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COMMODORE	Andy Gratton	(920) 231-3015
VICE COMMODORE	Rueben Witt	(920) 979-3410
SECRETARY	Mike Mahnke	(224) 406-3139
TREASURER	Sally Boatman	(920) 517-1917

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 fellow sailors,

Tis the season for boats to be stored and wrapped up to keep the falling leaves from landing in the cockpit to stain it. It has been quite warm this week, perhaps some of you that pull boats late in the season actually got out this last week. I got out sailing a couple times to look at all the colored leaves floating in the water as well as those on shore. This weekend we will have the Awards Banquet and find out who swept up all the races up this year. Who do you think Karin will call out this year for her Fun Awards?

Your Commodore,
Andy Gratton

NEXT MEETING

Change of Watch
Saturday, November 5
Cocktails @ 5 p.m.
Dinner @ 6 p.m.

Minutes of the FDL sailing club meeting October 5, 2023

The meeting was called to order at the FDLYC at 7:05 pm by Commodore Andy Gratton. Seventeen members were in attendance with no guests.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the Mainsheet - by the membership after motions by Marty Witt and Tom Clausen respectively.

Treasurer Sally Boatman reported on the status of the finances. Two disbursements were made: \$78.50 for End of year pizza party and \$71.75 bar bill paid to the yacht club. The treasurer's report was approved by the membership after motions by Jack Boatman and Marty Witt respectively.

Committee Reports:

Day Sailors: Rueben Witt reported that the official day sailors' schedule /season is over and the boats are in storage. The book with the racing results for day sailors will be handed off to Dave Whealon prior to the awards banquet.

Cruiser's report: Committee chair Jim Braun had no detailed report. Jack Boatman has the results of the Cruiser races posted on the FDLSC website. There were nine different winners this year for the races, which was helped by using the staggered start. The club members thanked Jim Braun for facilitating that approach.

Youth Sailing program: Kevin Gratton reported the Youth Sailing program was over for another year. The committee met

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before the regular meeting. We had about 50 kids in this year's program. Many of them were new this year. We should anticipate higher use of the Lasers in the next year or two as the kids increase their skills and continue to grow. Kids should be about 135 – 150 pounds to be able to handle the lasers – to be able to right the boat. On behalf of Kevin and the Youth Sailing Committee, a big thank you to all the instructors and volunteers who made this year's program a huge success! Boat clean-up was done by the youths again this year.

Old Business:

Possible new weather station.

No specific update on progress on a new weather station. The Yacht club is working on the issue. Stay tuned.

Racing Buoys

There was some discussion regarding whether or not all of our racing buoys are charted. Tom Clausen said he'd try to do more research on the issue.

Jib Crane

Rueben Witt reported that maintenance has been done on the crane and Marty Witt will be fabricating a motor cover to protect it from the elements.

New Business:

Change of Watch/Banquet November 4th:

Ann Gratton provided an update on preparations for the November 4th event saying things are going smoothly and finalizing the program and responsibilities at the meeting. Volunteers are needed for set-up and clean-up. Contact Ann for details.

Selection of Officers for 2024

Nominations for club officers resulted in the following acceptance of duties:

Commodore:	Andy Gratton
Vice Commodore:	Phil Gross
Secretary:	Mike Mahnke
Treasurer:	Sally Boatman

Motions to accept the slate of nominees were made by Dave Whealon and Rueben Witt respectively and passed unanimously by the membership.

Dave Whealon will be performing the installation of officers duties this year.

For the good of the club

Karin Whealon was a little under the weather, but her dedication to fellow members motivated her to deliver snacks for after the meeting. This information is being supplied in an attempt to quell any rumors that Karin is now working for Door Dash...I'm just saying...

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm. After motions by Sally Boatman and Marty Witt respectively.

Respectfully submitted:
Mike Mahnke, secretary

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61st Annual Fond du Lac Sailing Club

Change of Watch and Awards Banquet

\$15.00 per person
advance payment required

Saturday, Nov. 4
Cocktails @ 5 pm, Dinner @ 6pm

Please RSVP and pay by Oct. 20.
Ann Gratton
2102 Doty St.
Oshkosh, WI 54902

Include Name(s) and meat choice (chicken or salmon). Also, if you can bring a dessert, please let Ann know.

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