

**Lake Geneva Yacht Club  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 5, 2014**

**A regular meeting of the Lake Geneva Yacht Club was held at Lake Geneva Yacht Club on April 5, 2014**

**Call to order 8:30 AM**

**Present:** Terry Blanchard, Commodore  
Bill Barrett, Vice Commodore  
Rodney Rieger, Rear Commodore  
Tim Doran, Treasurer  
John DeCarlo, Secretary  
John D. Simms, Jr., Retired Commodore  
Directors:  
Kristin Gannon  
Jerry Millsap  
Dan Barker  
Tom Larimer  
Steve Boho  
Andrew Wilson  
Steve Lyons  
Jay Jones  
**Excused:** Tom Pomierski

**Non Board**

**Attendees:** Ellen Bentsen, Don Holst, Thomas Freytag, Robert Winter, George Kummer, David Gallagher, Michael Sherin, Michael Keefe, Bill Freytag  
**LGYC Staff** Michael Moore, Operations Manager

**Document Approval**

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

A motion to approve the February 1, 2014 Board of Directors meeting minutes was made by John Simms and seconded by Dan Barker. The motion was approved.

**Officer's Reports**

**Commodore (Terry Blanchard)**

The Executive Committee met on March 8, 2014 and discussed: building site, kitchen, 2014 race calendar, regattas and yearbook. We will be reviewing these items as the topic comes up for board discussion. Terry noted that the present social committee has been disbanded due to the lack of a chairperson. We will have a reduced social calendar in 2014 and this will be organized by Terry and Michael Moore. The Sheridan Prize has a new base and has been engraved through 2013. The funding was obtained entirely from members of the A fleet (Anderson, Blanchard, Freytag, Keefe and Lamphere). Terry recognized the work performed by Bill Mattison on the Big Foot Model. A letter of thanks has been forwarded to him.

### **Vice Commodore (Bill Barrett)**

Trees have been trimmed this week and general clean up has been completed between building #1 and #2. The piers will hopefully be in two weeks after the ice is out. Clean up day is May 3<sup>rd</sup> with a backup day of May 10<sup>th</sup>. Don Holst will be running the event. Buildings #3 and #4 will be painted as soon as weather permits. The problems of the ramp will hopefully be solved by extending the ramp and the length of the legs. The kitchen has been cleaned and will be ready for the season.

### **Rear Commodore (Rod Rieger)**

The calendar is set with recent change in the Melges 24 season start date. We will be taking the word keel boat out of the schedule and only use PRF. The Race Committee organizational meeting will be on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. The flag ship repairs will begin soon. The regatta plans are progressing. The E Spring regatta will be chaired by Peter Strothman and Michael Sherin will be the PRO. Rod will be looking for spectator boats for the E Spring regatta. John DeCarlo suggested we reach out early to water safety patrol for assistance at this regatta and other club racing activities. Terry and Rod stated they will look into this. The E Invitational budget was discussed in great detail. A review of the budget reveals that the LGYC will have a minimal profit margin if 40 boats attend. Pricing of other events was discussed and Rod will reach out to the Inlands to discuss this and future pricing. Kristin Gannon noted that they recently attended a MC regatta that was priced at \$250.

A motion was made by John Simms to negotiate \$4000 minimum revenue from the ILYA for the E Invitational. The motion was seconded by Jerry Millsap and approved.

The Melges 17 regatta budget is set at \$50 per boat per ILYA. Melges boat works traditionally donates \$400 for a pizza party.

### **Secretary (John DeCarlo)**

The yearbook is near completion and we are working on the SI's at present. John thanked Ellen for all her help.

### **Treasurer (Tim Doran)**

Addendum – financial report

We are an additional 10 members down from last year and we presently have \$428 K in the bank. John reminded Tim to speak to his PR person for suggestions for the LGYC.

### **Manager (Michael Moore)**

We are presently bidding out the kitchen. He presented the events calendar for 2014 as it is presently set. Tom Freytag requested a date for Buddy Melges fund raising party and June 14 was made the tentative date.

## **Committees**

### **BMSC Funding (Tom Freytag)**

Bill Koch has called and expressed a willingness to sign a pledge for \$500 K. Gross fund raising to date is \$2,650,000 with 94 members contributing 1,500,000 and 46 non members contributing 1,125,000. We have 1.3 million in the bank with 2014 pledge commitments of \$550 K.

