

# THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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## CALENDAR:

February 11	WVSC Board Meeting
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 14	Racing Activities Meeting
February 15	Presidents' Day
February 17	Ash Wednesday

## From the Commodore

As you can see from other articles in this newsletter, we are progressing with our plans for an event-filled sailing season.

I would like to welcome Paul McCausland to the Board of Governors. Paul has jumped in with both feet by accepting a Board position and agreeing to be the liaison to the Buildings and Grounds committee. Paul will be looking for a Chairman for this important club function and it would be a great opportunity for you to get involved by sharing your time and talents. Also, thanks to Mike Wasson as his efforts in 2009 were greatly appreciated.

The Board is reviewing its finances in light of a reduction in the number of membership renewals. Presently this is not a critical situation, but one that warrants a closer look at our needs and where our money will be utilized. The Board will be considering incentives to attract new members, particularly those desiring slips.

Being on the Board of Governors is an ideal position to witness the passion that our members bring to various facets of the club. Whether it is the Race committee putting together a summer schedule, members asking pointed questions before accepting a committee position, or individuals expressing their opinions on the club's facilities, I see the passion for the Club itself and to sailing in general. I have a friend who doesn't yet own a boat, but is eager to see the warmer weather and a chance to go sailing. He is hooked on the passion of sailing, and I bet you are, too. Pass it on.

—Greg Rincker

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Winter at the WVSC

Courtesy of Dave Leiker

# January Meeting Minutes

## WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

*Minutes Subject to Correction*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

**Called to order** Attendees: Board members: D. Reynolds, R. Brown, P. McCausland, J. McCabe, G. Mackey, D. Johnson, G. Rincker, C. Chambers  
**Guests:** Gene Plehal, Mike Hand, John Carter, Clark Chambers

Minutes from December board meeting: Accepted.

### **Treasurer's report:**

Numerous members have expressed concerns about the Club's declining membership. At this time, nine members have not paid. One previous member has a boat in dry storage that is in extremely poor condition. Another has a boat in a slip and has not paid all of last year's fees (has made partial payment of last year's fees).

Discussion of need for firmer action on the "abandoned" boat in dry storage (extension of time has been more than generous; we need to terminate the leniency). Gene Nold recommends that we take the same action as we did with previously abandoned boats.

Ernie Condon took the action to call and warn of possible legal action, and ask if boat can be hauled away – need permission/answer in writing.

The other member that has not paid and has property in the slips needs to be notified of no further leniency (Condon action), and to inquire as to his plan of action.

Treasurer is to send out letters of termination for all members that have not paid dues. Paul McCausland offered to review any letter that is generated.

The Treasurer discussed concerns about the Christmas party being a net loss. It was noted that it was known prior to the party and discussed with 2009 Commodore, 2010 Commodore, and 2009 Treasurer. The Social Committee met budget for the year, which is the intent.

Treasurer's standard monthly report was reviewed and approved.

### **Member Concerns:**

Last month we received the resignation of Mike Wasson as a Board of Governors member. Efforts were made to find a replacement. The member chosen from that effort is Paul McCausland. Motion to accept Paul was approved. Paul will get with Bruce Ward to provide a picture for the website.

### New Location of STEP "container":

Handout provided with description of needs, as well as five investigated options. The low end of options included basically moving and painting the existing pod. The upper end is effectively a 2-car garage.

There was a discussion that reviewed the club's financial abilities and concerns of members who have not paid causing a tightening

of the budgets. STEP has no available funds to assist – Commodore would like to understand the details of this more.

STEP recommendation (presented by David Reynolds) was based on the current concerns about the club and STEP finances. The recommendation was to proceed with the original minimal plan on a trial basis, and if the appearance continues to be an issue then move the building back to the current location in dry storage. (It was noted that many members have expressed concern over the appearance of this option).

Concerns from Mike Hand: We have spent much more than \$40,000 on the STEP program. STEP has many more boats than it has instructors. The subcommittee meeting to discuss this subject did not include the agreed to interested parties.

Gene Plehal: Money spent on shelter expansion would be of benefit to more members.

Aesthetics is still an issue.

Reduced distance is not as much as discussed. Adding a gate on north side of dry storage would be a help.

Money would be spent better elsewhere.

John Carter: Agrees with Gene's points.

