

# THE WINDWORD

## Calendar

January 11.....BOG Meeting

*\*Save the Date\**

March 1.....Women's Brunch

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#### ARCHIVIST

Open

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Paul Schye

#### CALLING

Ginger Brown

#### POWERBOAT MAINTENANCE

Steve Kubin

#### DRY-STORAGE

Paul Schye

#### FINANCE

Paul Schye

#### GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Brian Hakala

#### HARBOR

Dave Bonifield

#### LONG RANGE PLANNING

Richard Barth

#### MEMBERSHIP

Ardie Condon

#### MEDIA

Deann Gadalla

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Deann Gadalla

#### RACING ACTIVITIES

Ginger Brown

#### SAILING ACTIVITIES

Brian Hakala

#### SECURITY

Brian Hakala

#### SOCIAL

Ginger Brown

#### STEP

Deann Gadalla

### COMMITTEE CHAIR

Gene Plehal

Dave Reynolds

John McCabe

Julie Barth

Bart Peace

Jim Smith

Kathy Malcom

Gene Nold

Dave Bonifield

Richard Barth

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Deann Gadalla, acting

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## The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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## From the Commodore

*Charlie Volk*

This is the time of year to reflect on what has been in the past and what can be in the future. I hope everyone had a great holiday with family and friends and is looking forward to an enjoyable sailing season.

The Christmas party was well received and the Hereford House appears to be a great venue. The Social Committee will consider holding next year's party there again. Thanks to Steve Kubin for quickly organizing this year's party.

It's January, and now the real planning and organizing work begins. The season is before us to plan and make it as great as we all can. We're off to a good start but there's a lot to do in the next few months.

The December BOG meeting was held at the office of Dr. Aly Gadalla, which is a great place for the monthly meetings. Committee Chairs are mostly filled but there are a few open slots yet to be filled. You still may receive a call asking for help to chair a committee or assist the Board Liaison.

During the Annual Meeting, the idea of a sand beach to improve the shoreline in front of the shelter house was briefly discussed. The board is considering installing some sand in that area this season as a proof-of-concept test to see if a beach is a feasible idea before considering commitment to a full-size project in a subsequent year. Geese, weeds, and erosion are concerns. The Building and Grounds Committee is preparing a proposal for the test beach. There are no firm plans for the test yet, let alone the full project - we'll see how the details and regulations shape up first.

The social and sailing activity calendar planning will be set over the next couple of months. Hopefully we can plan socials and events that are fun and also make it easy for both expert and novice sailors to participate in sailing events that get boats on the water.

*See you out there - Charlie*



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**Walnut Valley Sailing Club  
2017 Christmas Party**



**Photos by Ardie Condon**

## Walnut Valley Sailing Club 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes

Saturday, November 4, 2017, 6:00 pm

House of Schwann

3636 N Comotara, Wichita, KS

### Reference Documents (1)

WVSC Annual Meeting package distributed to club membership, including:

- Parliamentary Rules of Debate
- Annual Meeting Agenda
- Board of Governors Nominee Biographies
- Committee Reports
- Treasurer's Report, with 2017 Annual Report, proposed 2018 Budget and WVSC and STEP history of fixed assets
- STEP Treasurer's Report with 2017 Annual Report and proposed 2018 Budget

### Annual Meeting Called to Order, 6:02 pm, November 4, 2017

#### by Commodore Brown

**Opening Remarks:** Commodore Brown welcomed club members to our Annual Meeting. Commodore stated it was a privilege serving as Commodore this year. She enjoyed getting to know more of the members and working with them. She thanked outgoing Board Members for their service: Brian Hakala, Blaine Van Dam and Tim Miller.

**Article V Annual Meeting /Notice:** This By-Law states the Annual Meeting notice including place, day and hour, purpose (agenda) and list of nominees for Board of Governors shall be delivered not less than ten days nor more than thirty days to each voting member. The annual meeting notice was delivered more than 10 days ahead but did not include the list of nominees for the Board of Governors. Therefore; Commodore Brown requested the membership's approval to proceed with meeting at this time. *Motion submitted, seconded and approved.* Meeting proceeded.

**Agenda:** Commodore Brown requested membership approval to adopt the agenda in the meeting package. *Motion submitted, seconded and approved.*

**Debate:** Motion made to limit any debate to two minutes per person. *Seconded and approved.*

**Minutes of 2017 Annual Meeting:** Commodore Brown made suggestion to authorize the Board of Governors to approve minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting minutes. *Motion made, Seconded and approved.*

**Board of Governors Election:** The Nominating Committee presented 3 nominees for the Board of Governors election: Richard Barth, David Bonifield and Brian Hakala. There were no nominations from the floor. The Committee Chair, Charlie Volk requested a vote to elect by show of hands. *The membership voted unanimously to elect Richard, David and Brian.*

**Congratulations to Richard Barth, David Bonifield and Brian Hakala**

**Committee Reports;** The committee chairs submitted written reports for the Annual Meeting and were distributed to the club membership (see reference 1). The minutes reflect items highlighted or added to the submitted written reports.