Building – Mike Keefe and Site Plan – John Simms

Michael Keefe and John Simms reviewed the site plan map with details on the need for a rain garden. Parking will clearly be different but if the entire plan is implemented there will be no loss of parking for cars or boats. Michael noted that we may alter the contract with the builder so that we can hire an independent professional from Chicago to give us a plan for the interior of the new building. We are close to hard numbers on the kitchen, we have an estimated total cost of 3 million for the building but firmer numbers are anticipated. We may be able to utilize members in areas to help reduce cost. For example; a reduction in cost of materials could be obtained by using Chris Impens building supply

company. The board was advised that they should consider members and/or friends who could assist in offsetting building costs by the nature of their business.

**Finance (Bob Winter)**

No report

**Membership (Kristin Gannon)**

Kristin will be changing membership forms to include questions concerning the prospective member's areas of interest. We can use this information when we set up committees or reach out for volunteers. GLSS temporary membership was a success last year and should be continued in the 2014 season. Michael Moore felt it was a success and reminded the board that a survey of participants was obtained at the end of the 2013 season. Terry requested that we revisit the results of the survey. Kristin noted that she received a mass mailing from the yacht club near her home in Illinois and noted that a similar mailing may be an idea for the LGYC. The need for social media was reviewed and she felt the LGYC needs to be more visible on social media.

**2015 ILYA Regatta – Terry Blanchard**

The ILYA in conjunction with the LGYC is looking for co-chairs for 7 specific committees for the new regatta format: finance, administration, regatta promotion, social media, sponsorships and housing.

**Old Business**

**Approval of 2014 Race Calendar and SI's – Rod Rieger**

Rod reported that the SI's and calendar are near completion.

**2014 E Invitational Regatta – Rod Rieger**

These were discussed above by Rod Rieger.

**Liquor License/Dave Gallagher – Dave Gallagher**

Dave did not respond to Terry when he was invited to the meeting and therefore Terry did not allow David to make a presentation on his issues with the liquor license and LGYC. Jerry Millsap made a motion to allow David to make his presentation. There was no second therefore the motion failed. Terry emphasized that we do not want to police the parking lot for members that are bringing and drinking their own alcohol on the premises but we need to make it clear to members and guests that all alcohol consumed on the property must be sold by a licensed server. We will review methods to inform members and guests of this policy.

**New Business**

**Approval of water system contract – Bill Barrett**

The new water system was reviewed by Bill Barrett with the particulars on location and advantages of moving forward with this program. The water system is within budget and will be needed during construction. **A motion was made by Steven Lyon to approve the water system expenditure. The motion was seconded by Jay Jones and approved.**

**2016 M24 National Regatta – Steve Boho**

**A motion to approve the M24 US Nationals at LGYC on September 23, 24, 25 of 2016 was made by John Simms and seconded by Bill Barrett. Motion was approved.**

John Simms noted that the last M24 Nationals was attended by 40 boats and had a profit of \$10K.

### **Membership Changes – Terry Blanchard**

Expulsion – Clare Marlin- Regular **A motion was made by John Simms and seconded by Tim Doran to remove the expulsion of Clare Marlin. The motion was approved.** Clare has recently met her financial obligations at LGYC. A discussion followed led by Michael Keefe regarding what the board considers as appropriate members and we should not feel obligated in the future to extend membership to anyone. Kristin Gannon will reach out to Clare to see how we can make her a more involved member.

Resignations- Emmett Nelson – Junior

Dick Gillespie – Associate

John D’Arcy – Senior

Tom Schmidt - Senior

Deceased - Rae Nichols – Honorary

New - Regular

Anne Huerth

Paul Lyon

Herbert Pecht

Kerry Wood

**A motion was made by Rod Rieger and seconded by John Simms to approve the membership changes but to delay action on Tom Schmidt’s request. The motion was approved.** John DeCarlo will discuss with Julie Navin if there are any categories that Tom might prefer other than resignation. We will see if he is eligible or interested in Non-resident or Honorary membership.

### **Next Meeting**

May 3, 2014 at 8:30 AM

### **Adjournment**

Motion was made by John Simms and seconded by John DeCarlo to adjourn. The motion was approved.

Respectively submitted,

John DeCarlo  
Secretary  
April 10, 2014