Also recommends maintaining status quo (not move the container).

Clark Chambers: Principle objection of the move was aesthetics. None of the viable options presented seem to address this issue. Pre-fab buildings have not been investigated thoroughly, and seem to be a cheaper approach than some presented. The minimal option does not address anything adequately. Because of the financial concerns, it is suggested that we take our time and make this a longer term effort, and give it due course of action.

Paul McCausland: Also recommends "tabling" this so that he has time to get with the chair of Building and Grounds and other interested parties. The attempt that was held was not a quorum and a false start.

Rob Brown: Do not overturn the existing approval to move the container just yet. Other discussion about tabling the taking of action (i.e. – no moving of the container) until a better resolution is achieved.

Today's conclusion: Continue with further effort to address this properly with the right number of people. The committee will include a representative chosen by the concerned parties.





# RACING STUFF

## SPRING 2010

The Racing Activities Committee this year consists of Dan Barlett, Chairman and assisted by Ken Rix, Ted Blankenship, Gary Mackey, Gene Nold and David Leiker. We have been putting together a full calendar of club races and regattas for the summer of 2010. Feel free to contact any of the members with suggestions or comments.

There will be a meeting for all interested in participating or just curious on **February 14th at 2:00 p.m.** at **Gander Mountain** in the Gander Lodge. We will discuss the racing

schedule, point system, race committee duty and whatever else needs to be discussed.

We have also set up two training sessions. The first one will be held at Gander Mountain in the Gander Lodge on March 28 beginning at 2:00 p.m., and the second training session will be an on the water session at the lake on May 1 with an alternate date of May 15.

We are looking forward to another fun-filled summer of racing, so come on out and join us.

Picnic Shelter Expansion Plans: Original plans would have resulted in a structure that would have appeared different than existing section and also may have appeared temporary. Desire (and approval) is to proceed with a structure that looks more like existing section. However, this is on hold pending more closure on our revenue flow this fiscal year.

A recommendation was made by the past Treasurer to gear up the Finance committee to compare membership levels and budgets from prior years in case we need to re-budget. If WVSC survived with fewer members in the past, we may need to know how.

Committees: Discussion of the list of committee liaison and committee chairs, filling in some of the blanks.

Committee	Board Liaison	Committee Chairperson
Racing Activities	G. Mackey	Dan Barlett
Social	D. Chambers	January meeting to discuss
Membership	D. Reynolds	DeAun Warfield
Finance	J. McCabe	Paul Schye
Building & Grounds	P. McCausland	In work
Sailing Program	E. Condon	Blankenship/Van Epps
Harbor	D. Johnson	Earl McIntyre
Public Relations	R. Brown	Making contact
STEP Program	D. Reynolds	Gary Pierce
Security	E. Condon	Pending
Archivist	G. Rincker	Janice Cooper
Long Range Planning	R. Brown	Robert Brown
Calling	D. Johnson	Donna Lynden
Activities Center	G. Rincker	Jacque Holloway
Club Powerboats	G. Mackey	Gary Mackey
Dry Storage	J. McCabe	Wayne Hemmen
Government Relations	G. Rincker	Gene Nold

Vandalisms and thefts: No update

Defibrillator training and liability: Some suggested names for training have been received, more provided today. Includes names

from the various time frames/activities (STEP, racing, Wednesday morning bunch, weekends, etc)

Workman's compensation results for STEP: All instructors are contractors, not employees, therefore not covered by workman's compensation. Instructors are certified by US Sailing, and are covered by US Sailing insurance up until the time they are not instructing. See attached for details.

Results from survey taken at annual meeting: The results were handed out. Sampling was not as thorough as desired, but the info is useful.

Do we want to send out a more formal attempt at the survey? Good idea, but tabled for now.

Webmaster offer for the website: Webmaster is willing to put more info out on the website if we desire. Discussion of what is there and what would be useful. Password protected area currently gets little use. There is a desire to have all information that is in the Membership Handbook out on the web and current.

WVSC Master Calendar: Discussion of what needs to go on there. Need to get info to Fred and keep it up to date.

Gates and Door security: Do we need to consider changing the code this year? After discussion, we are keeping the code the same this year.

New member incentives: Discussion of several possibilities was held. STEP provided some ideas/recommendations as well. The Treasurer is to draft up some of these ideas for review at future meetings.

