

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

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MARCH 2006

CALENDAR:

March 1	Ash Wednesday
March 12	Racing Education & Skills Development Program
March 9	Board Meeting Steve Mardis' Office
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 20	First Day of Spring Earth Day
March 31	Deadline for property tax rendition
April 1	Boat Launch
April 2	First Race

The official end of winter is just 3 weeks away, and that means that the 2006 sailing season draws ever closer! This issue of the Windword contains articles and announcements that should be of interest to many of our members.

For starters, Saturday, April 1, will see the Racing Committee out at the lake with an offer to help you launch your boat. Why yell at your first mate when you can keep domestic peace by using the race committee to give you an expert hand? The following day, April 2, will be the official start of racing activity for the new season. Come out to the lake for expert advice on getting your boat set up for top-level performance. Weather permitting, some on-the-water activities may be undertaken; perhaps some practice starts and who knows what else?

The social committee under the leadership of Mike Wasson has established their social calendar for the year. Big Mike brings a professional outlook on entertainment to the social committee, so don't be surprised to find something new and different in our socials this year!

As the year starts to take shape, I can't help but feel the excitement and anticipation building. I hope that you are getting similar feelings as well. Above all, come out to the club and enjoy all that the coming season has to offer: the warm weather, great socials, exciting racing, sailing activities and above all, great company and camaraderie from all of our fellow members.

Hope to see each and every one of you at the lake on many occasions this year!

Launch Your Boat for the 2006 Season! Saturday, April 1, 2006

It's that time of the year! The race committee will be at the lake on April first to help any and all members launch their boats (and, no, we promise – it's not a joke!!) There will be trucks to tow trailers and boats plus a lot of friendly help to get your boat into the water and ready for the coming season. Come out from 10 AM on and take advantage of this special offer of help to launch your boat.

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Board Meeting Minutes

WALNUT VALLEY SAILING CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNOR MEETING

Minutes Subject to Correction

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2006



CALL TO ORDER: Commodore Pat Boyarski called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the office of Steve Mardis, 9415 E. Harry, Suite 603, Wichita, Kansas. Board Members present were: Pat Boyarski, Clark Chambers, David Reynolds, Kathy Malcom, Steve Mardis, Gene Plehal, John McCabe and DeAun Warfield.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES: The minutes of the January 19, 2006 meeting were reviewed and submitted for discussion. Discussion was had and after discussion, Reynolds made a motion to approve the January 19, 2006 minutes, seconded by Plehal. Motion carried.

JANUARY TREASURER'S REPORT Malcom reported that the cash balance at January 31, 2006 was \$21,534. 107 paid regular members and 1 regular member is currently unpaid. Discussion followed regarding action to collect dues of unpaid member. Boyarski or Reynolds will contact the unpaid member regarding dues and reinstatement.

Malcom presented to the board the names of 3 members that had resigned or terminated.

Treasurer Malcom reported that the accounts receivables were higher than normal because of annual billings and noted that payment for slip rentals were due March 1.

OLD BUSINESS:

Committee Chairman Assignments: — = Not Yet Assigned

Activity Building Committee	Jerry Brady
Building & Grounds	—
Dry Storage	Ron Dreiling
Government Relations	Gene Nold
Long Range Planning	David Reynolds
Power Boat	Paul Malcom
Racing Committee	Pat Boyarski
Security Committee	Ken Ricks
STEP & Sailing Classes	Gary Pierce
Archive	Janice Cooper
Calling Committee	Cheryl Wertheimer
Finance Committee	Don Chism
Harbor Committee	—
Membership Committee	Donna Lynden
Public Relations	Bruce Ward
Sailing Activities	Delton Sandefer
Social Committee	Mike Wasson

Building & Grounds and Harbor Committee Chairman assignments have not yet been filled.

Boyarski presented the racing schedule and McCabe presented the social calendar to the board for review. After discussion, Boyarski noted the Christmas party would be scheduled at a later date and the annual meeting would be held in accordance with bylaws. Plehal moved to approve the proposed calendar, motion to approve was seconded by Malcom. Motion to approve was unanimously carried.

Treasurer Malcom noted that the owner of the boatlift had not yet paid the required deposit. The board determined that formal approval would be withheld until such time as Treasurer Malcom reported the deposit paid.

NEW BUSINESS: Wayne Hemmen will be passing the responsibility of the coordination of the various policies of insurance for the club to Mac Carter over the next twelve months. Carter will serve in this capacity until January 2009. The board discussed inviting Mac Carter to the next board meeting to discuss policy renewals and areas of potential cost savings. Hemmen suggested that the board determine a location for safe-keeping of policies. Reynolds agreed to conduct an inquiry into the matter and offer a proposal at the next board meeting.

Boyarski reviewed the form of the handbook and all members agreed that the form currently being used was acceptable. Malcom had directed the bookkeeper to prepare a membership list using Microsoft Access and forward the list to Donna Lynden to assist in updating the membership handbook.

