



**2020 Spring Membership Meeting
Saturday, May 30, 2020
4:00 pm via Zoom Video Conference
Meeting Minutes**

4:01pm – Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to correct the Saturday, May 25, 2019 Spring Meeting minutes to reflect that it was incorrectly stated in the Rear Commodore's report that Ellen Bentsen retired as our club archivist and historian. This should be changed to "We would like to thank Ellen Bentsen for her service as the club archivist and historian". This motion was made by Tom Freytag and was seconded by Ray Wiltgen. The motion was approved.

A motion was made to approve the Saturday, August 31, 2019 Annual Membership meeting minutes. This motion was made by Terry Blanchard and seconded by Ray Wiltgen. The motion was approved.

Officer's Reports

Commodore – John DeCarlo

We have had an interesting start to the year. I would like to thank Tom Freytag, Charles Lamphere, Ray Wiltgen, Kristin Gannon and Michael Moore for their support and collaboration during this time. We have made many revisions to our COVID-10 guidance and met twice a week for several months now. We most importantly like to have a safe club environment for all employees, members, sailors and race committee. We want to abide by the State regulations and keep our community safe. This is reflected in our attestation for members. We want our members to be aware that there is of the importance of being safe and staying home if you are ill.

Vice Commodore – Thomas Freytag

I would like to thank John DeCarlo for navigating us through these tough times. One capital project was completed and two were deferred. In the parking lot cracks were filled, spaces were all numbered though there are a couple spaces yet to be striped and numbered now that the dingy dock has been moved into the water. The advanced coating of the upper deck and a second tractor purchase were deferred. Piers and dinghy ramp are in. Thank you to members David Naven, Kyle Naven and John Zils, our Manager Michael Moore, GLSS Director Marek Valasek, our Chef Zachary Miller, our boat driver Connor and others for their assistance with the ramp. We are waiting on diamond plates for



safety to fill the gap between the seawall and ramp. Crane 2 (the second crane from the west) is out of order and the electrician will be looking at it.

Kudos to Zach, Chris, Michael and the rest of our staff on the introduction of our takeout service. Our current food and beverage service on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday is takeout and thus far has worked very well. Thank you to all the LGYC staff and members for making this a success. At present, the club building remains closed.

Beginning Friday, June 5 we start offering dining lite with seating on the covered porch, upper deck and lower patio. Reservations will be required. Dinner will be available on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and lunch on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Tables will be spaced for physical distancing and we will only have one turn on the tables. Members are reminded to physical distance, wear masks when not eating, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer. Food will be served through the upper deck garage doors using paper menus, trays, baskets with paper liners and cups. Members will need to bus your own tables. 1st floor bathrooms open but LGYC cannot guarantee sterilization & cleanliness. It is highly recommended to only use LGYC facilities if necessary. We will look to expand the food and beverage service when it is necessary and appropriate.

There is a cleaning service cleaning the building daily. We also purchased a sanitizing mister to clean after the GLSS morning and afternoon sessions. There will be some hand sanitizer stands for use by membership.

We are looking to open the club and activities conservatively so as not to exhibit and experience the lack of safety protocols and madness seen in Lake Geneva and Fontana lakefronts seen during the last couple of weekends.

Rear Commodore – Charles Lamphere

I would like to thank everyone who attended our race committee and fleet zoom meetings. They gave feedback on racing and Sailing Instructions. This will be the basis of what we are going to do.

The Covid-19 pandemic is presenting multiple challenges for our racing program, which we are trying to prudently address by rolling out a safe but fun and competitive summer racing program. To best protect our sailors, race committee volunteers, employees and community we are making several modifications to our Sailing Instructions and schedule. The new schedule, SIs and two



Amendments are all up on the LGYC website under the racing tab. A few changes to the Race Committee Manual are also being posted to reflect the changes in the SIs. The goal is for us to be able to safely run races with no more than one unrelated person on any race committee boat. I encourage you to go to the club website and thoroughly review the new schedule, SIS and both Amendments but I will summarize for you today. First regarding the calendar:

1. We will start our special Spring Series next Saturday, June 6
2. The series will be three weeks long
3. All classes will race at least once a week except Melges 17s and Sonars, which will not have a Spring Series
4. Races will be on the normal days of championship races except for Xs and Melges14s
 - a. Xs and Melges 14s will be on both Monday and Wednesday
 - b. Melges 14s Wednesday will be youth only racing and Monday night will be mixed
5. Every class will race two races each day including MCs
6. Family crewed boats are not required but strongly recommended for this series and there will be special awards for the best family boat in each class
7. Assuming all goes well, we hope to start Championship Series racing June 27.
8. Please note that we have scheduled many tentative races on our club calendar, particularly for youth sailors, in case the regattas we currently have scheduled for those dates at LGYC are cancelled or rescheduled. Our goal this year is as much local racing that we can safely accomplish.

