

**Lake Geneva Yacht Club  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 6, 2013  
Approved**

**A regular meeting of the Lake Geneva Yacht Club was held at Lake Geneva Yacht Club on April 6, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.**

**9:00 a.m. Call to Order**

**Present:** Terry Blanchard, Vice Commodore  
Rodney Rieger, Rear Commodore  
Tim Doran, Treasurer  
John DeCarlo, Secretary  
Michael Keefe, Retiring Commodore  
Directors:  
Kristin Gannon            Jay Jones  
Bob Winter                John Kivlin  
Andrew Wilson           Tom Larimer  
Frank Davenport        Dan Barker

**Not Present:** John D. Simms, Jr.  
Steve Boho

**Non Board Attendees:** Gerry Millsap, David Gallagher, Don Holst, Charles Colman, Ron Schloemer

**LGYC Staff:** Michael Moore, Operations Manager

**Document Approval**

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

A motion to approve the March 2, 2013 Board of Directors meeting minutes was made by Tim Doran and seconded by Kristin Gannon. The motion was approved.

**Officers Reports**

**Commodore's Report (Presented by Terry Blanchard- Meeting Chair)**

I am delighted to report that we have a new chef on board! Thank you Terry for all the hard work you and Mike put into this process. We can't wait to see him in action!

I am very pleased to report that a number of our members have volunteered to staff our Membership and Long Range Planning Committee. You all may recall I recommended the merging of these two committees to ensure our focus for planning is on increasing membership and adding value to our membership. I thank Kristen Gannon, in particular, for her willingness to serve as chair of that new committee. I will do all I can to help with the membership issues at hand and ask all to reach out to offer assistance to this vital committee.

I have recommended to the Executive Committee we once again return to a single trophy awards and presentation event at season's end. I will be meeting with the trophy committee and the executive committee to discuss a new format to trim down the time required while insuring a good time is had by all. I feel we must combine these events to bring our club closer together to share the excitement of the youth winners along with the success of the adults. I am hopeful we can arrive at an approach that makes everyone happy.

Thanks to the continual and focused effort of the Yearbook Committee we are nearly finished with this year's edition. This is no small matter as it takes the cooperation and effort of many, including our membership, to insure our Yearbook is accurate and interesting to read. Ellen Bentsen has provided invaluable help in proofreading and we thank her for all her help.

I remind all that we need a heavy dose of volunteerism this season due to all our regattas and the ongoing fund raising needs of the new facility. I know I can count on you all and thank you for all your contribution in time, talent, and treasurer.

#### **Vice Commodore Report (Terry Blanchard)**

1. Boat launch ramp – moved to fabricator for repairs.
2. Grounds
  - a. Tree work completed in March.
  - b. Pier repairs completed - \$6,500 vs. budget \$10,000.
3. Storage – Cold weather/snow delayed access to boats and created difficult situation.
4. Building 4 painting deferred upon recommendation by GLSS.
5. F&B
  - a. Joe Lazansky hired as Executive Chef, effective 4/1/13.
  - b. Dining room repainted by Michael.
  - c. Hiring of staff in process.
6. Clean-up day date to be announced

#### **Rear Commodores Report (Rodney Rieger)**

Calendar is being prepared with the input of the fleet captains and fleet representatives, following 2012 as a model. The Sheridan and Wacker dates need to be finalized. Jane Pagel is working diligently on adding the revisions from last year and has recommended consideration of a new course type where the Starting/Finishing line is halfway up the windward leg to allow an upwind finish and greater ease of course alterations. The MC fleet would like to sail two races on Saturdays. The RC race committee meeting is scheduled for April 27. The concept of a combined youth and adult trophy ceremony is being considered.

The flagship is repaired and cleaned for the new year with a rebuilt anchor windlass. Two new larger recall flags are available for better visibility. Boat two has had a crack in the transom repaired and is ready for use.

Regattas:

E-Scow Spring Regatta	May 15, 16	Peter Strothman
A-Scow Nationals	June 21-23	Terry Blanchard, Gloria Melges
Dingy Fest, 420 Nat'l	July 8-13	Dana Rolander

Melges 17	Aug 23-25	Bill Barrett
E-Scow Nat'l	Sept 5-8	Peter Strothman, Vince Porter
Melges 24 Championship	Sept 13-15	Steve Boho

### **Ad Hoc Safety Committee**

Members: Jane Pegel, Jeff Brassel and Rear Commodore

Rod reported on the discussion regarding safety on the water issue. We need to perform a risk assessment for the club. Rod reviewed the recommended safety protocols based on national standards as in the Burgee program by US sailing.

Topics that are under consideration:

- Life vest wear by children
- CPR training with fresh water drowning resuscitations
- Special race equipment i.e. blunt rescue knife to free entanglements with equipment
- Safety practices to be incorporated into sailing training
- Adult safety programs such as mast head floats
- Evaluations of accidents in the water
- Concussion prevention, care, and management

Michael Keefe will discuss with the water safety patrol what collaborative safety activities can be initiated for the 2013 season.

### **Treasures Report (Tim Doran) 3/27/2013**

Addendum #1 Full report

For the month ended February 28, 2013, revenues were \$38.5 compared to budget of \$37.6 and prior year of \$4053. Total expenses were \$33.5 vs. budget of \$41.3 and \$33.1 in the prior year. The variance to budget was primarily due to lower maintenance expenses. Net income was \$9.4 compared to the budget of \$0.1 and \$11.3 in 2012.

For the year-to-date, revenues were \$78.6 compared to budget of \$78.6 and \$94.2 in the prior year. Expenses were \$59.1 compared to budget of \$68.8 and \$61.4 last year. The variance to budget was primarily due to lower maintenance expenses. Net income was \$28.2 compared to budget of \$17.4 and \$53.4.

