



Spring Membership Meeting
Saturday, May 28, 2016
3:00 pm. Lake Geneva Yacht Club
Meeting Minutes

3:05PM – Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the Fall Annual Membership meeting of September 5, 2015 was made by Jeff Brassel and was seconded William Bensten. The motion was approved.

Officer's Reports

Commodore Report – Rodney Rieger

Rod welcomed the membership. He also read a Resolution of Thanks to Tony Trajokovich for his generous work on Flagship II.

Vice Commodore – William Barrett

There is new landscaping has been completed up at the road, near building 4 and around the transformer along the east driveway. Additional landscaping will be done to the south of the rain garden. Outdoor lighting added on the south side of the building to help with the darkness. A doors were added to dumpster area. The bar area has new ceiling to aid in sound reduction. A web cam outside on the north deck. Our first off-season for the restaurant and bar very successful. During the season, we will be open 6 days a week. We strongly encourage everyone to make reservations. Finally, William thanked the volunteers who helped with the pier painting.

Rear Commodore – John DeCarlo

Another special thanks for Tony Trajokovich. The Race Committee has been very positive about the upgrades. The one-day US Sailing race seminar was a success and we are getting some new PROs based on course attendance. A successful Race Committee meeting was held with the assistance of Jane Pegel. There was a successful E-scow Spring regatta last weekend. Race schedule is complete and posted. Still looking for a few more PROs.

Secretary – Kristin Gannon

2016 Yearbook is at the printer. It is expected to be completed by June 1.

Treasurer – Tom Larimer

It is difficult to make a year over year comparison because everything changed except for boat storage. We did make money and had \$311K balance at end of 2015. Dues were changed to spread over 12 months. We have a new \$1.750M mortgage.



Introduction of Staff – Michael Moore

Michael Moore, Operations Manager introduced Justin Scholer, Executive Chef, Julie Navin, Bookkeeper and Jeff Meinhardt, Front of House Manager

BMSC Project Update-

Fundraising – Tom Freytag

\$3.226M raised. \$313K in remaining pledges. About \$15k in past due pledges. \$3.201M was the final building expense. Fundraising efforts will resume this summer.

Building/Site – Bill Barrett

Briohn, our builder, and Tom Freytag are wrapping up the final activities and punch list with the construction company

Costs/Funding – Tom Larimer

As stated, we have a \$1.75M mortgage. We are still owed money \$357k owed to us by the GLSS. We are maintaining a reserve of \$150k.

Fleet Captain – Steven Boho

Steve thanked the Fleet Reps. There was a lot of dialogue among the fleets about the last year's scoring system vs. low points and a new scoring system has been implemented. The IYLA Championships are coming around and we are looking for help with housing Race Committee and out of town sailors, if we can. 5 of the top 10 finishers at the E Spring were from LGYC. We have the Dingy Fest upcoming. Melges 24 National Championship regatta is this Fall. We are looking for a co-chair for the Melges 24 National Championship regatta.

Food/Social – John DeCarlo

Food committee had a big job to get this facility going. The committee is now focused on the kitchen and encouraging reservations. The committee is always looking at the food selection and variety. Social Committee the Ladies Tea was successful as was the Derby Party.



GLSS Report – Tom Freytag

The GLSS BOD made a decision to put a concrete floor building 4. Work will continue to building out what will be the Rigging Center. Executive Director has resigned. A search committee has started and Joe Kutschenreuter will continue to work until we can find a new Director. The GLSS will be rebranding themselves as the Buddy Melges Sailing Center. Bill Bensten raised a concern about the change as BMSC was the site as a whole with the GLSS and the LGYC together and now that changes this concept.

ILYA Championship Regatta – Terry Blanchard

This is our second year of our 3 year commitment. We have numerous LGYC volunteers leading sub-committees. This year there will be no Melges 17s and A-scows will start on Wednesday evening. Terry encourage membership to consider volunteering. We will be using the same Sign-up Genius software to manage signups.

Membership – Kristin Gannon

Membership committee consisting of Diane Brassel, chairperson, FJ Frazier, Bob Youngquist, Julie Navin, Rod Rieger and I have been meeting monthly since earlier this year. During this time we have accomplished a lot including further improvements to our application to gauge interest in volunteering. We have also created a new page for the recommending member adding clarity to their role as a recommending member and few vetting questions so we can learn more about how the recommending member knows the applicant. We've taken a concept shared by the Grand Traverse City Yacht Club and created a prospective member worksheet, which the committee uses in addition to the application to determine if the applicant is a good fit for the Club. We have standardized a new member welcome email, which is followed by a mailed letter. The email includes again encouragement to volunteer and committee chairs are copied on the email so the new member can reach out to the chairperson for committees they are interested in.



