



**Lake Geneva Yacht Club**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
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**Saturday, February 13, 2016 - 9:00 AM at Lake Geneva Yacht Club**

**Present:** Rodney Rieger, Commodore  
Bill Barrett, Vice Commodore  
Tom Larimer, Treasurer  
Kristin Gannon, Secretary

Directors:

Dana Porter  
Jerry Millsap  
Bob Youngquist  
Diane Brassel  
FJ Frazier

**Excused:** John DeCarlo, Rear Commodore  
Terry Blanchard, Retiring Commodore  
Chuck Lamphere  
Mike Lynch  
Steve Lyon  
Tom Pomierski

**Non-board**

**Attendees:** Don Holst  
Mike Sherin  
John Zils  
Laurie Morrissy  
George Kummer  
Ron Schloemer  
David Gallagher  
Peter King  
Tim Doran  
Bill Freytag  
Michael Moore

**Document Approval**

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Jerry Millsap noted the following corrections needed to the December 2015 minutes. At the meeting, Bob Youngquist made a motion accept the increase the senior dues. This motion was passed by the Board to approved Seniors be charged  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the Regular member dues in 2016 though there were two descending votes both Jerry Millsap and Diane Brassel. A motion to approve the December 2015

Board of Director meeting minutes with these corrections was made by Bill Barrett and seconded by Bob Youngquist. The motion was approved.

## **Officers Reports**

### **Commodore – Rod Rieger**

The Yacht Club has shown strong growth and income for 2015. Since the last meeting, the Executive Committee and Finance Committee has been looking at what is and is not allowable income. Rod has done some research and shared his research with the BOD. Waikiki YC and Chicago YC both have processes in place to address this concern. He hopes we can adopt a blended approach with approval by Finance Committee and Accountants.

We need to continue looking at who does and does not make good associate members. We do have the ability to accept a group of waiting associate membership applicants so we will be reading through some associate membership applications during today's meeting though those names don't appear on today's agenda.

The Rear Commodore is not present today so Rod will be covering the Rear Commodore's report.

### **Vice Commodore – Bill Barrett**

Restaurant has been very successful in the off-season and attendance has been good. It has been well worth keeping the Club open. The Saturday night dinners have been very good too and we are considering changing to ordering off the menu vs fixed menus.

Walleyes Forever hoped to put their hatchery off our piers and this was approved but later rejected as our waters are too cold.

The gate on the garbage dumpster area has been completed. The Site Committee is still trying to complete the punch list. We have some issues with Briohn. Tom Freytag went through a financial clean-up with them and it ended up favorable to the GLSS. It was clear that there was poor management of the project when the first Superintendent was let go and there was not an adequate transition or passing along of agreements that had taken place between this Superintendent and our organizations. There has now been three Superintendents on the job and at present we have no Superintendent on our project as the last one has also left Briohn so we are having even more trouble getting things done. We have approximately \$10k in retainage and we likely have more than that left to be done. Bar redesign we have put out to bid with local contractors and are looking to complete by first of May. We looked into change the swinging doors into the kitchen by either replace them or modifying them to make them more attractive.

On the verge of going live with our outdoor, lakeside webcam, with the help from Bill Barrett and Max Wippich.

### **Rear Commodore – John DeCarlo as read by Rod Rieger**

**Flagship:** Tony Trajkovich has made great progress on the Flagship II with new circuits. The new electronics have been installed and he continues to refinish cosmetic areas when he has the time. He will install a partial cushion on the motor cover for passenger comfort. All outdated electronics have been removed or

repaired. John Zils and Michael Moore will be doing a general cleaning of the external surfaces and buff the surface over the next few weekends. If anyone has time to assist please speak to Michael. The sailing school with the help of Jim Petersen and Michael Moore have made major improvements in our live video capabilities which can be used for all LGYC fleets. We are hoping for live video starts to be visible from the Club. Additional future improvements that have been suggested for discussion are:

- 1) Industrial/military quality video screen mounted on the Flagship II for courses and flag display
- 2) Lift for the Flagship II to help reduce wear on the boat and allow for easier member boarding.
- 3) GPS guided anchoring ability
- 4) General and individual recall flags mounted on an easily accessible pole. There have been a number of complaints that our members feel uncomfortable when standing on the motor cover to hoist flags.
- 5) A removable single halyard multiple flag system to assist in multiple fleet starts.
- 6) Final decisions will be made on the repairs of Boat Two. We are hoping next summer not to require a LGYC member to be aboard Boat Two. Ideally we will have a boat driver and a 16 yr. old assistant to do the anchor and video at the mark.