We have 223 members at February 28, 2013. We had seven resignations during the month, including four regular and two associate and one junior. We are down two members as compared budget and six from December 31, 2012, excluding temporary members.

### **Secretaries Report (John DeCarlo)**

Yearbook is moving closer to completion thanks to Barbara Bishop with help from a number of members. We still need a completed schedule of races and social events.

### **GLSS Report (Joe Kutschenreuter)**

Terry read the GLSS report which reviewed the schedule of the Bigfoot and Badger High School Sailing Teams. Registration for this summer's youth classes has been opened online for almost two months. They have a number of returning instructors but are still seeking two more learn-to-sail instructors to teach Pram and 420

camps. The GLSS is running an adult Sailing Team Building/Learn- to -Sail class with a group of 28 adults that are staying at the Abbey.

**BMSC Funding (Charles Colman)**

Charles reviewed the status of the fund raising activity with specific reference to a number of possible large donors. Charles is approaching two families regarding a joint family donation which can be of greater potential. Current pledges confirmed are \$600K with verbal and other pledges of \$590K (anonymous of \$500K) with a total of \$1190K with expenses of \$106K.

**Fleet Captain (Steve Boho) - No report**

**Clubhouse Operations (Michael Moore)**

Michael Moore reviewed the club house and office maintenance. The price of the Ladies Luncheon will be \$30 ++. This was omitted from the first mailing.

We have several events on the schedule for the upcoming season:

- May 4 Blackhawk Chapter ACBS Cocktails and Dinner
- May 11 Ladies Luncheon
- May 24 Welcome back to the lake –Buffet
- May 25 Gettelman/Chanson Dinner
- May 27 Scholtz Wedding Shower Lunch

**Committee Reports**

**House and Grounds (Terry Blanchard)** Refer to vice commodore's report

**Membership and Long Range Planning (Kristin Gannon)**

The committee members are: Tom Larimar, Paul Wood, Dan Barker and John Simms. Kristin has received a number of suggestions from members and will begin to prioritize these concepts as she moves forward. The board noted that several areas need to be address including a reach out to the community. Michael Moore noted that we are developing a tri-fold brochure to be used for advertising.

**Finance Committee (Bob Winter) No Report**

**Social Committee (Michelle Simms)**

Plans for the ladies luncheon are all set and invitations have been sent. The Social Committee is pleased to report that at the request of Commodore Simms we have schedule a Holiday Party for December 14<sup>th</sup> 2013, we look forward to sharing the holiday spirit with all of you. The Committee is making plans for the Welcome Back Buffet.

**Publication sand Communications (John DeCarlo) No Report**

**Trophy (Bob Pegel) No Report**

## **History and Archives (Ellen Bentsen)**

- (1) **Sheridan Prize Trustees statement**: The three Sheridan Prize trustees (John Anderson, Chuck Lamphere, and Commodore John Simms) have amended the existing Trust Agreement for the Sheridan Prize (dated 1969). The new text is posted on the Official Notice Board and on the LGYC web site with an explanation of its contents. Copies are being signed by the trustees and will be sent to John DeCarlo for his records, to the three trustees, and to archives. Rod Rieger, as rear commodore, chief race officer, judge's committee chair, and race committee chairman, has received a copy, as have Robert Pegel, as associate chief race officer and trophy committee chair, and Jane Pegel, as chief judge and trophy committee member and registrar. The web site version of the document is attached.
- (2) **Trophy of the Month series**: Commodore Simms asked that Trophy Committee Chairman Bob Pegel and I collaborate on producing a monthly article for the web site profiling some of the Yacht Club's interesting trophies. To do this Bob and Jane Pegel created a list of 12 trophies. The April Trophy of the Month is the **Aunty Jo Perpetual Trophy**, We had good basic information in place from Virtual Trophy Room research about this trophy, but to personalize it further I contacted a few members who were familiar with Jo Burton's many contributions to the Yacht Club and Sailing School. I am particularly appreciative of comments from Jim Smith and Jane Pegel, and especially grateful to Julie Navin for contacting Jo Burton's granddaughter, member Sara Burton Zick, who met with us and supplied clippings, photographs, and a valuable perspective. My thanks to them all. A copy of the text is attached

**Merchandise Committee- Art Larson- N/R**

**New Clubhouse-Mike Keefe-N/R**

**Operations- Rod Rieger- N/R**

## **Old Business**

### **M24 Trophies Deed of Gift**

Motion to approve the Deed of Gift for the Simms Chaos trophy for the A-Series M-24 first place summer series was made by Bob Winter and seconded by John DeCarlo. Motion was approved unanimously

## **New Business**

### **Membership- New**

*Rob Boettcher*: Applying for change in membership from Trial to Associate Membership

*Clare Marlin*: Applying for change in membership from Trial to Regular Membership

Motion to approve the membership changes was made by John DeCarlo and seconded by Rod Rieger. The motion was approved.

*Jon Hamdorf*: Request to approve his resignation as of December 31, 2013.

Motion to not accept resignation at this time and revisit it in December 2013 was made by Rodney Rieger and seconded by Michael Keefe. Motion was approved

**Wisconsin Statute-concussions regulation-** refer to above discussion under Rear Commodore Report

**Yearbook Review: (John DeCarlo)** presented a number of items for general input and correction prior to publication. Corrections were noted and referred to Barbara Bishop for insertion in the yearbook.

**Next Meeting – Saturday, May 4, 2013 – 9:00 AM**

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made at 11:06 PM by John DeCarlo and seconded by Michael Keefe. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectively submitted

John DeCarlo  
Secretary

Attachments: Treasurer's report