



Spring Membership Meeting
Saturday, May 27, 2017
4:00 pm at Lake Geneva Yacht Club
Meeting Minutes

4:05pm – Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the Fall Annual Membership meeting of September 3, 2016 was made by David Williams and was seconded William Bentsen. The motion was approved.

Officer's Reports

Commodore Report – Rodney Rieger

Rod welcomed everyone to our 2017 Spring Meeting. With help from our volunteers and staff, the Club is ready for yet another season. We have many social events this summer but of course our main purpose is sailing. The Board has approved, the cooperation with the Great Keel Boat Club, to have a handicap fleet races in July. It's our hope that this will give the Associate members the opportunity to sail and perhaps convert to a Regular membership.

Vice Commodore – Rodney Rieger for John DeCarlo

We had a significant change in personnel in February. Many of you have met Chad the new chef who comes to us from his restaurant –Fiddlesticks. As we move into our full season activity we hope we are able to run the kitchen to delivery timely and quality food. Please make reservations and if you are at the bar, please be seated at your reservation time. Please be patient-we still have the Tuesday and Friday problem of everyone wanting to eat at 7:30pm. If you're a non-sailing group, come and eat early. It will be a better experience for you. We recommend that the non-sailing member utilize the Club on Saturday night when dining is less hectic. We will try a buffet Friday fish fry buffet to improve service. In addition to Chad, we have hired Chris to run the front of the restaurant. Please contact him if you have any concerns with service. Thanks to Bill Barrett and Rod Tschurtz for assisting in interviewing the new employees.

We will be looking into a new POS system for the dining area that integrates with an accounting program in a better fashion then our present program. Chuck and I are attempting to review weekly F& B numbers to follow the progress of the restaurant operations and we are beginning to understand the limitations of our present accounting system.

We have added additional outdoor furniture in the covered porch area. This allows us to have added seating capacity. Thank you to Anne Porter for her assistance in ordering the furniture at a considerable savings. The club office has had a face lift with additional



cabinets and we have added steel shelving in the first floor storage room and closets. In addition, shelving has been added to the garage and race committee room.

Future building plans: Estimate received from Peck and Weiss to add heating and air conditioning to the porch. This will be considered as a budget item for 2018.

Julie has finalized the summer boat parking assignments and this is posted on the first-floor official notice board. Marek and Rod assisted in finalizing some of the boat parking questions that have occurred. We will try to keep the Melges 14 fleet in building 4 along with some of the Opti fleet.

An ash tree was removed from in front of building #2 and we will be dealing with the dying tree in the front entrance. Our landscaper will be adding stone to the planting area between the rain basin and the driveway. Stone will also be added to the grass area by the staircase. Drainage has been difficult in this location and after a good rain gets rather muddy. Hopefully this will solve the problem.

The rain basin continues to be an esthetic problem. The area has been seeded twice with a DNR approved mixture but this has washed away both times. We are working with a prairie nursery that can supply a similar mixture but this time it will be small plants. Mary King, a master gardener, has been assisting and the 2000 plants will be delivered on June 14 with a planting party on the following Saturday. Because of our 501c3 status, Mary will try to get experienced volunteers from the Wild Ones a prairie restoration group. We need additional club volunteer, who have a green thumb to help. If we have enough volunteers this can move quickly. Please contact me if you can help. A special thanks to Peter King for spraying the area to kill the present weed population and to Mary King for her advice.

Rear Commodore – William Barrett

William thanked Terry Blanchard, Jane Pegel, Bill Bensten and John Zils for their help with the 2017 Sailing instructions. We have a new engine in the Flagship II and it's running beautifully. Thank you to Tony Trajkovich for helping enlarge our larger engine cover. John Zils helped keep track of all of our boat maintenance activities over the winter. Melges 14 fleets was added and will be sailing on Mondays. We are now conducting races 7 days a week. We have 487 races schedule for this year. Wednesday nights in, as Rodney Rieger mentioned, we will have PHRF racing available with the Great Keel Boat Club members and we are hopeful Club members will join in. We are hoping for a 6-race series. We would like to get the GLSS Sonars out on the race course too. This is the last year for the ILYA 3-year commitment for the Championship regatta. We are trying to have a major regatta each year. For 2018 we have the ILYA E Invitational and we are hoping for the C Nationals in 2019 and the 2020 MC Nationals.