Please express our thanks to Tony Trajkovich and John Zils for all the time they are spending on the Flagship II. We are getting a significant update at a great price (cost for equipment and free labor). The manual labor that John Zils and Michael Moore will be doing is a great cost savings.

Don Holst asked that we schedule a training session on the electronics. Rod Rieger is planning an event to do just that.

### **Race Calendar**

Calendar is near completion. We have determined the date of the Trophy dinner and the Race committee schedule is being worked on. An email went out to every member for volunteers for race committee. Most of last year's PROs have stepped forward but we need additional back up and occasional PROs for some race days. In addition we strongly need race officer helpers for each of our race days (recorder and flag person). Response by the membership to help has been light. Even assisting on one or two days a summer is all that is needed. It raises the question as to whether we want to strongly suggest a minimum number of volunteer hours from all members. The Fall trophy dinner is scheduled and an email will be sent with additional information. This will be a Friday in conjunction with the usual Friday dinner. We need a volunteer to help organize the Old Guard Race.

### **One day race management seminar**

We have a one day US Sailing sponsored race seminar to be presented by John Strassman. Registration information has already been sent to those who have participated in the race committee last year. A notice to all members will go out the first week in February. The date is April 23 from 8 AM to 5 PM. The cost for registration is \$55 on line with US Sailing. The club will reimburse the \$55 to any member that attends and completes the course. US Sailing membership is required and that fee is **NOT** reimbursed by the LGYC. All revenue above \$30 collected by US Sailing will be reimbursed to LGYC. The fee of \$55 was determined to be the reasonable fee to be paid by a non LGYC member that may sign up for the course. Non LGYC members receive no

reimbursement from LGYC. The LGYC is required to negotiate a separate fee with the instructor and that will be \$300.

### **Approval for Melges 24 request for a change in the SI's**

Don Holst has canvassed the Melges 24 fleet and requested that Steve Boho ask the board to approve a change in the SI's that would allow a Melges 24 race to be scored that contains only two boats for the Melges 24 fall and spring series and the Thursday night B series. Once approved the SI's will be changed accordingly. The fleet is in complete agreement. They have already received approval for part of this request but this is a more complete request. We are looking at the scoring systems and letting the fleets elect which system to use be it the old low points or the one we used in 2015.

### **Secretary – Kristin Gannon**

Nothing to report.

### **Treasurer – Tom Larimer**

2015 was a dynamic year for the Club. End of the year have \$300k in cash and a \$2M construction loan/mortgage. We have a note for \$580k for GLSS receivables for their donations and they just made a \$165k payment. F&B is one area that we were budgeting a loss of \$25k but we were up \$25k. Membership was a concern and we budgeted \$350k; however, we wound up with \$400k in dues and initiation fees. The other interesting point in the financials is occupancy and we got a big electric bill although we thought our budget was aiming high. We are finding new sources of revenue but the same goes for surprises in costs. At our last meeting we talked about gratuities and tying it to the improvement in service. We have started this during the off-season but it is a work in progress. We are still learning. We are hoping this will help us attract a higher quality of servers.

Rod Rieger asked for a motion to accept the Officers' reports. Tom Larimer motion to accept reports. Jerry Millsap seconded. The motion passed.

## ***Committee Reports***

### **Finance Committee, Tom Larimer/Terry Blanchard, report on mortgage**

As we move into 2016, we receive \$165k from GLSS. Finance Committee felt that we need to keep \$150k in reserve. We want to bring our mortgage down to \$1.7M by applying our extra cash. We shopped around to three different financial groups. It looks like we will be going with Walworth State Bank, which is being acquired by First National Bank and Trust Company. They understand our history and other banks do not understand our relationship with the GLSS.