Next meeting of the Board of Governors is Feb 11, same location.

Closing remarks: Time/date/location of STEP building meeting needs to be set. Rob Brown to send invitations.

Adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

# Ted Wells

1907-1991

There was no early hint that Ted Wells would become a champion sailor. His interest as a youngster was in flying. Born in Corning, Iowa, in 1907, his parents moved to Omaha, Nebraska, before he was a year old. He built an airplane in his parent's garage when he was 15 years old. He graduated from Princeton in 1929 with a degree in Engineering and was pleased to say he helped the professors write the requirements for his aeronautical courses.

While a student at Princeton, he purchased an old Jenny, offered the plane for flying lessons to finance his flying lessons. Ted later barnstormed county fairs in Kansas and Nebraska.

In 1930 Ted married an Omaha beauty, Margery Adair. Marge was a warm, considerate lady. In addition to crewing for Ted on the Snipe, she and Ted had many lovely parties in their home for a wide circle of friends. When Marge quit as a crew, she continued to accompany Ted to regattas and usually spent her time on shore visiting friends and doing needlework. Marge and Ted were both only children and had no children of their own, but doted on a succession of cairn terriers.

After college, Ted went to work for Travel Air and began racing airplanes. Five months later he won the \$10,000 first prize in the cross-country derby of the National Air Races. He also became a member of the caterpillar club when he parachuted out of a plane before it crashed. He and Walter Beech resigned from Travel Air in 1932 and formed Beech Aircraft Company; Ted became chief engineer and vice president.

In 1938, Ted decided to race sailboats rather than airplanes and joined the Wichita Sailing Club. The club sailed on Santa Fe Lake, which was an overgrown mud puddle of about 200 acres. He perfected his skills and went on to win many trophies, including firsts in the SCIRA (Snipe Class International Racing Association) US Nationals in 1947, 1949, 1952, the Western Hemispheres in

1952 and the World Championship in 1947 and 1949.

In 1953, the Nationals were sailed on Lake Murray at Ardmore, Oklahoma. Ted was there to sail, but Beech Aircraft phoned and sent a plane to pick him up. He arrived at the plant in Wichita, went into a meeting and a short while later reboarded the plane, flew back to Ardmore and resumed sailing. He was no longer an employee of Beech Aircraft — it interfered with his sailing. He won third place that year.

Ted soon started a consulting business and later became a banker. He wrote several books, including *Scientific Sailboat Racing*, which was published in several languages and *Wells Wanderings*, which became a regular article in *Snipe Bulletin*. He was SCIRA commodore in 1954 and rules committee chairman for many years.

Ken and I competed with Ted in many races and I crewed for him occasionally. I never saw him angry or behave in an unsportsmanlike way, although he had no tolerance for foolish questions and declined to give information that any sailor should know or could find in the rulebook.

In 1983 the Masters were held in Omaha and many past SCIRA commodores were

there: Eddie Williams, Fred Schenck, Floyd Hughes, Paul Festerson and Ted Wells. I went with Marge and Ted to help with the driving and crew for Ted. We had a grand time and before a dinner party at the Festerson's, drove past Ted's High School and family home and the hotel where Marge's mother lived for many years. It reminded me of the first regatta I attended in Omaha when Ken and I were on our honeymoon. That was in 1954 and I enjoyed meeting and visiting with Ted and Marge's parents.

Among honors Ted received during his lifetime were:

- 1947-- Commendation from the Board of Commissioners of Wichita for winning the international Snipe championships at Lake Geneva, Switzerland, and the US championship regatta at Marblehead, MA.
- Presentation from YMCA for dedicated service to the Wichita YMCA board of directors, 1962-1989.
- 1991 – Kansas Aviation Hall of Fame Membership award from Walnut Valley Sailing Club, formerly named Wichita Sailing Club.

