

**Lake Geneva Yacht Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Saturday, February 15, 2019 10:00AM at Lake Geneva Yacht Club

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

Directors:

Christopher Impens
Christopher Gannon
John Kivlin
Anne Brunk Peterson
Erick Youngquist

Excused: Jordan Gray, Michael Lynch, Roger Lyon, Ellie Vogel

Non-Board Attendees: Michael Moore, Merilee Holst, Diane Brassel, John Zils

Start Time: 9:00AM

Document Approval

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from December 7, 2019 meeting made by John Kivlen and seconded by Anne Brunk Peterson. Motion passed.

Officer Reports

Commodore – John DeCarlo

Thanks to everyone who has been meetings in January and February on including sailing instructions, 150th Anniversary and long range planning. The Club has been running nicely. We have been making money.

Vice Commodore – Tom Freytag

Nothing to report. Items will be covered in new business.

Rear Commodore – Chuck Lamphere

Sailing Instructions are actively being worked on. We have increased demand for junior racing and we have agreed to add X boats on Saturdays and additional day for Melges 14 on Wednesdays. On Saturday mornings we are going to have a new shorter weather-mark for the X boats and Melges 14. April 18-19 we are having a race management weekend. Saturday will be the US Sailing seminar for anyone who is or wants to be a PRO. Sunday there will be more of a roundtable with some of our own PROs and more of a practical guide on how to be a PRO here on Lake Geneva.

In 2020 we have many regattas. We have E Spring, GLSS Dingy Fest, Melges 14 Nationals, X ILYA Inlands, MC Nationals, Melges 24 Fall and USODA Midwest.

Secretary – Kristin Gannon

Michael and Lindsey is updating the yearbook for 2020. 2020 yearbook is going to be dedicated to John Zils.

Treasurer – Ray Wiltgen

November and December 2019 results have been sent out. December 2019 Net Income of \$21,227 compared to a budget of -\$11,236. 2019 EOY in review Net Income of \$103,594 compared to budget of \$2,640. Checking account as of February 15 has an available balance of \$192,713 and this includes payment to GLSS for \$15,000 for the Sonar Program paid in January. Money market account as of February 15 has a balance of \$153,018 and we will be transferring money out of checking into the money market. Building loan balance as of February 3 is \$747,215. Currently the loan terms are out to August 2025. We are targeting Q1 2024 for payoff to make the 150th Anniversary.

Motion to approve officer's report by Chuck Lamphere and seconded by Bill Barrett. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trophy Committee – Merilee Holst

Membership – Diane Brassel

Off Season Dining Memberships: (approving these two would get us to our max of 65)

Andrew Loughlin
Melva Breintenstein

Resignations:

Charlie Allen- Junior
Henry Ackley- Junior
Taitan Workman- Junior
Michael Avakian- Junior
James Pyott- Regular
Annie Logan- Associate
Terry Birck-Associate

Membership changes:

Charles Colman- from Regular to Senior
Holger Vogel- from Regular to Senior
Tom Cubert- from Associate to Regular

New Members:

Brogan- Intermediate
Erika Hillier- Regular
Jeff Mulder- Associate

Motion to approval all new members and changes made by Chuck Lamphere and seconded by Tom Freytag. Motion passed.

Manager Report – Michael Moore

Building 1 we are trying to find the leaks. We are working on a plan to cover the dumpster area. In the attic there is now insulation boxes around the furnaces. We have been talking about the dingy ramp reinforcement along the seawall and lifting points to put in and take out of the lake.

Club Spot has been great and they have been able to make some advances for us. We were able to clone the series from 2019 to 2020 and just change the dates and copy the racers from 2019 to 2020. Parking lot striping and crack filling will be completed in spring. One more host needs work on the contacts to the new system that are on the other 3.

Our current tractor is going in for maintenance. We are looking at our options on brands/models for an additional tractor. We need a policy on use of the tractor.

OLD BUSINESS

South Shore Drive Road Project Update – John DeCarlo

Update on the easement, we have worked through the area for the drywell discussions with the Village. There is a tree we are concerned about and the Village will work with us on this. There is a swale at the top of the driveway and John Zils has reviewed and approved this.