Rod Rieger made a motion to authorize the Treasurer, Commodore and Finance Committee to select rate and term options for the new mortgage. Motion was seconded by FJ Frazier. Discussion ensued on around options and terms, including a possible balloon. The motion unanimously passed.

### **Social Committee, John DeCarlo as reported by Rod Rieger**

Social committee has meet and set-up a series of events. The Trophy party is intended to have Labor Day weekend on the Sunday. The committee is working on a Kentucky Derby party and many other events.

### **Food Committee, Bill Barrett**

No Report

### ***Old Business***

Rod would like to ask for a motion to restore Senior Member's discount to 66% of the regular membership dues retroactive to January 1, 2016. Bob Youngquist seconded this motion.

Discussion ensued. Rod Rieger spoke with many members about the change passed in at the December BOD meeting. There was no ill will meant by the BOD or EC. Mike Sherin express that this change was stupid and the Seniors are the same group doing significant volunteer work. Tom Larimer mentioned that we approaching 25% of the membership being Senior members. Jerry Millsap commented that he is happy that this topic has been brought back up and thanked those Seniors who have come today. Peter King commented that this discussion is hitting him hard as he has not been involved and he wants to do more volunteering. John Zils added that the feeling he's had have already been express by many but since he has retired, he has been able to volunteer more and this has been the history of this Club. David Gallagher see is as he has paid his dues part by cash and part by volunteer time. Bob Youngquist added that from his perspective, the change was a mistake. Rod Rieger made it clear that no one who advocated for the change was intended to show disrespect. Rod Rieger called for a vote on the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

### ***New Business***

Ron Schloemer would like to talk about the restaurant serve as it relates to the associate memberships. He feels we need to do something about the timing of serve vs. how it impacts sailors serve. He is asking that the BOD look at when associate members place their orders and make them order early. Dana Porter added that 2015 was a trial year. Rod Rieger also said that we have been looking at all the points Ron brought up. We expect things to be significantly different in 2016. Michael Moore is trying to adapt how we do our serve to accommodate how we serve the large tables and serving them all at the same time. Rod Rieger asked that we adjourn this discussion and have a separate discussion with Ron Schloemer and Michael Moore.

### **Membership Committee - Diane Brassel (new Chairman)**

There was a review of the new membership applications and resignations.

#### **Resignations:**

Dan James, Associate  
Nick Kallergis, Associate  
Kate Crannell, Junior  
Lauren Crannell, Junior  
Hunter Sharpe, Junior

#### **New Memberships:**

Chris Hummel, Junior  
Cindy Crannell, Regular  
Martha Cucco, Regular  
Mark Gerard, Regular

Scott Kiley, Regular  
Jeff Liljeberg, Regular  
George Flaherty, Regular (pending receipt of his initiation fee)

Bill Barrett made a motion to accept the new memberships. The motion was seconded by Bob Youngquist. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a review of the pending Associate member applications. There was a hardy discussion amongst the Board about the vetting process and how new members are selected for approval.

Bob Youngquist made a motion to accept a limited number of associate applications today that are viewed as a best fit, slam dunk for associate membership. The motion passed unanimously.

Jerry Millsap made a motion to accept the New Associate membership application of Ray Strobel. Bob Youngquist seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Rod Rieger continued the review of the associate applications and suggested the following applications be voted on today.

**New Associate Members**

Shelia Moran  
Tom Dine  
Tony Fiscelli  
Peter Rode

Bob Youngquist made a motion to approve the above list of four new associate members. Jerry Millsap seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

It was mutually agreed that the balance of the pending associate applications would be reviewed by the Membership committee for vetting and prioritization.

Bob Youngquist has rescinded his signature on Julie Bush application.

Meeting went into closed session to discuss employee compensation. Rod recommend to approve the employee bonus. Tom made a motion to approve the bonuses. Bill Barrett seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

***Next Meeting*** – March, 12, 2016, 9am, Board of Directors at the LGYC

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Rod Rieger and seconded by Bill Barrett. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristin Gannon, Secretary