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**2020 Annual Membership Meeting**  
**Saturday, September 5, 2020**  
**1:00 pm via Zoom video-teleconference**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**1:02pm – Call to Order**

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the 2020 Spring Membership meeting of Saturday, May 30, 2020 was made by Terry Blanchard and was seconded John Zils. The motion passed.

**Officer's Reports**

**Commodore Report – John DeCarlo**

A year ago we were in the clubhouse. I don't think that everyone expected to be where we are today. I'd really like to thank the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee with all we had to deal with due to COVID-19. I believe we had a good sailing and dining season. I'd like to thank Tom Freytag for the guidelines around the house and grounds use. The Executive Committee was meeting almost every weekend. I would like to thank Michael and Josh for a safe dining experience to create members and employee safety. We will have some hard decisions to make for the winter program. Chuck was given the task of creating a safe sailing and race committee program. I would like to thank all of the volunteers on race committee and those who supported sailing this year. Ray watched over our expenses as we had an altered income situation. It was our goal to keep core employees safe and healthy. I spend time talking with Kristin and Bill for their advice and guidance as we address the COVID-19 situation. We spoke with the ILYA about regattas. We were very sorry we couldn't have the MC Nationals as we knew Chris Gannon and Jeff Brassel had done a lot of work to prepare for it. I think we make the safe decision. Diane Brassel and the membership committee has done a fine job this year. Diane has been speaking to every new member and does a good job to carry our mission. The off-season dining members this year we will allow them to do the takeout this year at a low membership fee. For the off-season, indoor dining will require members and guest to wear masks when not at their tables. Connor did a wonderful job this year running races and he passed along a lot of feedback on the Markbots. We will be looking for a new lead driver. I want to thank Lindsey on her wonderful job in the office. Lindsey worked with Kristen Freytag and Sarah Lamphere on new merchandise. Lindsey sold over \$5,000 in merchandise last evening. The yearbook is completed and I would like to thank Ellen Bentsen on all of her efforts. I would like to thank the membership for understanding and cooperation with the guidelines. I want to thank John Holland and Marek V. They ran a safe program and regattas at GLSS and

**Vice Commodore – Thomas Freytag**

I echo John's thanks to the Board, fellow Executive Committee members, our office and staff. Thank you for leading us through this safe and active summer. There has been tremendous leadership by John during this difficult time. There were some members who express concerns in the beginning but as the season when on far more people were thanking the leadership for the handling of the situation.



We will be opening the building for indoor service and are going to try to extend the outdoor dining season. Michael Moore will share more in this report. We have installed Plexiglas on the bar, we are looking at the indoor air quality and heaters for outside dining.

We had many projects planned for the building but have put off much of that due to COVID-19. We will be adding the advanced coating on the upper level deck and covered porch this fall. The new tractor purchase was delayed, and we are looking at the new place for our dumpsters. The idea is to move the dumpsters to an area behind building 4 vs. next to the building. We talked about some retractable awnings for the top deck. We are still working on the planting plan for the east side of building 1. Our neighbor to the west had a lift that slammed into our pier. The neighbor will pay for most of the repairs; however, the yacht club will pay a portion due to the age of the pier. Austin will do an assessment of our piers for repairs. We are going to raise our east pier. We plan to have 4"-6" blocks to raise the horses of the pier for 2021 to help keep pier boards from coming out during a strong storm out of the north.

### **Rear Commodore – Charles Lamphere**

As Rear Commodore my primary responsibility is the management of our race committee and our racing program. This is only possible because of our incredible volunteers that served as PROs and safety boat drivers this year. While we had almost fifty race committee and safety volunteers this season, I would like to thank by name our most steadfast volunteers.

#### **Serving five or more shifts:**

George Buekema - PRO  
Charles Coleman - PRO  
Jordan Grey - Safety  
Larry Happ - Safety  
Julie Navin – PRO & Safety  
Jim Petersen - Safety  
Jim Philip - PRO  
Rod Reiger – PRO  
John Porter – PRO & Safety  
John Zils – PRO

#### **Serving ten or more shifts:**

Audrey Klein – PRO & Safety  
Josh LaCroix - Safety  
Lindsay Valasek - PRO  
Tom Whowell – Safety

#### **Serving 15 or more shifts:**

Peter King - PRO  
Roger Lyon - PRO



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I would additionally like to thank our Chief Judge, Rod Reiger, and our Trophy Committee Chairs Merilee and Don Holst.

Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, our racing participation numbers were strong with a 127 total boats on the line and most of our fleets are vibrant and growing. Using some modified race management techniques and sailing instructions, we completed championship series racing for 23 MCs, 21 Es, 12 Melges 14s, 11 Cs and 6 A boats, a youth championship series for 23 Optimists, 14 X boats and 13 Melges 14s and a women's WOW Championship Series in 4 Sonars.

To make this happen safely we modified our sailing instructions to simplify race management and increase safety given our more limited resources on the water. Some of these changes included:

- Appendix U starting system using an automated box and 3-minute sequence
- Standard L2 courses for all fleets
- No course changes
- Requirements for life jackets and flotation panels to increase safety
- Special awards for family boats
- Some experimentation with self-propelled markbots

We also changed our race management strategy to have only the driver on the Flagship and single individuals or couples alone on the PRO boat, Boat 2 and Safety Boat. Thank you to Marek Valasek and John Holland with the GLSS that loaned us the RIBs that enabled us to make this happen.

