



**2018 Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, September 1, 2018
4:00 pm at Lake Geneva Yacht Club
Meeting Minutes**

4:07pm – Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the 2018 Spring Membership meeting of May 26, 2018 was made by Gloria Melges and was seconded Bill Bensten. The motion was approved.

Officer's Reports

Commodore Report – William Barrett

I would like to thank Don and Merilee Holst for volunteering to be our Trophy Committee. It is a huge job and they have help get new trophies and refurbish many others. I would also like to thank Ellen Bentsen for all of the time she spends working on the History and Archives Committee. She also maintains our winners' wall in the elevator lobby. She maintains all of the trophy cases including the little information cards. She is also been our publicist, helping with maintain with our sailing. Chuck Lamphere won the A Nationals and Tom Freytag was second in the Inland Championship. Harry Melges IV won the E Inland Championship, E Inland Invite and the E Nationals (2017). These sailors all grew-up sailing in the GLSS. We will continue to work closely with the GLSS to develop out next sailors. We will be working on the 2019 budget this fall.

Vice Commodore – John DeCarlo

I would like to thank Don and Merilee Holst for their help on the grounds. We are in the process of adding glass doors on the dining room trophy cases. We have done some repairs on the lake water sprinkling system. We will be looking at quotes on noise abatement for the screen porch. We are looking at a possible movable divider for the dining room and bar. We are looking at furniture for the lower patio. We already had to incur about a \$6,000 repair to our fire alarm system.

We would like to thanks Zach. We have had some very positive feedback on the food. We are still getting some feedback about the service that we will continue to work on.

Rear Commodore – Thomas Freytag

We did lose a lot of races this year due to weather. I would like to thank all of the race committee, fleet captain and fleet reps, and the sailors. We have the 2018 Opti Midwest Championship coming up at the end of September. We also have the Melges 24 Fall Regatta in October. The variety fleet was fired up and the Women on the Water was started. Women on the Water program was very successful. The GLSS supplied an instructor for each boat and the LGYC members were very involved. Thank you to John Holland, Sara Burton-Zick and all those involved in the Women on the Water. We have had some difficulty with staffing some of our PRO slots especially Friday night. I have been talking with many people to look to next year on how to improve training and communication. Again thank you to our PROs and our race committee members.



Flagship looks great and having it on a lift this year should help preserve the condition of the Flagship. Boat II died this year. We purchased Boat III. We do expect to sell Boat II so if you are interested please contact Michael Moore.

I have been working with Rod Rieger, Jane Pegel and Terry Blanchard on the 2019 Sailing Instructions. Thank you to them. Jane Pegel was our chief judge and we had two representatives from each fleet, which worked very well.

We implemented Regatta Toolbox this year. We haven't gotten through all of the kinks yet. This was our first year and we will be better next year.

Thank you also to Don and Merilee for the dedication to the Trophy Committee.

Secretary – Kristin Gannon

Nothing to report.

Treasurer – Charles Lamphere

We are in a strong financial position due to strong membership levels. Results have been driven by member initiation fees and bar revenue. We are tracking ahead of budget. Our debit is \$996,000. Next spring our mortgage is subject to renegotiating. We lost the tremendous services of Julie Navin and we thank her for her continued volunteer help. We face a challenge of keeping our employees in the fall as sales go from \$100,000 in June and July to \$10,000 in the fall and winter months.

Motion to accept the officer's reports from John Zils and seconded by Jeff Brassel.

GLSS Report – Marek Valasek

We had a good summer. 444 registrations this year. We have been able to manage this with the same operating staff. We started a new class for the Melges 14 and we will try again next summer. With the support of the club the Sonars have been used for adult private lessons and the Women on the Water. Our motor boat situation is getting worse and our Whalers from the 1960 area on their last leg. We are looking at 15-foot inflatables. We are installing propeller guards on our props. Buddy Melges Racing Team started last weekend with 13 children. We will have the Opti Midwest Championships and we will be looking for volunteers. Our X-boat and Opti fleets did very well in regattas this year. It has been great to see our young sailors with their families such as Peter Strotman and his children winning the MC Inland Championship and Andy Burick and his children winning the C Inland Championship.

Membership – Diane Brassel

Our membership has grown by 6%. We have 356 members, which include of 157 regular members, 22 junior members and 108 Associate members.

Old Business

None



New Business

Bill Barrett thanked FJ Frazier, Dana Porter and Robert Youngquist for their service on the board.

Election of Officers and Directors

Nominating Committee Chair – John Simms. Peter Strotman and Steve Lyon

Proposed Slate of Directors and Officers

Officers – 1-year team

Commodore – William G. Barrett Jr.

Vice Commodore – John DeCarlo

Rear Commodore – Thomas Freytag

Treasurer – Charles Lamphere

Secretary – Kristin Gannon

Directors – 3-year term expiring 2021

Christopher J. Impens

Michael Lynch

Andrew C. Wilson

Motion to approve the slate from Ray Wiltgen and seconded by John Simms. Motion passed

Proposed By Law Change – John DeCarlo

We spend a great deal of time looking at our budget. We do depend on our Associate membership for our annual revenue, which is about \$200,000. We do have a shortfall in the off-season. We are faced with how to deal with this. As a board we looked at our options. We are trying to limit our reciprocity offering by adding a distance limitation.

The off-season dining membership offered by invitation. We would be targeting people who were former members, crew who are not members or people who are familiar with sailing but not members here. It will be limited by the Board. We don't plan to make this a public offering. We would like to see the club stay open in the off-season.

Proposed change to the Bylaws of the Lake Geneva Yacht Club, Article II – Membership

Section 3 Membership Categories

Membership categories are Regular, Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Honorary, Nonresident, Crew, Military Service, Associate, and Off-Season Dining.

Section 5 Membership Category Definitions

Off-Season Dining Membership: individuals who have expressed interest in the purposes and activities of the Lake Geneva Yacht Club may apply for an Off-Season Dining Membership, valid between October 1 and April 30. This category



may be limited by the Board of Directors to a percentage of the Club's membership. Yearly reapplication and approval is required.

Motion to approve the bylaw change Diane Brassel and seconded by Gordon Lamphere. Ballet vote was taken. Motion passed 69 for and 7 against.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Gannon
Secretary