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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 fellow sailors,

It's been warm the last few weeks, I hope those of you that leave your boat in as long as possible got some good fall sailing in. Leaves are turning colors and blowing around, ducks and geese are flying, it's fun to watch all the changes. I just cut two of our trees down so we don't have to rake as many leaves.

Get your boats stored for the winter, and then come to the FDL Sailing Club Awards banquet in a few days to see if Marty, Dave, or someone else gets to go home with all the trophies. What Fun Awards do you think Karin might be considering?

Your Commodore,
Andy Gratton

NEXT MEETING
Saturday, Nov. 2, 5:30 p.m.

FDL Yacht Club

Minutes of the FDL sailing club meeting October 3, 2024

The meeting was called to order at the FDLYC at 7:00 pm by Vice Commodore

Phil Gross. twenty-one 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 Dave Whealon and Marty Witt respectively.

Treasurer Sally Boatman reported on the status of the club's finances. The treasurer's report was approved by the membership after motions by Jack Boatman and Rueben Witt respectively.

Committee Reports:

Day Sailors: No report.

Cruisers: Jim Braun reported that the cruisers are approaching the end of the season and that there was no Frostbite race due to weather.

Youth Sailing: Rob Ritchie reported that 10 new sails were needed for youth sailing. Kevin Gratton shared that the

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sails being replaced would be replaced with the same type of sail for the O'pen Bics that were originally equipped. He's confident in the new sails shelf life due to the improved storage process in the trailers.

There was some discussion on whether or not we should try to grow the number of youths into the advanced class which uses the Lasers. The group agreed that the numbers in the advanced classes depends to a large degree on the actual physical growth of the beginner AND appropriate increase of sailing skills. The consensus was to continue our current practices.

In addition, youth sailing will continue with the classes next year as used this year because of how well things went this year.

Old Business:

Last year's trophy winners (traveling trophies) were returned for presentation at next month's banquet. Boats put into storage in conjunction with yard cleanup.

Ann Gratton updated the membership on progress of the Change of Watch and Banquet for November included that Brian Carter has volunteered to Chef again this year and arrange for bartenders for the event.

New Business:

Non-permanent racing buoys will be removed by those volunteering.

Officer nominations: The club members closed officer nominations after motions to do so by Dave Lallier and Rueben Witt. Club members selected the following individuals to serve next year:

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Secretary	Mike Mahnke
Treasurer	Sally Boatman

Radio-controlled boats: Marty Witt brought up the subject of interest in doing radio-controlled boat racing in the month of September next year on Tuesday evenings. There were a number of members who showed an interest and had radio-controlled boats. No motions were made.

Phil Gross floated an idea to the group on doing a dart or pool night during the non-sailing season. There was some discussion but no conclusion or motions made.

For the good of the club

Dan Cayen inquired about an update on Scott and Jackie Baccus' recovery. Andy reported that their sons have reported that they are making progress – but it is slow. Andy said that Scott was moved to a rehab facility in Waterford and that Jackie was at Harbor Haven

Our thoughts and prayers continue for them and their family as this will be a lengthy and challenging recovery.

We were more than incredibly delighted to have Sailing club Matriarch Karin Whealon at the meeting and sharing in the "for the good of the club session" aka FTGOTC. *Please note: This is technically not an acronym it's just too doggone difficult to pronounce....*

Karin invited members to a party on "celebrating aging" as her guests on Saturday, October 19th. Happy Birthday Karin!

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm after motions by Rueben Witt and Ann Freund.

Respectfully submitted:
Mike Mahnke