**Awards Committee;** Brian Hakala and Blaine Van Dam presented the following 2017 WVSC awards:

Sportsmanship Award - Jack Van Dam

Outstanding Service Award - Tedd Blankenship

Commodore Award and special plaque for service – Ginger Brown

**Sailing Program (Activities);** Brian Hakala reviewed the written report.

**Activities Center;** Gene Plehal – report submitted

**Archives;** David Reynold - report submitted

**Dry Storage;** Paul Schye states we may need more money in the budget for gravel. The committee is working on new arrangement of dry storage slips to allow more room for larger boats.

**Security;** Brian Hakala reviewed his written report.

**Building and Grounds;** John McCabe stated the committee worked under budget. John informed us sealing the parking lot cracks is done every year to maintain its integrity. Complete sealing is done every 5 years. Complete sealing will be done in spring of 2018. He also shared photos of the clubs' property, specifically the shore line after they were cleaned of shrubs, volunteer trees and weeds. There is tremendous improvement. Interest was voiced in having a sand beach put on the shore behind the club house because it is now a smooth slope.

**Calling Committee;** Julie Barth – report submitted.

**Social Committee;** Ardie Condon thanked all the members that volunteered their time to host a party, and any members that helped make them happen, without the direction of a Social Chair this year. The Board is looking for a person to volunteer their time to build a committee to work towards an active and exciting social year for 2018. This chair person would work to coordinate the schedule and help orchestrate the socials.

Gwynne gave a big thank you to all those that helped make the New Orleans Style Dinner a big success: Richard and Julie Barth, Cheryl Wertheimer, Jim and Lani Smith, Ardie Condon, Bart Peace and Dani Green.

**Membership Committee;** Ardie Condon highlighted new members for this year. They are Bill and Jennifer Grabendike and family, Don and Gwenn Chism, Donald and Marilyn Harris, and Dave and Marti Clothier. Paul Schye added that former STEP student Austin Bayes has submitted his application for Active Membership.

**Government Relations;** Blaine Van Dam shared appreciation to the State Park personnel this year. They have been very helpful. Also of note, they have offered the club's use of the dumpster on Boulder Bluff as needed. Blaine thanked Gene Nold for his continued role as Chair Person for this committee.

**Public Relations;** Deann Gadalla shared that she entered a package in the silent auction at a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. A worthwhile charity. She entered "an evening of sailing with wine and appetizers". The society gained \$200 from that package and Deann hosted 5 women at our lake. With 3 members volunteering to take them for a sail. Two of the ladies showed strong interest in our club and pursuing that with sailing training. If members are interested and want to volunteer to host guests for a sail, Deann states she would be willing to provide food and drink. There are many opportunities such as this in our community and it is a great way to introduce the "public" to our club and great sport of sailing. Contact Deann if you would be willing to help with a future event.

Deann reminded us the club has a Facebook page. Find it under Walnut Valley Sailing Club. If members "like" it and share with friends, we get free advertising. Also, find us on Instagram with WVSailing.

**Finance;** Kathy Malcom submitted report. Kathy voiced accolades for our bookkeeper for her many years of working for us and the great quality of her work. Thank you to Samadara Fernando.

**Harbor;** Dave Bonifield stated we have delivery of the replacement floatation. He reminded us there are no funds set aside for professional installation if it isn't going to be done by member volunteers.

**Powerboat;** Blaine Van Dam praised Bart Peace for doing a great job maintaining the power boat this year. It was always ready to go and ran well. The boat cover should be here in a few months. It will be covered with a tarp for this winter. The slip fingers for the powerboat will also get new floatation.

**Racing Committee;** Blaine Van Dam thanked Rob Brown for his work as Racing Committee chair. He invited members to come and join in. He especially enjoys the Wed. evening races with beautiful sunsets and steady breeze.

Rob Brown presented the following Racing Awards for 2017:

Center Board	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Tedd Blankenship
	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Jack Van Dam
	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Deann Gadalla
Keel boat	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Rob Brown
	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Dana Herring
	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Blaine Van Dam

Dana Herring was recognized for participating in the most races. He raced in 14 out of 16 races. The winners received steel bladed rigging knives in a leather pouch designed and made by Commodore Brown.

The Keel Boat Trophy that is on display in the club house will be updated with names added as appropriate. It was noted the trophy was made by former member Bill Rutherford.

**STEP committee;** Deann presented a video produced by STEP member Joseph Gadalla. The video showed what a day at the lake looks like for students and instructors during training, including clips of knot instruction and classroom work. The video shows many boats on the lake, with the young people going through their exercises and having fun. Deann suggests if you haven't been at the club on a training day, you might consider it. It is a real joy to see.

Deann showed the 2 certificates STEP received for participating in environmentally friendly practices. It was the 2<sup>nd</sup> year for receiving the certificate for their Green Regatta from Sailors of the Sea. Along with one of the certificates they received \$50 for promoting "youth and conservation".

**Long Range Planning:** Charlie Volk explained the Long- Range Planning Report as a compilation of projects and ideas to be considered in the future. Some are already on-going, others may be ones the club may want to proceed with/or not. He described it as a continuing “to do” list.

