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MISSION STATEMENT - The mission of the Fond du Lac Sailing Club is to provide sailing events for the recreation, challenge, and pleasure of the membership, while promoting safety, fellowship and an opportunity to improve sailing skills and knowledge.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

And here it comes, the 2018 Sailing Season. Just 104 Days until the boats need to be off the parking lot. Ok back to reality, that might have been a bit early.

The meeting on Feb. 1st is the next important date. Fleet meetings will start at 6:30 and depending on participants, we may have to have one of the classes after the meeting.

The Winter Ice Party, hosted by the Sailing Club, is Saturday, Feb. 17th. Setup will begin Friday at noon for anyone available. Also, if you have a favorite Chili recipe... you cook it and we will pay for the ingredients. More to follow at the meeting.

We are going to start to refine the plan for the summer social.

Let's help Treasurer Witt out and get your sailing club dues and race fees in. Info will be on the website soon, or renewals available at the meeting.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

- Dave W

NEXT MEETING

Sailing Club Meeting
February 1st @ 7:00pm
Fleet Meetings at 6:30 pm

WINTER ICE PARTY

SATURDAY, FEB. 17

Hosted by the FDL Sailing Club

Minutes of the FDL Sailing Club meeting January 4, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Commodore Dave Whealon, Eighteen members and no guests were present at the meeting.

The December meeting minutes were approved with one "correction". Karin Whealon requested that "furniture races" listed for the annual ice party be more "accurately" reported as "couch races". Dave Kuharski moved to approve the minutes and was seconded by Steve Ollenburg.

The treasurer's report: Treasurer Marty Witt reported one payment made from the treasury for \$61.00 for cleaning the tablecloths from the 2017 Change of Watch and Sailing Club banquet. The report was approved by the membership after motions by Scott Baccus and seconded by Bill Freund.

Budget Discussion

Dave Whealon and Marty Witt led the discussion about the proposed Sailing Club budget for 2018. The proposed budget was distributed to members for review and discussion. Discussion included increasing amounts for supplies, eliminating ILYA membership fees, increasing costs of trophies and increasing the amount for social expenses to get more involvement of

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sailors in the harbor to interact/join the sailing club. Dan Thornton moved to approve the budget and the motion was seconded by Dave Lallier. The motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Day Sailors – No Report

Cruisers: - No Report

Youth Sailing, - No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Member Dues - A push to start asking for sailing club dues for 2018 will start in February. Promoting dues collection with reminders in the newsletter was suggested. The application is on the sailing club website. The goal is to have all active member dues collected by the end of April and certainly before the start of the racing season. Also, inactive members will be contacted to see if they want to remain on our email distribution list.

Harbor Outreach - With the dates of June 2 & 3 being open with the elimination of the Lighthouse Regatta, the membership is in favor of using the dates for Harbor Outreach -inviting non-members (and newer sailing club members) to an event that would provide a variety of help and expertise that attendees may be looking for. A number of suggestions were discussed: help with rigging and sails, new skipper coaching, navigation, destination sailing, various workshops, boat "tune-ups", handouts such as maps of the lake with GPS coordinates of our racing buoys and possibly partnering with the coast guard. Other possibilities include putting an "Ask the sailing club" column/ tab where members and non-members could submit questions and suggestions for the workshops and outreach events. Additional discussion included possibly combining the instruction, guidance and coaching with a social gathering/event afterwards. More discussion and firming up the structure of the event to take place in future meetings. Seasoned sailors and skippers in the club could each take a category or subject. Volunteers needed.

One definite offering for sailors will be a photo barge for boats to pass in front of to have a photo taken of them and their boat. Andy Gratton volunteered to take the photos.

Ice Party February 17th, 2018 – Commodore Whealon announced the Yacht Club's Ice Party would continue with the tradition this February 17th. This will be the fourth year and has been very well received in the past, with numerous activities for members guests and children, including (but not limited to) ice skating, sledding, hockey, curling, bon fire, couch races, food and gathering tent on the ice just outside of the Yacht club. Dave Whealon reported that Dave Lallier will head up the food committee and Steve Butson will head up the music committee. We'll need volunteers for set up again this year which Dave will head up again this year.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought up.

For The Good of the Club - Vice Commodore Jack Boatman presented the proposed race schedules for Day Sailors and Cruisers. The proposed schedules are posted on the SC's website for review and discussion at the fleet meetings to take place at 6:30 PM prior to February's meeting (for both day sailors and cruisers.).

"Howdy" from the Dochterman's. Dave Lallier reported that Dave and Jean Dochterman (who relocated to Florida) were in town and stopped by to visit – and asked Dave to say hi to club members for them.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Kuharski and seconded by Dan Thornton. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Mike Mahnke, secretary

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FOND DU LAC SAIL CLUB WEBSITE

See all the new pictures that have been put on the site: <http://www.fdsail.com> . See the calendar, past mainsheets, race results, and more.

FOND DU LAC YACHT CLUB WEBSITE

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See last month's Mainsheet for details

