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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 everyone,

I hope everyone is doing well. Hang in there we are 45 days from spring. We will continue to have zoom meetings until we can get together normally, fingers crossed.

Marty

NEXT MEETING

**Thursday, Feb. 4, 7 pm
Zoom Meeting**

Minutes of the FDL Sailing Club Meeting January 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order via a ZOOM meeting due to the COVID 19 pandemic at 7:12 pm by Commodore Marty Witt. Fifteen (15) members were in attendance with no guests.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved by the membership with no additions or corrections after motions by Bill Freund, Sally Boatman and Paul Kaestner respectively. Note: September 2020 was the most recent meeting of the sailing club prior to the January meeting.

Treasurer Brian Carter reported the status of the FDLSC treasury. He will also have a proposed budget for the club's consideration at the February meeting. His report was approved by the membership after motions by Don Cayen and Rob Ritchie respectively.

Committee Reports

Day Sailors report: Andy Gratton reported that the day sailors haven't raced recently due to the solid aspects of the lake water...

Cruisers report: No report.

Youth Sailing program: Kevin Gratton shared that the Youth Sailing committee had no specific plans for the upcoming season pending COVID.

Last season the group offered lessons to just the advanced sailing students so that we could limit kids to one student per boat.

Rob Ritchie mentioned that there would possibly be a meeting coming up to discuss teaching intermediate and advanced students. He also recommended plans to place an ad in our traditional outlets in case we can proceed with our beginner lessons this summer.

Kevin updated the membership that the bench that was donated to the club in memory of Dan Thornton will be placed by the Youth Sailing dock.

Old Business

"Keeper Trophies": Dave Whealon reported that he had the keeper trophies for the winner announced at the October 2020 presentation. They may or may not be mailed out. Stay tuned.

A&B Buoys gone missing: Dave Whealon reported that 2 of our sailing buoys are gone. Severe weather may have caused them to

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break away from their anchors. The club will need to purchase new ones and the lights that will be needed for them. Brian Carter mentioned that we will be able to use budgeted monies from the maintenance line item.

New Business

Pete Chisolm brought up for discussion the amount of dry storage that would be available for day sailor boats. Other than boats, kayaks and jet skis are/can be stored. There were no actions or motions made.

For the good of the club

Annual Ice Party – Dave Whealon mentioned that the Yacht Club will be holding the annual Ice Party on Saturday, February 20. The entertainment committee is planning on meeting on January 18 to discuss further. The event will have some of the favorite features from past events, such as the Ice Carousel, Hockey and other ice sports, recreation and food and beverage. The sailing club has taken the lead in past years in setting up and tearing down the event. Stay tuned for additional plans and details.

Karin Whealon is mentioned here under the category of "for the good of the club" – because of tradition and she was canvassed for any additional comments – none were recorded due to approaching the ZOOM free time limits.

Adjournment

In the nick of time, Dave Whealon moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Bill Freund. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Mike Mahnke, secretary

Book Review

By Tom Clausen

Last November I wrote about Sir Alec Rose' trip around the world. I finished my review at his half-way point. I don't think this is a spoiler alert that he made it back to England.

Shortly after leaving Melbourne, in heavy winds, the jib and twin forestays all came down and fell over the side into the sea. The fitting at the top of the mast gave way bending the top of the mast backwards. Luckily this happened a few days south of New Zealand where repairs could be made.

On February 6th he departed and sailed non-stop to England arriving on July 4th. I dare anyone to sail that long alone.

His trip around Cape Horn makes for interesting reading. Especially all the boats that he mentions that didn't make it around the Horn.

I'll place the book in the library shortly.

Boat for Sale

Dan and Paula Homuth have decided it is time to retire from sailing, so they are selling their 1978 Tartan 34, Pandamonium. A couple of seasons ago, this editor received an inquiry to our club's email about sailing on Lake Winnebago. I invited him to come up from Baraboo and sail with me during a race. He got to know Marty and fell in love with the Tartan 34. When Dan's boat came up for sale, I fired off an email and to make a long story short, the boat will be taken to Oconto this April with a proud new owner.

Selling a boat or parts?

If you are selling a boat, we will be happy to place your listing on our website. The **For Sale** page is under LINKS.

<https://www.fdsail.com/for-sale>

Mike Elmergreen will also put it on his website at no-charge: www.elmoandbigssue.com (navigate to "Boats for Sale"). Just send pictures and a write-up by email to elmo@centurytel.net.

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