

Lake Geneva Yacht Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Saturday, April 27, 2019 – 10:00AM at Lake Geneva Yacht Club

Present: Bill Barrett, Commodore
John DeCarlo, Vice Commodore
Tom Freytag, Rear Commodore
Chuck Lamphere, Treasurer
Kristin Gannon, Secretary
Rod Rieger, Retired Commodore

Directors:

John Kivlin
Jordan Gray
Kevin Alcock
Ray Wiltgen
Sara Burton-Zick
Michael Lynch

Excused: John DeCarlo, Andrew Wilson, Christopher J. Impens, Erick Youngquist

Non-Board Attendees: Don Holst, Michael Moore, Khristine Agnello, Shirley Scholtz and Tanya Bissen

Start Time: 10:10AM

Document Approval

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from February 16, 2019 meeting made by Ray Wiltgen and seconded by Tom Freytag. Motion passed.

Officer Reports

Commodore – Bill Barrett

The off-season dining membership has been successful from a revenue perspective and we haven't been overwhelmed in the kitchen. Overall, it was agreed that the off-season dining membership has achieved the goals set forth when approved. We need to look at our target number of off-season dining members for 2019-2020. It was suggested that the off-season dining membership level go up to 60 members for 2019-2020. In July 1 offer renewal to 2018-2019 off-season dining members who are in good standing to renew by August 1 and then open it up to others.

The following dedication to Robert E. Pegel was read.

The Dedication of the Robert E. Pegel Annex, April 27, 2019
-Race Officer Emeritus, Lake Geneva Yacht Club, 2015
-Judge Emeritus, US Sailing Association, 2007

The Lake Geneva Yacht Club Board of Directors hereby dedicates the **Robert E. Pegel Annex** to honor the memory of Robert Edward Pegel (1927 - 2015), who joined our club in 1955, raced with distinction in Class E, and served for six decades as a member of many of our committees. Today we celebrate his commitment to Race Management and his contribution to our Race Committee boats and equipment.

A tireless volunteer, Bob Pegel served on LGYC's Regatta Committee and Race Committee; was Principal Race Officer; served on the Judges Committee; and was Associate, Senior, and Chief Judge. He also was a member of the Scoring Committee; the House, Grounds, and Waterfront Committee; and chaired both the Trophy Committee and the History and Archives Committee. Bob supervised all aspects of our Race Committee boats, and from 1994 through 2014 was LGYC's Associate Chief Race Officer for Equipment. Bob Pegel was the recipient of all of Lake Geneva Yacht Club's awards for outstanding service: The Dr. and Mrs. Will F. Lyon Trophy for his Race Committee work (in 1968, 1977, 1996, 2001), the Sherman Trophy (2009), and the Marie Kramp Award (2014). In 2015, Lake Geneva Yacht Club named him Race Officer Emeritus.

Bob Pegel served for six years as President of the Geneva Lake Sailing School and for two decades as a member of its Board of Directors. He was Commodore of the Northwestern Ice Yachting Association, President of the International Skeeter Association, and Commodore of the Renegade Class.

Within the Inland Lake Yachting Association, Bob Pegel was ILYA delegate for 20 years to the North American Yacht Racing Union and the United States Yacht Racing Union and chaired the USYRU and National Championship Events Committee. An ILYA Recognized Race Officer and Judge, he was the recipient of the 2003 ILYA Bilge Pullers Cannon that recognizes "an outstanding volunteer from the ILYA race management corps."

At the national level, Robert E. Pegel was a USYRU and US Sailing Association Senior Race Officer, a US Sailing Certified Judge, and a member of the Board of Directors. In 2007, US Sailing named him Judge Emeritus "in recognition of long and distinguished service to the Judges Program, to race management, and to the sport."

Today, therefore, we proudly name our annex building in Robert E. Pegel's memory, and we read this tribute into our minutes so that it will become a permanent part of the history of the Lake Geneva Yacht Club.

William G. Barrett Jr., Commodore, Lake Geneva Yacht Club

Motion to approve the naming of the annex the Robert E. Pegel Annex was made by Rod Reiger and second by Chuck Lamphere. Motion passed.

Vice Commodore – John DeCarlo

The trees along the east side of building 1 were removed due to deer and winter snow.

Motion was made by Tom Freytag to spend \$11,450 to paint building 1 and seconded by Rod Reiger. Motion passed.

Rear Commodore – Tom Freytag

Sailing Instructions are nearly finalized. We are making some updates. A document with the highlighted changes is being worked on.

- We are switching to using legs vs. laps.
- Actual class flags for the class flag.
- We are encouraging skippers to check-in with the race committee before racing begins for the day.
- We are going to start using gated race courses and fly the G flag on the race committee boat.
- Weather mark buoys for finish lines for multiple fleets will be yellow buoys.
- Scoring goes to the sail number not the boat.

As for timely race results posting, we are targeting to post results by the end of the next day online. The board will be updated weekly.

Saturday, May 4 in a race committee training. Sunday, May 5 is the 2019 season PRO meeting.