Reynolds noted several inaccuracies in the bylaws and the rules and regulations. Boyarski suggested that each board member should review the bylaws and the rules and regulations in order to update the handbook. The board will allocate time to review the proposed changes prior to publication. Reynolds agreed to contact STEP representatives regarding the inclusion of the Comprehensive Guide to the WVSC/STEP Sail Training Program in the member handbook.

MEMBERS CONCERNS: It was brought to the attention of the Board that due to relocation of area businesses, members facing relocation may be penalized because the annual slip rental is not pro-rated. Considerable discussion ensued. It was agreed that the board should review the slip rental agreement and procedures.

Boyarski suggested that the chairman of three committees report to the board each month regarding planning, budget requests and other committee matters. Boyarski suggested that the racing, social,

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General Information Meeting 2006 WVSC Racing Activities

A General Information Meeting for WVSC members covering racing activities for the 2006 season was held at Gander Mountain on Saturday, February 11th. Topics covered at the meeting are summarized below. We hope to see more members take advantage of our growing racing program this year. Come out and have fun!

1. 2006 Race Committee

John Carter	Gary Pierce
John Ellison	Ken Rix
Gene Nold	Pat Boyarski (chair)

- Gene Plehal is our liaison with the Board of Governors
- There is a good mix of keelboaters and centerboarders on the committee.

2. Race Calendar

- The calendar is presented elsewhere in this issue.
- Most common comment heard about last year's racing activity was "We want more frequent racing."
- There will be two races per month, from April through September.
- First race activity is April 2, Sunday. Because there will be no water at club at this time, it hampers activity, so we will not actually race. Use this day to get ready for racing. Rig and test your boat.
- We will start racing on Saturday, April 15.
- There will be two races per month through the rest of the season. Note that we use alternating days, Sunday for the first race day and Saturday for the second race day of each month.
- We will end the season with a two-day regatta (9/30, 10/1) to determine the club champions for the year. We will use the same format as last year (except for better weather!).

3. Race Structure

- Each race will be open to both keelboats and centerboard boats.
- The typical race day will follow the same general structure as last year:
 - ✓ Skippers meeting at 10
 - ✓ Followed by a race starting at about 11
 - ✓ Return to club for lunch.
 - ✓ Two more races after lunch; approximately 2 PM
 - ✓ Back to the club for results and awards
 - ✓ Perhaps a meal for racers, like last year



- The Race Committee for the day will determine the kind of course to use: Olympic, modified Olympic, windward-leeward, etc.
- The Race Committee will determine how to start the races; a single, common start for all boats or a split start for different fleets.
- We will use the Portsmouth Handicap System for scoring.
- We will score a one-design fleet separately if there are a sufficient number of boats.
- Budget
 - ✓ We are taking on twice as much activity on the same budget as last year.
 - ✓ Stretch as much as we can
 - ✓ May have to charge a nominal fee or solicit donations for the meals, or when you register for a race.
 - ✓ Race Committee will be working on this in our next meeting.

4. Racing Education and Skills Development Program

- Education and skills development is a key part of our racing program
- We want to provide opportunities for our racers to hone their skills
- We also want to assist new racers in learning the ropes
- Very pleased to say that Gene Nold has agreed to head up these activities for the year.
- First session is on March 12. The race committee will be calling members with details.

Note: We have lots of space for additional volunteers to help us put on the races. Please contact any member of the race committee and we will be glad to sign you up to help.



WVSC 2006 Racing Calendar

There will be two races per month from April through September, and a two-day Club Championship Regatta to close out the season. Dates are as follows:

April 2, Sunday (Get ready for racing.
Launch, rig and test your boat.)

April 15, Saturday

May 7, Sunday

May 27, Saturday

June 4, Sunday

June 17, Saturday

July 2, Sunday

July 15, Saturday

August 6, Sunday

August 19, Saturday

September 3, Sunday

September 16, Saturday

Club Championship Regatta

September 30, Saturday and
October 1, Sunday

From the Chart Room!

Well, we've probably all been there at one time or another in our lives. That life changing event that seems to hang there in the back (if not the forefront) of our minds for a long, long time. Maybe it's the loss of a parent, maybe, God forbid, that of a child. For me, it was the loss of my very close friend. And it happened just weeks ago.

Ethiopian by birth, American by descent and citizenship, and Kenyan and Saudi Arabian by career, Dave was truly global in his life perspectives. If living around the world did anything for Dave, it taught him to care deeply for people from all cultures and walks of life.

Did I mention that Dave was a sailor? In fact, he once won a contest to be the first of several friends to successfully build and sail (without drowning), his own sailboard. Dave built it out of wood, and spent many satisfying years wind surfing with his sons around the world. Dave was also a Rallier. What, you may ask, is that? Just picture Herbie, the Love Bug in the back country of Africa! Dave was the first American driver ever to finish the grueling 3,000 mile Safari Rally, a World Championship racing event. The Safari Rally, in Kenya, is the biggest sporting event of the year. The race is five days long, with sustained speeds of up to 120 mph on dirt roads.

A great man, tremendous father and husband, special friend, and fellow sailor was laid in the ground three weeks ago. While Dave's spirit has gone on to his eternal rewards, what remains are the lessons that he taught so many of us in his whirlwind life.

