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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,

Remember those winter boat projects I mentioned in November? Well, it's time to start working on them if you haven't done so already. Only 2 months to April when the weather starts to warm up. I just started my boat projects, the only trouble, it is an iceboat that was supposed to be worked on in summer. It seems I'm 180 degrees out of phase with these boats.

This is a fun month with the YC ice party that the Sailing Club hosts, Feb 18. What new activities can we think up for this year? How about a zip line from the lighthouse across the harbor??

Keep warm, Andy

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, Feb. 2 7 p.m. FDL Yacht Club

COMING EVENTS

FDL Sailing Club hosts the Winter Ice Party Saturday, Feb. 18 1 p.m. to ?

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 January 5, 2023

The meeting was called to order at the FDLYC at 7:10 pm by Commodore Andy Gratton. 17 members were in attendance.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as published in the Mainsheet by the membership after motions by Brian Carter and Jack Boatman. (Note: no minutes for November or December of 2022 due to Change of Watch/Banquet in November and no official meeting in December.)

Treasurer Sally Boatman reported on the status of the finances, after working with the bank on balancing the club's checking account. She is currently working on the budget and will present the proposed budget for 2023 at the February meeting. The report was approved by the membership after motions by Brian Carter and Marty Witt respectively.

Committee Reports:

Day Sailors: Marty Witt had no report for the day sailors, but there was discussion of using July 4th as the Entringer race.

Cruiser's report: Assistant Cruiser committee chair Jack Boatman addressed a couple of Cruiser issues and requested

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that Cruisers meet discuss the issues after the regular meeting was adjourned.

The TransWinnebago Race for 2023 will take place on the 4th Saturday of June – June 24th. It will start in Neenah/Menasha and race down to Fond du Lac. There will be a Rock the Docks that same Saturday in FDL.

Youth Sailing program: Successful season. The Youth sailing committee will be meeting again this year before the regular sailing club meetings. For 2023 the program will run like it did in 2022: Open Bics will be used for beginners and lasers used for the advanced students. The committee is considering updating the existing printed lessons.

Old Business:

Thanks to Ann Gratton for organizing the 2022 Change of watch/banguet.

Thanks to Chef Brian Carter for the delicious meal he cooked for the event.

Sailing club equipment. Vice

Commodore Rueben Witt reported that the hoist will need oil change/maintenance. Possible maintenance on buoys and he is working on some plans for a ramp to use on the pontoon boat for dropping and retrieving the buoys.

New Business:

Membership dues (\$20) are now due. Racing fees (\$35) are also due.

The annual FDL Yacht Club Ice Party

will be held on February 18th and facilitated by the Sailing Club. At this time, set-up for the event will be held on the 17th – weather permitting. Rueben suggested that we look at changing the

framework for the outboard motor that will power the Ice Carousel.

Yacht club meeting meal for April 4th will be prepared and served by Sailing Club members.

Tom Clausen submitted the Sailing Club's request for use of Yacht Club dates to the Yacht club board.

Thank you, Brett Reinke, for all the work you've put in - in building shelving in the Youth Sailing equipment trailers!

Correspondence

We received a thank you note from Saint Vincent DePaul for a donation in memory of Joan Gratton.

For the Good of the Club:

Honorary Chef and Matriarch of the Yacht club and sailing club, Karin Whealon will be providing the September Meal for the Yacht Club in celebration of her birthday. Contrary to rumors, Karin does not have Rice-a-Roni (the San Francisco treat) on the menu presently.

Brian Carter is selling his sailboat. See Brian for details.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm after motions by Brian Carter and Marty 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

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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.

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