This year was a learning experience for all of us. Our racing was consistently pretty good but certainly not perfect. Some of our modifications were successful and other less so. I am seeking input from our sailors and race committee volunteers over the winter to evaluate what changes to keep and what to set aside for next year.

Chris Gannon and Jeff Brassell worked hard planning the MC Nationals and Katy Lynch and Peter Strothman put in countless hours for the X Inland, which we had planned to host at the club this year. Unfortunately, as a result of the pandemic, these regattas were cancelled. It is our hope to host both events at our club soon. Next year we are planning to again host our regular schedule of adult regattas and continue our preparations for the Big Inland in 2022 and 2023.

The summer of 2020 was a particularly challenging one but thanks to our many volunteers we still had some pretty good racing. Learning from the challenges of the pandemic this year was a great experience for us in terms of race management strategies going forward. If we face the same constraints again next summer, we will be in an even better position to insure the club members will enjoy a robust racing season.



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**Secretary – Kristin Gannon**

Nothing to report.

**Treasurer – Ray Wiltgen**

The LGYC continues, in a modified state, to provide great services, from record numbers in our small boat fleets, amazing outdoor dining to heroic efforts by the staff. It has been challenging, but the LGYC and GLSS are prevailing

Revenues and net income are down, but cash flow is steady with a total of \$329,270 in the bank. This is down only \$20,000 from the same time last year. We have suspended prepayments on the building loan which is \$200,000 less than a year ago and is currently at \$677,000. Financial performance is ahead of budget in Net Income by \$15,434.40 as of the end of August. This may sound terrific, but at the same time last year the net income was higher by \$71,521 dollars. So, the yellow flag is up, and adjustments are dynamic. If this were any other year, I probably would have been fired.

Capital expenditures have been adjusted for 2020. Some capital expenditures have been cancelled, like the tractor. Improvements to the HVAC, outdoor patio heaters, sanitization mister have been added to help keep our members safe and comfortable while the LGYC does its best to provide the services our members look forward to.

Overall, we are fortunate to have had some amazing weather and a star-studded staff. We are planning to continue to manage through this crazy time. Managing expenses and providing services for the good of our members.

If you have any cost cutting or revenue generating ideas, please feel free to reach out. We are here for you, our members.

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

**Manager Report –**

We have done work on the HVAC system including updating to MERV-13 filters and possible UV lamps. We are working on preparing the building for indoor dining. We have 6 outdoor propane heaters for the patio. We are hoping to add 4 to 6 more weeks to our outdoor dining experience. We have working together with the Executive Committee and the Board. We have all learned a lot. I want to thank all of the Members, the executive Committee, staff and Lindsey. The ups and downs and uncertainty have added complexity. As recently as yesterday, members have told us that the yacht club is one of the safest places. It has been an enjoyable season.

**GLSS Report – Marek Valasek**

We have worked together with the Executive Committee and we were able to have some of our programs. The racing team sailed all season. Our participation and revenue



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was down. We salvaged a Dingy Fest. We have had to test our protocols due to some positive participants. The BMRT program started up last weekend. We plan to carry on the momentum. We hope to open fully in 2021.

### **Membership – Diane Brassel**

Membership level is at 385. The committee has continued to receive applications during COVID-19.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

John DeCarlo thanked John Kivlin, Jordan Grey and Erick Youngquist for their service on the board. Terry Blanchard will present the slate.

### **Election of Officers and Directors**

Nominating Committee Chairs – Art Larson

Committee Members – Terry Blanchard and Frank Davenport

### **Proposed Slate of Directors and Officers**

#### Officers – 1-year team

Commodore – John DeCarlo

Vice Commodore – Thomas Freytag

Rear Commodore – Charles Lamphere

Treasurer – Ray Wiltgen

Secretary – Kristin Gannon

#### Director – 3-year term expiring 2023

Jeff Germanotta

Joshua LaCroix

Peter Wall

Motion to approve the slate from Ellie Vogel and seconded by Sarah Burton-Zick. Motion passed.

### **Annual Membership Service Awards**

Dr Lyon – awarded to Roger Lyon for his race committee service during the 2020 season.

Sherman Trophy – awarded to the Navin Family. Specifically Kyle, David and Julie Navin for their service to the Club. Kyle and David helped extensively with the new dingy ramp. Julie has always been a strong contributor and volunteer to the club.



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Kramp award – awarded to John Holland. John led the way to navigate the relationship between the GLSS and LGYC during this COVID pandemic.

**150<sup>th</sup> Celebration (2024)**

We are hoping to have the A Nationals. We have also discussed a change to the Sheridan Race for 2024 to invite As from other lakes to participate. We would like to host another larger regatta. We had a 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee meeting yesterday. There is a desire to have a cocktail table book. We are looking for photos and people to participate in planning the events.

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by Terry Blanchard and seconded by John Zils. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Gannon  
Secretary