*Mary Ann Rix, 2008*



*Winter at the WVSC*

*Courtesy of Dave Leiker*

**Cal 9.2** (30ft) — Price Reduced to \$17,000. For Sale by owner. 1982. Looking for a nice big boat with trailer? Check this out: New main and Jib in 2000. Spinnaker and Flexible Furler. Universal Diesel. New running rigging. Bimini and cockpit cushions, refrigerated icebox CD player. Custom road trailer. To see this boat, call Patrick at 540.3674

**Catalina 27** 1981 — Dark & Stormy — LOA -26'-10", Beam - 8'-10", Fin Keel, Draft- 4'-0". 11hp Universal Atomic Diesel, A/C, 150% roller furling jib, apparent wind direction & speed gauge, depth finder, knot meter, cockpit Bimini, Zarcor French doors, Peek-a-boo blinds, Edson cockpit console w/Auto Pilot. Two deep cycle house batteries & one standard engine battery, Guest 2610 chargers, 500 watt inverter. Stern rail B-BQ, cockpit & cabin speakers w/ CD/FM & Aux. Stereo. Wall mounted Flat screen TV, VHF marine, porta-potty head, much more. 2007 Viking Spirit Dual Axle Trailer. The best looking boat in the club. -\$19,000 contact Ed Knox 316-794-2790.

**Catalina 25** 1981 — Swing keel, trailer, slip with board approval. VHF radio, radio/CD player, microwave, air conditioner, head with holding tank. Good main with roller-furling North genoa, spinnaker with new ATK sock and new Lewmar self-tailing winches. Bimini top, new cockpit and cabin cushions, 9.9 out-board, and much more. \$9500. Call Tony Scuka at 316-942-1990.

**Catalina 22** 1974 — very good condition, with pop top and swing keel. 7.5 merc motor and good trailer with near new tires, and wheel bearing repacked. Ready to sail. Cabin in excellent condition (sleeps four) with carpet, nice curtains, cushions for the cockpit and cabin, pull out sink, alcohol stove. Call Gary 322-0089 or 322-2005. \$2500.

**Catalina 350** 2005 — \$140,000- Well equipped and cared for, includes A/C, microwave, stereo w/CD changer, TV, VHF, Night lights in interior, separate shower, cockpit shower, dodger, bimini, stainless cqr anchor, electric windlass, electric halyard winch, cockpit cushions, Approximately 70 engine hrs on 35 HP diesel, one year old bottom paint, winter cover. Slip transfer with board approval. Alan Huffman, 316-706-8042



## AS A REMINDER:

If you have advertised an item in the Ninescah Mainsheet, please advise them to cancel the ad when the item is sold.

**Starwind 223** 1985 — Starbird. Pretty little singlehander. Rolling furler with 155 genoa (needs to be reinstalled), spinnaker, hank on lapper jib, grill, swim ladder, new 5.5 hp motor last season, huge cockpit for boat size, very beamy (8.5'), all good tires on trailer, good bottom paint. Teak interior, electrical outlets in cabin, sleeps 3, no underwater drains, table for use in cabin or cockpit, life jackets, new dock lines last year. \$6000 OBO. Slip B4, which is a category 2 price. Transfer subject to BOG approval. Call Sondy. 210-7731

**Nor'sea 27** 1978 — Tall rig, center cockpit. Fresh Tanbark sails, 135% genoa on new Harken furler. Inboard Yanmar diesel. Autohelm tiller pilot. Knotmeter, depthsounder, VHF. Cockpit cushions. EZ Loader trailer. A Lyle Hess design, this trailerable bluewater sailing vessel is famous for seaworthiness. Built tough, yet sails nimbly, and tracks like it is on rails. If you would like to check out an honest ocean-going yacht, call Patrick at the lake. 316.540.3674 For sale by owner. Slip transfers with BOG approval. \$35,000.

**Santana 25** 1973 — Nice boat that needs a good home, includes trailer. \$4000. Contact Merle Morris 316-946-0745.

**Hobie 16** 1981 — Good condition with trailer and priced to sell at \$800 OBO. John Graves 316-721-9758 or 316-772-3949.