Secretary – Kristin Gannon

No report

Treasurer – Chuck Lamphere

Our mortgage is down to \$917,000. New 7-year amortization mortgage at 4.65% with our current bank. We have recently had as much as \$15,000 - \$20,000 in past due membership accounts. Some collections have been made. We have institute what we can as far with our past due members such as limiting use of storage facilities, not scored when sailing and no longer using food & beverage service. We may want to rethink our \$25 past due penalty and change to percentage on the balance. \$27,000 ahead of budget. Storage revenues are pretty well maxed.

OLD BUSINESS – No old business

NEW BUSINESS

Reaching for a Cure

Khristine Agnello made a proposal to the Board asking that they consider hosting a fundraising regatta in 2020 and 2021 in support of JDRF. The idea was received well by the Board. Bill Barrett took an action to discuss with member Jay Jones.

Criteria for New Member Applicants – Bill Barrett

A discussion was had on the regarding the criteria for new member applicants. The discussion concluded with Bill Barrett taking an action to schedule a joint meeting between the Executive Committee and Membership Committee.

Membership – Diane Brassel

Resignations:

Larry Liebovich- Regular (as of March 1)
James O'Connor- Regular

Changes:

Larry Happ- from Associate to Regular

New:

Greg Hamilton- Regular
Charles Andrew Fritz - Regular

William F. Barrett- Intermediate
Spencer Simms- Intermediate
Brian Porter- Intermediate
RJ Porter- Intermediate
Clifford Porter- Intermediate
Christopher Ponsonby- Intermediate
Lindsay Neilson- Intermediate
Hannah Ripkey- Intermediate
Matt Ripkey- Intermediate
Laura Vogel- Intermediate

Thomas Cubert - Associate
Scott Lyons - Associate
Christopher McCreary - Associate
John Engerman - Associate
Steve Beers - Associate

The membership committee recommended the above list with two exceptions. Charles Andrew Fritz was recommended as an Associate member and the Committee did not recommend Scott Lyons for membership.

Bill Barrett made a motion grant membership to all list above in the categories indicated and John Kivlin seconded. Motion passed.

Trophy Committee – Don Holst

Don presented the new Ronald E. Nelson Spring Series Trophy.

History and Archives Committee – Bill Barrett for Ellen Bentsen, Chair, History and Archives Committee.

Subject: Small Treasures in LGYC's Archives

Treasure 1: Until research proves otherwise, it seems safe to say that The Pinky Pearly Cup, at 3-1/4 inches tall from the top of its two handles to its base, is Lake Geneva Yacht Club's tiniest trophy. It was awarded to Nathaniel Wheeler of the Lake Geneva Junior Yacht Club for winning a regatta on September 12, 1906, the year the first LGYC clubhouse was built at Cedar Point. Nathaniel was the grandson of Julian S. Rumsey, the owner of Nettie, winner of the first Sheridan Race in 1874. Nathaniel's boat was named Wee Maud. His trophy, a sterling silver loving cup, is identified on the bottom with the figural marks and graphic symbols of the Gorham Manufacturing Company in Providence, Rhode Island, a company well known at the time for its distinguished work, both small and rather large. In 1898, for example, Gorham produced an eagle-embellished loving cup more than eight feet tall that was made from 70,000 dimes, mostly donated by children. The cup honored Admiral George Dewey for his victory over the Spanish at Manilla.

Treasure 2: An undated yearbook from the Jack and Jill Yacht Club of LGYC is 3 inches by 4 inches. The club states its objective as Co-Education in Yachting. Listed as commodore and the only officer is H. H. Porter, whose duties were to appoint all committees, judge all races, and settle all disputes. The very fragile yearbook, which has a maroon cover, flowered endpapers, and gilded fore edges, includes the names of the Committee on Regattas (R. Isham, H. H. Porter Jr., C. R. Corwith), the Committee on Membership (K. Isham, K. Porter), and the Committee on

Rules (E. V. Rumsey, B. Carpenter). The club held three regattas a year and the rules stated that "Each crew must include at least one Jill." The time allowance rule was stated as "one minute to the foot, one-third of the overhang being counted." Yachts of any rig could compete, and the regulations didn't mince words: "No means of propulsion shall be used other than sails. Oars, poles and dippers not allowed."

Treasure 3: Thanks to Commodore Ernst Schmidt, LGYC's Archives includes a 4-3/4 inch by 6-3/4 inch 50-page hard-cover yearbook from 1895, possibly LGYC's first. Glued into the front cover is a map of the lake showing the courses for the 25-foot, 21-foot, and 15-foot classes, all starting and finishing at Geneva Bay. (The list of boats also includes 18-footers, a 33-foot schooner-rigged sharpie, and a 24-foot sailing canoe.) The book contains the club's constitution, bylaws, and sailing rules and regulations; officers and their addresses; lists of sailing yachts, steamers, and launches; members; and details about the regular prizes and challenge cups of the time (Sheridan Regatta Prize, Folly Cup, Leiter Cup, Expert Cup, and Vanadis Cup). Neatly torn from the book are the two pages that showed the Certificate of Incorporation.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Ray Wiltgen and seconded by Rod Rieger. Motion passed.

Meeting End Time: 12:27PM

Next Meetings –Saturday, June 1 at 1pm, Saturday, July 20 at 1pm, Saturday, August 24 at 1pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Gannon