Unfinished Business

Proposed By-law Changes –Kristin Gannon

During the summer of 2015, the membership committee of Chuck Lamphere, John DeCarlo, Terry Blanchard and I meet and proposed several changes to the Membership Bylaws. Those changes were presented at the Fall 2015 membership meeting; however, they were not accepted at the time. By motion of Bill Bensten, an ad-hoc committee was appointed by Rod Rieger to further review the Membership Bylaws.

The new **Ad-Hoc Committee** consisted of Rod Rieger, Sara Zick, Bill Bensten, Jerry Millsap, Jim Smith and I was assembled. The committee meet a few times in the October/November period to develop today's proposed changes. The BOD approved these proposed changes at our December 5, 2015 meeting.

Motion to approve Section 2 Application as shown below was made by Jeff Brassel and seconded by Bill Bensten. Motion passed.

Section 2 Application An application for membership must be in writing and submitted to the Membership Committee for evaluation and then to the Board of Directors for consideration. Applications are subject to any maximum membership limit or other requirements established by the Board. Approved applicants will then enter an affirmation period after which the Board will vote on whether to reaffirm the membership in compliance with review criteria. Before the Board's reaffirmation decision, two persons who are Regular, Senior, Intermediate, Honorary Life or Honorary Service members must sign the application. Reaffirmation requires that the applicant be in good standing in compliance with Club policies.

Motion to approve changes to Section 5 Membership Category Definitions for Senior Member, Intermediate Member and Junior Member as shown below was made by Terry Blanchard and seconded by Jim Peterson. Motion passed.

Senior Member: a member who has reached or will reach the age of 65 before January 1 of the current year and has been a Club member for at least 25 years.



Intermediate Member: a member who has reached or will reach the age of 21 before January 1 of the current year and is not more than 32 years of age.

Junior Member: a member who will not reach the age of 21 before January 1 of the current year.

Motion to approve changes to Section 5 Membership Category Definitions for Honorary Service Member as shown below was made by Bill Bensten and seconded by Terry Blanchard. Motion passed.

Honorary Service Member: a member with a record of service to the Club on whose behalf a petition with a résumé of that person's service has been signed by three Regular or Senior Members, submitted to the Board and approved two-thirds of the Board Members present. No application for the membership is required. Honorary service members shall be limited to ten, exclusive of Honorary Life members. An Honorary Service member shall not be liable for initiation fees, dues or assessments.

Motion to approve changes to Section 5 Membership Category Definitions for Honorary Life Member as shown below was made by Ron Schloemer and seconded by Dave Williams. Motion passed.

Honorary Life Member: Effective 05/28/2016, the surviving spouse of a Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, or Senior Member who has been a member for 25 consecutive years. No application for the membership is required. An Honorary Life member shall not be liable for initiation fees, dues or assessments. The rights and privileges of then-existing Honorary Life members shall be maintained.

Motion to approve changes to Section 5 Membership Category Definitions for Non-Resident Member as shown below was made by Christopher Gannon and seconded by Jeff Brassel. Motion passed.

Non-Resident Member: a member who does not have a residence within a 150 mile radius of the Club. No further applications for this category shall be accepted after 05/28/2016. The rights and privileges of then-existing Non-resident members shall be maintained.



Motion to approve changes to Section 7 Membership Privileges as shown below was made by Jeff Brassel and seconded by Terry Blanchard. Motion passed.

Section 7 Membership Privileges Regular, Senior, Intermediate, Honorary Service and Honorary Life Members may hold elected office and vote at Club meetings, subject to the limitation of one vote per family. Regular, Senior, Intermediate, Honorary Service, Honorary Life and Junior Members have full use of the Club as stated below and in the Club Regulations. They may participate in any sailing or social event provided by the Club and will be eligible to receive trophies and other awards, may represent the Club in Inland Lake Yachting Association events or others for which Club membership may be required, may keep boats on the Club premises for a fee determined by the Board, may receive newsletters and notices, and may participate in other activities and make use of other facilities and services that may be provided by the Club. Privileges of Non-Resident and Associate Members are as stated in the Club Regulations.

New Business

Tom Freytag asked that the Board of Directors consider a membership category to address a possible category for large donors to the BMSC.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Bentsen and seconded by Bill Barrett. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Gannon
Secretary