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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

Hi All,

The Sailing Club prepared for the YC ice party without a hitch, though I heard it might not have remained that way. I think all had a good time, lots of wood was burned. With that, sailors are looking forward to spring ahead, with warm rains and flowers. But the rain today was quite cold and I haven't seen any flowers pushing up. Sailing will still happen soon enough.

If you're not an iceboater, think warm.
Andy

NEXT MEETING

Youth Sailing
Thursday, Mar. 2 @6 p.m.

General Meeting
Thursday, Mar. 2 @7 p.m.
FDL Yacht Club

COMING EVENTS

Join the FDL Yacht Club, FDL Sailing Club,
FDL Boating Club and Nauti Gals
Saturday, Mar. 25 7 p.m.
For a night at the Fondy Bears Hockey
Blue Line Center

Minutes of the FDL sailing club meeting February 2, 2023

The meeting was called to order at the FDLYC at 7:05 pm by Commodore Andy Gratton. 17 members were in attendance.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved with one correction: The Entringer race this year will be held on July 18 – and Not July 4 - as published in the Mainsheet by the membership after motions by Bill Freund and Marty Witt.

Treasurer Sally Boatman reported on the status of the finances with \$430 deposited from membership and racing fees. The treasurer's report was approved by the membership after motions by Ann Freund and Mike Schwersinski.

She also presented the proposed budget for 2023. Sally recommended shifting some funds in the budget from Promotions to Miscellaneous – due to spending trends over the past several years. The budget was approved by the membership after motions by Dave Whealon and Ann Freund respectively.

Committee Reports:

Day Sailors: Marty Witt had no report for the day sailors. Rueben Witt confirmed with Dave Whealon that the Pontoon boat will be available to the membership again

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this year. He also led the discussion about obtaining a ladder for the pontoon that would facilitate retrieving people from the water when necessary. Rueben volunteered to pursue finding an appropriate ladder.

Cruiser's report: Cruiser committee chair Jim Braun and assistant cruiser chair Jack Boatman were both absent. Commodore Andy Gratton did remind members that for the months of June, August and September Membership meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 7PM. The membership decided to NOT hold a meeting on July 5th.

Youth Sailing program: The Youth sailing committee will be meeting again this year before the regular sailing club meetings. Kevin Gratton reported that they will be placing an ad again this year in the FDL Recreational Guide for youth sailing lessons. For 2023 the program will run like it did in 2022: The goal will be to have a ratio of 10 kids to 1 instructor. We could use additional instructors. The committee is also working on improvements to the curriculum\existing printed lessons.

Old Business:

Commodore Andy Gratton circulated sign-up sheets for the various committees needing volunteers for the year. The Yacht Club's annual Ice Party will be facilitated by the Sailing Club again this year. It will be held on February 18th and set-up will be on Friday. Volunteers for set-up should be at the club at about noon on Friday, February 17th.

New Business:

Yacht club meeting meal for April 4th will be prepared and served by Sailing Club members. Discussion of a menu for the dinner took place with a consensus that

we would go with the "Dan Thornton menu".

Attracting potential crew members. Dave Whealon surfaced the subject of the need for crew member for the Cruisers and some sort of promotion to attract new people interested in learning how to sail – by crewing for captains needing crew. The membership talked about leveraging the "Sunset cruises" to accomplish that like we did last year – communicating that those interested show up at the Yacht club garage about 5:30pm.

Commodore Gratton asked members to share any other ideas they may have. Ten Wednesdays were identified as available days for open sails.

Correspondence:

Kevin Gratton reported a question he received from Jim Braun to ask the membership if we could get something better [equipment] than what we currently have for a wind speed and direction from here on the lake. There was discussion about what was available and what we might be able to afford. One brand – Pete Brothers brand was okay. No decisions were made and no motions were made.

For the Good of the Club:

Honorary Matriarch of the Yacht club and sailing club, Karin Whealon was unavailable for comment – at the disappointment of attendees...

And Rueben Witt did share that this Year's SAIL GP will be held in Chicago on June 16th and 17th.

Adjournment:

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm after motions by Marty Witt and Wanda Witt respectively.

Respectfully submitted:
Mike Mahnke, secretary

Dues for 2023

As we enter a new year, it is time to replenish our funds for expenses in the coming year. You can fill out your membership renewal on our website by going to our website and choosing About Us and then Membership form. [Or click here](#). This form is a fill in form so you can just type in your information and then print the completed form from your browser by clicking on the printer icon usually found in the upper right part of the window. Or you can print it out and fill it in by hand. Or you can fill out a form at a future meeting. Dues are still \$20 for renewals and \$35 for each class of racing that you participate in. If you want to mail in your dues, you can send them to the FDL Sailing Club, c/o FDL Yacht Club, P.O. Box 1930, Fond du Lac, WI 54936.

Note: Whoever made the form didn't leave enough room for an area code, so just put in your 7 digits and write in the area code after you print it should your code not be 920.

Didn't think I could include this a second time, but after all the snow we just had...



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