**Finance:** (See reference 1 for this report and the budgets). Kathy Malcom says the club had a successful year financially. Kathy asks members to take note, she added a 3<sup>rd</sup> page to the report. This page shows the Fixed Asset history for WVSC and STEP.

Kathy reported that STEP had good revenues this year from the sales of donated boats and equipment.

**2018 Proposed Budget:** Paul Schye reviewed the proposed budget. In all, we finished the year under budget for 2017.

There followed a discussion about a change in the budget to include cost of installing the floats and for new gravel for dry storage. The cost for those two projects have not been determined. The Board of Governors is allowed to appropriate funds for the club’s improvement or operation, per the by-laws (Article V), if it is not in excess of \$5000. A motion was made to allow the Board of Governors to adjust the budget as necessary when the cost is determined. *Motion approved.*

**2018 STEP Budget:** The complete proposal is in the member handout. *Motion to approve the 2018 STEP budget. Motion approved.*

**2018 WVSC Budget:** The complete proposal is in the member handout. *Motion to approve the 2018 WVSC budget. Motion approved.*

**Commodore’s Final Remarks:** The Commodore acknowledged the STEP committee for their hard work to save money and do fundraising and provide a quality program. She welcomed the newly appointed board members to the BOG. Invited all to stay for pot-luck and social time.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.



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### 18' Solcat Catamaran

Includes sails and trailer. Old, but everything works. Sailed it over Labor Day. Can be seen at the El Dorado WVSC Marina. Asking \$300.

Please call or text Dana Herring at 316.990.7872

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### WVSC STEP Program Items for Sale

◇ Capri 22 Spinnaker, New, \$700



- ◇ Spinnaker, used, \$625
- ◇ Lewmar Winch, \$193
- ◇ 110% Jib for Capri 22 (?), \$620
- ◇ Catalina 22 Main, \$495
- ◇ Spinnaker pole, 8' 2", 2" dia (New), \$500
- ◇ Whisker pole, 6 6'-12' extender twist lock, \$300
- ◇ Whisker Pole, 10 5'-17 5' extender, 2" dia. Line extender, \$700
- ◇ Tack Tick, \$350
- ◇ Hydrohoist, Tanks 24" diameter 23' long, \$2,000
- ◇ New Life Jackets, \$25 ea
- ◇ 2" receiver hitches, \$9 ea

Please contact Gary Pierce 316.686.8823 [Pierce, gpiercewich@cox.net](mailto:gpiercewich@cox.net)  
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**2/18**



*SAVE THE DATE*

*MARCH 1, 2018*

*10:00 am*



*WVSC*

*WOMENS'*

*BRUNCH*

*More Information to Come...*

**Walnut Valley Sailing Club Board Meeting****December minutes****12-14-2017 – 7 pm**

Board Members in attendance:

Charlie Volk  
Ardie Condon  
Deann Gadalla  
Dave Bonifield  
Paul Schye  
Steve Kubin

November Board Minutes – Approved

Treasurer's Report – List of expenditures for November and the current Membership status as follows.

74 Regular Members (21 unpaid as of 12-1-2017); 7 Affiliate Members; 4 Inactive Members

Annual WVSC Minutes approved with instruction from the Board that the 2017 Committee Reports and the 2018 Budget will be added to and made available on the WVSC Website.

The 2018 committee's still have a few positions to be filled. The current Committee Chairs and Board Liaisons are as follows:

<b><u>Liaison Positions</u></b>	<b><u>Board Liaison</u></b>	<b><u>Committee Chairs</u></b>
Activities Center	Ardie Condon	Gene Plehal
Archivist		Dave Reynolds
Building & Grounds	Paul Schye	John McCabe
Calling	Ginger Brown	Julie Barth
Power Boat	Steve Kubin	Bart Peace
Dry Storage	Paul Schye	Jim Smith
Finance	Paul Schye	Kathy Malcom
Government Relations	Brian Hakala	Gene Nold
Harbor	Dave Bonifield	Dave Bonifield
Long Range Planning	Richard Barth	Richard Barth
Membership	Ardie Condon	Ardie Condon, acting
Media	Deann Gadalla	Deann Gadalla, acting
Public Relations	Deann Gadalla	Deann Gadalla, acting
Racing Activities	Ginger Brown	
Sailing Activities	Brian Hakala	
Security	Brian Hakala	Brian Hakala
Social	Ginger Brown	
STEP	Deann Gadalla	Gary Pierce

During the review of the committee assignment the following discussions occurred:

- 1) The Board moved and seconded to explore in detail (Dave Bonifield suggestion) a test sand beach just west of the walkway with the Corp of Engineers, sand cost and maintenance, usage issues, etc. with reports to the Board next meeting.
- 2) Dave Bonifield reported on the status of flotation installation on B Dock and options to coordinate installation with Nennescah or Shady Creek Marina, on a similar project. He noted we have 75 12" flotation units to replace with 16" pieces.
- 3) The Board discussed issues and problems relative to the WVSC Website and possible solutions. Additional research is required – no action was taken.

Board moved to adjourn 8:25pm. (12-14-2014).

Next Board Meeting: January 11, 2018.  
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