Secretary – Kristin Gannon

2017 Yearbook is at the printer. This year we will have color ads, so we were able to charge more for the ads, and it will be spiral bound. It is expected to be completed at the end of next week.

Treasurer – Rodney Rieger for Charles Lamphere

Based on April Financials our, April income was \$83k. \$263K YTD income thus far. Cash flow shows at the end of April we have \$199k. We have made significant payments on the mortgage. \$100k of LGYC funds and \$55k from the GLSS as a pay down on their note. Current mortgage is at \$1.270M. One of the major project is the new POS system.

Motion to accept the officer's report was made by William Bentsen and seconded by Jeff Brassel second. Motion passed.

Introduction of Staff – Michael Moore

Michael Moore, Operations Manager, introduced Chad Steen, our new Executive Chef, and Christopher Brogan, our new Front of House Manager. Julie Navin, our Bookkeeper, was not present.

BMSC Fundraising – Tom Freytag

We now have the pledges in the amount of money needed that was needed for the building project. We have \$3.3M in total commitments for the project. Over \$3M have been received. We have about \$15k of pledges that are past due. The hope is that by the end of next year, we will have our note with the LGYC paid off. The GLSS is now strategizing on how to raise more capital for building the fleets and rehabbing Building 4. The goal is likely to be another \$750k to \$1M to endow the GLSS to meet our goal to be the premier sailing school in the Midwest, if not the country.

Fleet Captain – Rodney Reiger for Steven Boho

The fleet reporting has been covered in the Vice Commodore report.

Food/Social Committee – Rodney Reiger for John DeCarlo

The Food and Social Committees have been meeting. July 22 is to be the Commodore's Dinner. Buddy Melges has agreed to speak about some of the past Commodores. The Commodore's Dinner will be a buffet and past Commodores will be gratis.

GLSS Report – Marek Valasek

Summer camp is upon us in a couple weeks. 275 registrations are in with a target of 400. Coaching staff is lined up thanks to our past Executive Director, Joe Kutschenreuter's help. The only real change in the schedule is the Optimist is moved to the morning and the X boats have been moved to the afternoon. There has been many boat donations to the school. A Moth has been donated and will be chartered for experienced sailors. An E scow, which will be called the Magic School Bus. A MC Scow has also been donated and will be chartered this season. A 13' Whaler was donated and a Zodiac was acquired for coach boats. A new truck and trailer has been donated by the



Lynch family of dealerships. Racing team started a long season in on Valentines Regatta. We started our sailing in April. In May, we went to the National Team Trials. One of the sonars has been rigged and covers are being made. The two 29'rs will also get covers. Buddy Melges Racing Team is open to sailors who have racing experience. We have had over 25 sailors who have joined in at one time or another. Scott Norman as hired to help with the National Team Trials in New Jersey. We will be opening learn to race in the Optimist in the Fall. We will be hosting the Midwest Championship in 2018. We are looking to extend the season beyond August.

ILYA Championship Regatta – Terry Blanchard and Kristin Gannon

This will be our last year for the ILYA Championship in our 3-year commitment. We have another meeting with the ILYA next Tuesday. We will once again use Sign-up Genius to get our volunteers lined up.

Membership – Diane Brassel

We have 313 members as of April 30, which includes 143 regular members, 38 senior members and 92 associate members. Associate member level has of April is 44% of our voting membership. We have added about 15 new members YTD. Diane thanked her committed of Robert Youngquist, FJ Frazier, Kristin Gannon and Rodney Rieger. With the new applications we are reviewing, we are nearing our level of approved Associate members at the threshold of 50% of voting membership.

Audrey Klein a newer member introduced.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by William Bentsen and seconded by David Williams. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Gannon
Secretary