**Catalina Capri 30** 1983 — well-maintained with new upgraded instrumentation. No leaks. LOA 29' 6", LWL 24' 2", Beam 11' 2", Draft 5' 4" fixed fin, Displacement 4985, Fast, fun and beautiful, PHRF 114, ready to race or cruise. 3 sails – Main-sail, Genoa and Spinnaker and all gear, New Raymarine digital wind instruments, auto-pilot, depth gauge and speed indicator, floating and digital compass, roller furling w/ twin track fore-stay system. sail cover. new tiller. New gas tank. Spinnaker pole. New deep cycle 27 battery. other extras. 83' Mercury 10 hp electric start with cockpit controls. Custom-built, heavy duty tandem axle trailer, repacked wheel bearings, electric brakes new brake pads & 8 adjustable pads \$16,995 Bob Born 316-208-8393

**Capri 22** 1985 — 2nd owner, Mariner 4hp out-board, trailer, nice slip on C dock and yardspace transferable to new owner. Main, 110 jib, 155 genoa reconditioned by Sailcare in 2002. Complete spinnaker rig. Fin keel, standard rig. Terrific sailing boat ready to go. Thorough cleaning and parts upgrade in Spring 2008. \$4900. Call Brian and Janet Sutter 778-1392.

**Wanted** Large Bimini — needs to span 8-9ft beam. Will consider any condition. Call or e-mail Roger Gibson rgibson5185@sbcglobal.net 620-663-5572.

**Hunter 23.5** 1995 — \$8,000. includes 2007 6hp, 4 cycle Tohatsu outboard, full batten main, 110% Jib plus storm jib. New VC-17 bottom paint, original alcohol stove, sink with new hand pump, Port-a-Pottie, interior in excellent condition, sleeps 4. Canvas dodger provides stand up space in all kinds of weather. Water ballasted for easy tailoring. New canvas companion way storage cover to keep out bugs and moisture. Stored inside during winters. Galvanized trailer in good condition with functional surge brakes, lights, new tires last year and and Bearing Buddie bearings on all axels. Boat located in Walnut Valley Sailing Club slip A19. Contact Dave Leiker at 316-640-4052 or dpleiker1@cox.net.

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## Racing Activities Meeting

Wichita Gander Mountain  
Gander Lodge

Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010

2:00 P.M.

This is a General membership meeting to discuss & finalize the racing calendar & general racing information for 2010.

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**O'Day 30.2** 1988 — Flying Cloud - former NSA yacht now located in Clearwater, FL. VHF, A/C, beautiful interior, Sirius radio, stereo with cockpit controls, autopilot. New Main, lots of new canvas including stack pak and bimini. Garhauer dinghy davits, lifesling, c-cushions, bbq, much more. Well cared for by Dr. Jeff Lane, this boat is known to many at the club. \$27,500. Call Alan Huffman, 316-706-8042

**9.9 HP Evinrude** outboard motor for sale — 1989 vintage long shaft with gas tank & hose, repair manual. Spare starter rewind parts also included. Motor starts and runs well. Asking \$350 Contact Joe Reintjes @ 316-617-4741

**1980 San Juan 7.7** — Owned since 1992. Purchased from original owner. LOA 25' 9" Sail Area 304 sq ft. Schaefer Furling for jib replaced 2003. Two sets of sails. 15 hp Evinrude Sail Drive inboard motor rebuilt 2008. Cabin cushions replaced 2007. Bottom paint 2 years old. Available for inspection in 4th slip from SW corner in dry storage at WSVC. Asking price \$8,000.00 includes trailer all sails, and parts and equipment on board. Call Mac Carter 316 640 3481.

**SNIFE** — Fiberglass Balsa core, alum. mast and boom, sails maroon hull clear natural mahogany deck. \$1500.00 CONTACT Dick @ 316-685-8611

**Catalina 22** — 1984 (#12522) for sale by owner at \$4900. Boat is located in north central Texas (Lake Texoma). Boat is in very good condition — never any structural damage. Evinrude 6 with alternator, refurbished trailer 6 years ago (painted, new skids, new carpet, new wiring) has surge brakes. Includes sail cover, galley w/alcohol stove, potti, lifelines, stern rail w/ladder, cockpit cushions, solar vent, fire ext, anchor w/100' line, winch covers, tiller cover, cockpit rigging, split backstay, xtra gas tank, whisker pole, toller extension, life jackets, custom curtains, fenders (4 ea), epoxy bottom paint. Inside original cushions are ultra clean – no tears, rips, stains. Also have set of racing sails — Dacron main, 150 Genoa used 8 times, 100 jib brand new (never used) priced at \$900 for set. Extra Genoas — Mylar 150 and Mylar 135 priced at \$250 each. Call or e-mail me for other information. Winston Veazey 534 Oak Estates Rd, Pottsboro, TX 903-786-8120 wveazey@juno.com