

# From the Commodore

Richard Barth

Happy New Year! Hope everyone enjoyed their holidays, started their 2019 resolutions and of course I am sure all of us have kept those resolutions for at least the first week.

This Saturday is 01/05/19, for those hardcore sailors that still have their boats in the water, the forecast is a high of 57 degrees, sunny and southerly winds at 7 - 8 knots. Not a bad start for January if you are wanting to get some tiller time in!

The December Holiday party that was held at the Hereford House was a great success with a good turn out (even with WSU having a home game). If you couldn't make it this year, please consider it for next year. It's great food, great company and a great atmosphere. Thanks again to Steve Kubin for getting this set up and organized.

The December BOG Meeting was productive and covered several topics that produced several takeaways and action items to be completed over the next couple of months. The breadth of topics ranged from improvements to the clubs electrical, to improving the clubs focus on safety, to defining the STEP vs Learn to Sail program and much, much more. An Idea with a date is a Goal, a Goal broken into steps is a Plan, a Plan backed by ACTION becomes REALITY. Please consider assisting, should you be called upon to help or consider participating when the scheduled ~~work~~ fun parties take place at the club during the coming year. You have my appreciated Thank You in advance!

With the Holidays behind us (and all of the festivities that go with them), January & February will begin a detailed dive into the planning for the year. My personal goal is to meet one on one with several Liaisons and Committee Chairs in order to learn as much as I can and understand where the focus should be as we move forward. Stay tuned in, our new Website that is coming will eventually develop into an effective tool for communicating and planning. We will send out an e-mail to club members once the Walnut Valley Sailing Club Website is up and running.

My plate that was overflowing in November & December with turkey, gravy and all of the fixings from the holidays is now overflowing with dreams, ideas and the promise of a successful New Year for the club. There is no doubt in my mind that our club membership, as in the past will step up to meet the challenges and needs for the 2019 season.

Wishing you a Healthy, Wealthy and A Very Active Sailing New Year! Hope to see you soon.

WVSC Board Meeting

December 13, 2018

**Call to Order:** 7:04 pm.

**Board Members:**

All Board Members in attendance plus guest, Gene Plehal

Brent Dumford

Richard Barth

Dave Bonifield

Eric Wertheimer

Deann Gadalla

Brian Hakala

Charlie Volk

Steve Kubin

Ted Blankenship

**Commodore's Remarks:** We will be researching making permanent the Streamlined Special Rules, voted on and used at the annual meeting, making sure they agree with Roberts Rules of Order.

The November Board Minutes were approved (Volk/Hakala) and the Annual Meeting Minutes were approved (Volk/Hakala). Both as written.

**Member Concerns:** The issue raised was the possibility of electrical current in the water. The Board recommends use of the current detector stored on the top of the East Refrigerator prior to entering the water near the docks. We will be writing an electrical safety article for the Windward, printing safety signage, purchasing a reachin pole and mounting safety rings this spring.

**Liaison Reports & Committee chairs:**

Long Range Planning: 90 day goals as follows; 1) increasing membership, 2) Addressing maintenance issues on the docks, 3) Signage repairs due to wear & tear.

**Harbor:** Lumber is in place for repairs to docks; and a team is working on electrical repairs to current shorts in lights and replacing a bad GFCI. We are also in process of obtaining quotes and expertise to repair/replace our aging electrical system on the docks. Due to the increased electrical loads of refrigeration, AC equipment on boats, etc. its capabilities are being stressed and/or exceeded.

**Activities Center:** Plans in place to replace the vinyl kitchen floor.

**STEP:** They are needing members to volunteer for the operations of this activity to help maintain the boats and assist with the on water activities. See Deann Gadella.

**Public Relations/Media:** Progress on the Newsletter and Website redesigns by our new vendor continues with completion expected in early January.

**Finance:** Finance report accepted. Treasurer, Dave Bonifield notes 71 paid members at this point. Late payers should note that (as printed on your invoice) payments dated after November 30, 2018 are subject to a \$32 late fee and payments received after December 31, 2018 are subject to additional fees or penalties. Alerts were printed on the dues invoice, a Commodore's letter, and are detailed in the WVSC Handbook. Please pay promptly.

**Dry Storage:** They will be taking an inventory of boats and trailers to complete a report required by Butler County Appraisers office for tax purposes.

**Building & Grounds:** Signage to be reviewed to make sure it is attractive and in good repair.

**New Business:** The WVSC Board approved the following members for 3 year terms to be our representatives on the STEP Board: Gary Pierce, Gene Nold, Steve Warfield, Deann Gadalla, Paul McCausland.

**Board Liaisons and Committee Chairs for 2019:**

The current assignments are as follows. Unfilled positions are left blank and are in need of Members willing to help in needed areas.

<b>Board Liaisons</b>	<b>Liaison</b>	<b>Committee Chair</b>
Racing Activities	Tedd Blankenship	Blain Van Dam
Social Activities		

Membership	Eric Wertheimer	Eric Wertheimer
Finance	Dave Bonifield	Kathy Malcom
Building & Grounds	Charlie Volk	John McCabe
Sailing Activities	Brant Dumford	Nichol Dumford
Harbor	Tedd Blankenship	Paul Schye
Public Relations - Newsletter/Media	Deann Gadalla	Deann Gadalla
Public Relations - New Members	Deann Gadalla	Jim Smith
Security	Brian Hakala	Eric Wertheimer
Archivist	Eric Wertheimer	Dave Reynolds
Long Range Planning	Brant Dumford	Chris Proudfoot, Charlie Volk, Amos Cape, TBD
Calling Committee	Eric Wortheimer	Julie Barth
Activities Center	Dave Bonifield	Gene Plehal
Power Boat	Steve Kubin	Bart Peace
Dry Storage	Charlie Volk	Stuart Funk
Government Relations	Steve Kubin	Gene Nold
STEP	Deann Gadalla	

**Next Board Meeting:** January 10, 2019 with a one-time location change to 1241 Burning Tree, Wichita, KS 67230

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:40 pm