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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 Sailors,
It's hard to not think about sailing when the waves have been washing on shore for weeks, but the air and water temperatures are still a bit low for the most enjoyment. It snowed today. Get those boat projects finished so you can have an early launch this year.

Andy

NEXT MEETING
Thursday, Apr. 4, 7 p.m.
FDL Yacht Club

YOUTH SAILING MEETING
Thursday, Apr. 4, 6 p.m.

Minutes of the FDL sailing club meeting March 7, 2024

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

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

Treasurer Sally Boatman reported on the status of the finances: Two deposits of \$240 and \$55 from dues and racing fees. The treasurer's report was approved by the membership after motions by Jack Boatman and Brian Carter.

Committee Reports:

Day Sailors: No report

Cruisers: No Report

Youth Sailing: Jack reported that the February youth sailing meeting went well.

Old Business:

Thanks to Betty and Tom Clausen for getting the food for the sailing club's hosting the FDLYC meal. Thanks also to Brett for the deserts and the club members who helped with serving and cleaning up.

Signing up for the day sailor judging continued.

Buddy Melges movie: Follow-up research was done by Cassandra and others for the information below: Film rental is about \$750 and \$200 to rent a room at Thelma. Discussion included doing a fund raiser/\$10.00 per person to view the movie. It was reported that Neenah charged \$25.00 per person.

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Splitting the gate was also suggested if the owners of the film would agree.

Suggestions for the time frame for viewing included: Early or mid-May, June weekend evening - potentially a Friday.

A motion to spend \$200.00 for rental of Thelma and to give all gate to the producers was passed after motions by Dave Whealon and Marty Witt respectively.

Club Dues are due now.

New Business:

Racing schedule: Judges for day sailor races still needed.

TransWinnebago race, scheduled for June 22 – should it be moved to the 15th? And incorporate the party on the Friday before?

July 9th: Should that date be used for a day sailor make-up race

OR

Used as the start of the new late season races

OR

Bank that date for the future?

Also, what to do with the July 18th – that as a makeup?

Jack Boatman will post the schedule on the club's website. Any questions should go to Jack.

End of race season party: selecting a date. Should both fleets be combined into one party? September 26 – last fall series race.

Correspondence: Andy received a question from Nikolos Lane wanting to learn how to sail and live on a boat - preferably a 36 – 40-foot boat. Andy

recommended he attend our meetings if he is interested.

For the good of the club:

Buoys at Roosevelt Park: following up from last month, Kevin Gratton reported that Taycheedah wants to leave them in, but the city of FDL wants to call the new pier a "fishing pier". But it apparently does not qualify as a fishing pier. Kevin has a copy of a grant to pay for the pier. Kevin reports that the state calls it a "fishing observation pier".

Tom inquired of the membership if they knew of a source with a good price on VC17 bottom paint.

Brian Carter shared that Todd Nimmer had a serious motorcycle accident. Not certain of his condition.

March 23 FDLYC Blue Line Ice Hockey – members welcome. Start @7PM. Game starts @ 8PM.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned after motions by Brian Carter and Rueben Witt respectively.

Respectfully submitted:

Mike Mahnke

Recycling your shrinkwrap:

The yacht club has been approached by the Lions Clubs to possibly donate the discarded shrinkwrap to them for recycling. The Wisconsin Lions Camp will get 7 cents for every pound donated. The plastic must be transported to Appleton by the end of May. Should the yacht club participate? Discussion Thursday.