Chuck Lamphere made a motion to authorize the resolution from the Village of Fontana and Ray Wiltgen seconded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Long Range Planning – Kristin Gannon

In January ideation session, we categorized the ideas into three areas, membership, sailing and site plan. Within those categories, there were some themes around sailing, membership levels, membership services and sailing education. The ideas collected were shared with the participants from the LGYC and GLSS. The next step is for the long range planning committee to further develop the ideas by bring in members of both organizations to do a deeper dive.

150 Year Celebration – John DeCarlo

Meeting participants: John Zils, Jim Smith, Sarah Lamphere, Kristen Freytag, John DeCarlo, Diane Brassel and Chuck Lamphere.

I outlined some of the suggestions he has received from members over the last few weeks. It seems we need several focus groups: Publication, Sailing, Trophy, Party, Clothing and Memorabilia. The following is a summary of some of the conclusions and problems as this group noted in the meeting.

Publication: We were able to locate copies of the 100 yearbook produced by members and it is in a high school yearbook style. The book by the Water Safety Patrol lists a considerable number of substantial donors so there is a significant expense involved. Sarah and Kristen will send out select emails to individuals they feel may have an interest or have an expertise in this area. Diane will contact the Water Safety Patrol to get insight into their actual cost and production time.

Sailing: Chuck noted that I suggested we have no regattas for this year and we that we should internally celebrate. He easily convinced me that the A nationals would be a great choice and as Jane noted in her email to me -this is the 150th year of the Sheridan Race.

Party: All were interested in a formal party event. Possible platform tent outside - something like our large Gala or the Gatsby party that we had in building one. Sarah and Kristen will consider a focus group for this.

Clothing and Memorabilia: We had a lengthy discussion on present clothing selections and possibilities for 150th. Sarah and Kristen are working on this.

GLSS Contributions

The GLSS \$10 member contributions have been running at annual \$20k. It looks that 2019 contributions were at \$40k. Michael to validate these numbers.

Obituary Policy – John DeCarlo

John proposed a policy statement for addition to the regulations.

When the office learns of a member's death, a sympathy note signed by the Commodore should be generated by the office and mailed. An email will be sent to the membership to notify them of the passing of any member, with a link to the official obituary text from the family. If the Commodore feels it is appropriate, the Club will send the membership a detailed obituary, also linked to the official obituary text. Burgee will be lowered for one week to half-staff for past Commodores and notable members, as determined by the Commodore. The yearbook will include a listing of members who have died during the prior year.

Motion to approve by Tom Freytag and second by Erick Youngquist. Motion passed.

Team Racing

We are examining the proposal from the GLSS for the LGYC to do team racing in 2020 to do a couple team racing evenings. Chuck and Tom will talk more about this.

MC Nationals Update – Chris Gannon

Thanks to Jeff Brassel and Michael Moore for helping plan regatta. 26 boats signed up so far. The goal is 110+ boats. The record is 109 in 2000 in Clear Lake and 1996 at Torch Lake. The budget is complete with break even at 60 boats. Profit goal is \$5K to LGYC. Target is to have Sign-up Genius up and running on March 1. House Lead, Ed Stassen has placed 10 sailor in LGYC member homes and the Abbey has 44 rooms booked at special rate. Camping options are set-up at Big Foot Beach and Coachman Terrace. NOR posted on MCSA website mid-November. Sponsor presentation is completed and we will start approaching sponsors. The logo is completed with help from Michael Moore. Kelly Hirn is lead for the Friday night party and working with Michael Moore. Race Committee is set-up. The PRO is Chip Mann and Jim Smith will be assisting.

Buddy Melges Documentary - Anne Brunk Peterson

The trailer is completed for the Buddy Melges documentary and has been shared with a small group. The trailer has been reviewed by Buddy and Gloria Melges along with Tom and Kristen Freytag. We would like to have a June 13 fundraiser to view the trailer. Gary Jobson said that he would be willing to join us at the fundraiser. I am also working on the historical video, which will be donated to the LGYC and GLSS. I would like to establish a GLSS Buddy and Gloria Melges Scholarship Fund.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Freytag and seconded by Ray Wiltgen. Motion passed.

Meeting End Time: 11:35AM

Next Meetings - Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 10AM

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Gannon