In terms of our SIs we have made the following changes for our Spring Series:

1. To sail in the Spring Series all helmspersons and crew must sign the LGYC Attestation form that acknowledges the risks being taken, attests to the health of the individual, willingness to abide by governmental and LGYC guidelines, and reporting requirements should that person become ill. Unless the entire crew signs your boat will not be scored.
2. All competitors shall wear PFDs on the water as some our safety boats may only have one person in them.
3. E and MC will use flotation panels in all races.
4. All courses will be a L2 and there will be no course changes.
5. All races will be started using RRS Appendix U so no flags will be necessary.



6. These modifications are currently only applicable to Spring Series racing but may carry over to Championship Series racing, as well. If so, there will be another Amendment to the SIs.

In addition, section 18.4 of the LGYC SIs has been modified for all series. The goal here is to allow us to have race committee members in separate boats for better social distancing. Current SI calls for two boats with two people each, which is not possible. The SI modification calls for at least two boats with a minimum of four combined race committee members on the race committee vessels. This will allow at a minimum to have two related people on the Flagship, another employee on Boat 2, and a PRO in a separate boat directing the employees on the Flagship and Boat 2 via radio. While this our minimum to run a race, I am working hard to add an additional safety boat supplied by volunteer members for each race day. This will give us at least five race committee members in four boats on the water for increased safety. We have filled all our June slots but need help later in the year. We need your help in this regard and I ask every member with a power boat on this call to sign up for at least one safety boat slot on our club sign-up genius link.

I want to thank the many members that have already volunteered as PROs and safety boat drivers for this year. Things will be a little different this year but thanks to our volunteers we should still have a great summer of racing.

Michael Moore added that we have transferred 2019 registrations in Clubspot to the 2020 registrations. Members were encouraged to go in and validate their information. If you have any difficulty with this, please contact the office.

Secretary – Kristin Gannon

Thanks to Michael Moore and Ellen Bentsen the yearbook is wrapping up. The rosters are in the mail and should be delivered soon.

Treasurer – Ray Wiltgen

First, I would like to thank all of you for trusting me with the pocketbook of the Lake Geneva Yacht Club. It is an honor to be working with the club management, Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee, a talented group of individuals that can agree to disagree and do what is best for the membership. This has been especially critical during the past months, with an unknown future that COVID-19 has presented to all of us. I am confident that we will successfully navigate through this.

With the onset of Covid-19, we had to swiftly move from a happy-go-lucky sailing establishment to company faced with challenging times. The Treasury



Department quickly moved from focusing on managing the budget and deciding what to do with excess funds to managing a crisis. Cash flow being a critical financial component we quickly analyzed what we needed to do to manage the burn while keeping key employees from suffering a personal financial crisis. The BOD collectively decided that it was critical to do whatever possible to maintain our top-notch staff with compensation commensurate to a crisis of this magnitude.

Managing Cash Out Flow is one way to navigate these times, but so is making sure that Cash In Flow is maximized. LGYC applied for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), but as a 501c(7) nonprofit we were notified that the LGYC was not eligible. The LGYC is currently in the application phase of tax credits. These come in three forms and 2 of which the LGYC will qualify for. We expect credits with a value of more than 2 weeks of loaded payroll. The credits will be fully taken advantage of by the end of Q2. In addition to taking care of government incentives the LGYC has moved forward with a plan to do a slow roll out of dinners along with modified sailboat racing schedule. This all is critical to keep the members content so that membership revenues and storage fees continue to flow in.

I can confidently say that the crisis is being managed. Cash accounts total over \$350,000. Mortgage debt is at \$717,278 vs \$888,863 balance at the 8/31/2019 meeting. This difference includes an additional principle payment of \$75,000 made 11/21/2019. Revenues through April are only behind budget by \$9,000 dollars. Net income is ahead of budget by almost \$20,000.

In summary, rest assured the entire LGYC Team is doing their best at managing through this crisis and doing an amazing job. Pay your dues, store your boats, enjoy a tasty carry-out dinner, and get ready to have the wind at your backs. Sail strong.

Manager's Report – Michael Moore

We have been arranging the seating for the outside dining. We have about 130 seats. We will have a service where you will be ordering at the window for food and beverages. The staff is excited to increase service. Zach has been experimenting with new items including club made sourdough buns. The covered porch is heated and will be getting some a few mushroom heaters. We will continue to do the takeout too.



