week on Wednesdays and make it our half-price wine evening. Thank you to the Wine Committee for making that suggestion. We will continue the Friday evening fish fries. We would like to stay open a couple of Saturday evenings each month through the winter months.

**Rear Commodore – John DeCarlo**

First a quick review of the year to date. We have completed over 175 races since May not including regatta races. The success is due to a very loyal and dedicated race committee. We began the season with a one day race management seminar attended by over 25 LGYC members. We have been able to encourage a number of new members



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to participate on race committee and have developed a number of future PRO's. Over 57 club members have given at least one day of their time on race committee this season. It's always dangerous to name some of those who have participated and I apologize if I leave anyone out. A special thanks to those who volunteered on multiple occasions: Terry Blanchard, Dan Barker, Connie Blomquist, Deb Doran, Dave Gallagher, Don Holst, Sarah Lamphere, Bob Winter, Mike Sherin and Kristin Gannon. These individuals have been flexible and always available to assist each other to be certain that all races would be covered by a qualified race management team. We have been able to fill over 300 volunteer slots in the race team calendar.

We began the year with a general upgrade of the electronics on the Flagship by Tony Trajkovich with the help of John Zils. John's job did not stop there since it has been a continuous battle to maintain a working fleet to run the races. Thanks to those that donated the use of their boats so that we can run safe and timely races while our boats went through repairs. Special thanks to Dave Davenport and Joan Freytag for the use of their boats on a last-minute basis.

There have only been a few occasions when Jane Pegel's help was needed to judge protests so thank you for all your attention to detail.

Moving forward for next season we will need to resolve the problems with the Flagship and Boat 2. At present Boat 2 is being evaluated and John Zils will follow up on these details. The Flagship is running but we have a number of recommendations on future repairs ranging from a new engine and a new transmission. I have suggested that a committee of three members investigate our short and long term needs and expenses so we can always have two operational boats. We should begin planning in the budget for potential significant expenses in this area.

Jane Pegel informed me that in the past the race committee had informal meetings to discuss race management issues or how other PRO's would have addressed a specific issue in race management. We would like to begin informal type meetings during the winter or early spring on Friday before dinner. Suggestions on implementing this and names of interested members should be emailed to me. Clearly this can be expanded to a number of other racing and sailing topics.

We have two upcoming events. The trophy dinner with help from Julie Navin, Sarah Lamphere and Pat Rieger with flowers supplied by the Phillip family. The Wooden Boat party was organized by the social committee and we will have a brunch and Bloody Mary Bar. Bill Bentsen and Ellen Bentsen have organized an earlier antique car show so come early and enjoy the beautiful cars and boats.

The new scoring system has had good success and Don Holst has worked hard as our scorer to have a hard copy of results posted on the board on a weekly basis. Michael Moore has then continuously updated the web site to make the results available to all. We have been working with a Gmail calendar for the race schedule and PRO calendar.



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We hope to expand on this next year. If you desire a copy of the calendar next year all you need is a Gmail account.

Hopefully the remaining club and regatta season will be as successful.

**Secretary – Kristin Gannon**

Thank you to George Kummer for sharing his stash of old yearbooks which were used by Michael Moore to create our unique cover for the 2016 cover. Thinking of the 2017 yearbook, please complete your forms in a timely manner. If the members have suggestions about the yearbook for 2017, please send me an email.

**Treasurer – Tom Larimer**

We are in very good shape for the 2016. As we now are collecting dues on a 12-month basis our dues will be spread over the year. We've made progress on our mortgage with help of the GLSS paying down the amount due. We have a reserve fund at \$150K. \$1.7M mortgage debit at this time. Rod thanked Terry Blanchard for being our Accountant and doing such a good job with our books.

**GLSS Report - Tom Freytag**

We are still fundraising. We have about \$3.25M raised. We have \$300K in remaining pledges. Tom will be sending out a letter to LGYC members towards the end of the year asking for donations. We are about \$75K short. We are looking to fund the BMSC fund, the building #4 renovations and GLSS operations.

As reported in the Spring meeting, the GLSS Director has resigned. He may or may not be back in the summer if we can't find the right person. The executive search is on for a new GLSS Director who wants to do this as a profession and a long-term job.

**Fleet Captain – Rod Rieger reported for Steve Boho**

Sailing participating continues to be high. Steve Boho is the chairperson for the upcoming Melges 24 National Championships.

**Membership – Diane Brassel**

Our membership is at 311 members. She thanked membership committee of Rod Rieger, Kristin Gannon, Julie Navin, FJ Frazier and Robert Youngquist. The Members Mingle was held earlier this year and the recommending members were asked to bring the members. Ann Callison was introduced.

**Unfinished Business**



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### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **GLSS – membership support for new Director**

Rod introduced the topic of an optional line item as a donation to support the salary of a new GLSS Director. The Board is supportive of this initiative. Rod has spoken with our Attorney about facilitating this donation and this is something that we can do. The Operating Committee would discuss the options for membership education. Rod asked for a floor discussion and perhaps have a motion made to support this effort.

Jim Peterson made a motion to have the Club support the concept of donations accepted from members through our monthly invoicing process to be passed on to the GLSS to support the hiring of a higher caliber GLSS Director. This was seconded by George Beukema. Membership discussion took place. The motion passed.

### **Election of Officers and Directors**

Nominating Committee – Christopher Gannon, Chairman

#### **Proposed Slate of Directors and Officers**

##### **Officers - One-year term**

Commodore – Rodney W. Rieger  
Vice Commodore – John DeCarlo  
Rear Commodore – William Barrett  
Treasurer – Thomas Larimer  
Secretary – Kristin Gannon

##### **Directors - Three-year term expiring 2019**

Kevin Alcock  
Bruce Cameron  
Sara Burton Zick

#### **Retiring Board Members**

Steve Lyon  
Gerald Millsap  
Tom Pomierski



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A motion to accept the slate was made by Jeff Brassel. Seconded by Dave Williams. The motion to pass the slate was accepted.

Rod thanked our retiring Board Members. Rod announced that after the time of the posting had passed, Thomas Larimer indicated that he would resign from Treasurer and go into the Director position. Charles Lamphere has agreed to resign his Director position and go into the Treasurer position.

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by William Barrett and seconded by John Zils. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Gannon  
Secretary