Gloria Melges Resolution – John DeCarlo

I would like to read the following resolution honoring Gloria Melges.

RESOLUTION HONORING GLORIA MELGES

WHEREAS on November 8, 2019, Past Commodore Gloria Melges brought honor to the Lake Geneva Yacht Club as the first recipient of the Huse Inland Lake Yachting Association Sportsmanship Trophy;

WHEREAS Gloria Melges has demonstrated her commitment to the sport as an outstanding crew in Classes A, E, and C and as a valued Race Committee member and Principal Race Officer for Lake Geneva Yacht Club fleets and at national and international events including the Star Class World Championship, Pan American Games, and America's Cup competitions;

WHEREAS Gloria Melges has been recognized as a US Sailing Senior Race Officer and as an Inland Lake Sailing Association Senior Race Officer;

WHEREAS Gloria Melges has been the recipient of the Ed Malone Judges Trophy as Inland Lake Yachting Association Race Committee / Judge of the Year, the recipient of the Bilge Pullers Cannon as Outstanding Inland Lake Yachting Association Race Management Corps Volunteer, and the recipient twice of Lake Geneva Yacht Club's Dr. and Mrs. Will F. Lyon Award for Outstanding Race Committee Service;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we the Board of Directors of the Lake Geneva Yacht Club salute Gloria Melges as the first recipient of the Huse Inland Lake Yachting Association Sportsmanship Trophy and express our appreciation for her decades of service to our sailors. To celebrate her contributions, we read this tribute before all present at the 2020 Spring Membership Meeting so that these words become a permanent part of the official record of the Lake Geneva Yacht Club.

John DeCarlo
Commodore, Lake Geneva Yacht Club

Gloria Melges thanked the members for this honor. The award is on display in the club on the fireplace mantel.



Committee Reports

Membership – Diane Brassel

We currently have 378 total members, which is up 2 members from the last membership meeting. We have 159 regular members, which is 91% of our limit. Voting membership is at 229, which means our capacity for Associate members is 115, we are currently at 114 associate members. We have 18 intermediate members and 26 junior members. I'd like to thank our membership committee – Kristin Gannon, Ray Wiltgen, John DeCarlo and Bob Youngquist for their ongoing efforts.

GLSS Report – Marek Valasek

We have successfully completed our winter trip to Florida. The BMRT was very active with more sailors than last year. We did Zoom meetings with the sailors. This was our substitute for sailing in the spring. With the COVID situation we were very active at solving how we will address our sailing program.

We are sticking with the Badger Bounce Back plan. This spring we will only be working with our racers and this will go through the end of June. Within the racing team we will have assigned groups of 8, being 1 coach and 7 sailors. We will continue to monitor this. If we feel we are safe to open more opportunities for kids to sail, then we will go to phase 2.

We made similar changes with the WOW program. We were originally only running one night a week. We are going to split the WOW series doing one half of lessons on Wednesday and the other half on Thursday. We have had several ladies excuse themselves from the program so we believe we will see a smaller WOW program this year. We have purchased a new Sonar with subsidy support from the LGYC and we are still looking for a 6th boat. We also got 6 new sets of sails. We have also acquired an older boat for the summer sailing lessons. We have installed a lift where the Sonar used to be.

As a 501(c)3 the GLSS was able to receive the PPP loan and we will be able to guarantee 20% of the salary of some of our instructors. We will still have to furlough some of our instructors. We hope this resolves by July when we can start more programs.

We are working on our protocols for waivers and attestations for our sailors and participants.



We are very close to making the final decision on the GLSS Dinghy Fest. Currently, we are leaning towards postponing the event. We are also talking about the X Inland.

Tom Freytag thanked John Holland and Marek for their collaboration on the attestations and protocols. They have done a tremendous amount of work around running a safe program.

New Business

Regatta Update – John DeCarlo

I have some strong opinions about running regattas and I have gone to the Regatta Chairs. The final decision, if needed, will be made by the Board. This has also been expressed in a meeting with the ILYA. There are many concerns about contamination of members, our community, etc. and thus making it difficult to run. This is my personal preference to avoid regattas. I am open to taking your feedback and opinions. We will discuss it at our next BOD on June 20. I have received a letter from Jane Pegel around the cancellation of regattas during the World Wars and the Polio epidemic. Our main goal for the GLSS and LGYC is safety.

Old Business

Update on 150th Celebration – John DeCarlo

We are looking for old photographs and items for display. With the quarantine, this is the ideal time to start doing this. We will eventually want to start building a book.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Charles Lamphere and seconded by Kristin Gannon. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Gannon
Secretary