Dave spent many hours talking with friends about his faith and relationship with God. It was strong. When it mattered most, Dave's question was not "Why?" but "Why not?" This was his answer to his wife, Debbie, when he went through his first cancer surgery in November 2004. Debbie had asked, "Dave, do you ever ask, 'Why me, God?'" Dave's answer was very simple - "Why not me? After all, there are so many other people who have to go through this disease, why should I be excused from it?" This, then, was how he approached his cancer and his life in general!

Just prior to his passing, Dave told his father, "My aim in life is not to live long but to have the greatest impact for Christ." Dave passed on just days before his 48th birthday. He left a wonderful wife, four terrific, energetic young boys, hundreds of special friends and a world of touched lives behind. May we all touch each other with the kind of love and compassion that Dave carried with him throughout his life.

Peace and blessings to all.

Fair winds and following seas.

Marshall Nauck, Editor

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REMINDER: SLIP RENTALS DUE MARCH 1ST!



To keep your coveted slip assignment, send your payment & lease agreement in right away.

QUESTIONS? Call Kathy Malcom, WVSC Treasurer, 733-1049 or 609-2443, or email rmalcom@cox.net.

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and sailing activities would report to the board at the March meeting. Committees reporting at the April meeting will be Building & Grounds, Activity Center, Harbor, and Dry Storage.

The next Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2006 at Steve Mardis' office, 9415 E. Harry Suite # 603. There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Plehal, seconded by McCabe, and motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Mardis, Secretary

MacGregor 25 – 1986 – One owner, very good condition. Depth finder, compass, sailcover, trailer and motor. \$5200 OBO. Gary Pierce – 686-8823 or Gene Nold 636-2091

Want to buy Old Sunfish or similar boat. Mike Hand. 316 684 9690.

J/24's For Sale. Many great J/24's are available for sale both Regionally and Nationally for very reasonable prices. If you are interested, contact Schoen Fitzgerald at 316-685-9225 or Dan Acridge at 316-687-2471. Call us or stop by the slips, we'd be happy to take you out to test drive one of these great one-design racers. J/24 "The ultimate One-Design"

Clipper 26 Sailboat with Trailer. Swing keel, 1974 Model still in good shape. Good starter boat. Main, working jib, 150 Genoa, Spinnaker. 20 hp Mercury outboard. Call Jerry Baker at 316-788-5856.

Mercury 7.5 outboard 2 cycle. 1976 model. Long shaft with fuel tank. Runs great. \$175.00 Jon Zehnder, 620-245-1776.

J24 - USA 3803 is a turnkey race ready program. Proven boat speed at national and regional regattas. Boat has been meticulously maintained and fully upgraded with the new deck layout, professionally faired and templated keel and rudder, VC Underwater Epoxy bottom, and all the go-fast equipment. Boat is dry sailed and stored indoors during the winter. Tandem axle Triad trailer makes trailing to regattas a cinch. Boat is lying in St. Louis. This boat is a bargain! <http://webpages.charter.net/twyman01/USA3803/USA3803.htm> Tom Wyman 314 983 0711. twyman01@charter.net

WANTED: Small, used travel trailer 15-21 feet. Texie Randle, 729-6358.



For Sale: **Flying Junior**, 13' fiberglass day-sailer. This is the Custom model, built in the mid 1960's by Advance, with foredeck storage, and molded-in seats. Custom winter cover, new North main and jib, rebuilt rudder head, beautiful ivory hull repainted with Imron 2-part epoxy. Trailer has new axle, bearings, and wheels. Like it's current Collegiate model counterpart, this is a fun, deceptively fast and easily sailed boat. See in yard space #90. \$1,100. Rob Fresh, 316-744-0062.

Nissan 5HP 1992 -long shaft, 2-cycle outboard with integral tank for sale. Runs great. Can be seen at Action Sailcraft & Marine in Andover. Justin - 316-688-1346.

For Sale: **"ITSY-BITSY-DITSY-DINGHY"** Walker Bay 10' white polypropylene dinghy with stylish lapstrake hull. Includes blue cover, 2.5hp Cruise 'n' Carry motor, and trailer. Makes a great tender, rowboat, or sailboat (you add optional oars and/or sail conversion available from West Marine, etc.) Excellent condition. \$1200, obo. Rob Fresh, 316-744-0062.

For Sale: **1979 Hobie 18** with trailer, in good condition, ready to sail. Rudder and daggerboard covers included. Currently in yard space #92. \$1100, obo. 316-729-1361.

Macgregor 25' Sailboat in good shape. Sleeps 5 with a galley that has an ice box, sink and counter space for a stove. Dinette seats 4 adults. Sails consists of good main and jib. Evinrude 9 Hp OB. Equipment includes life vests, anchor and rode, dodger for raised cabin. It pulls very easy and can be launched where ever a power boat is launched. Always stored inside during off season. This is a great starter boat yet is big enough to vacation aboard. Call 540-3526 or email sdwcheney@yahoo.com for a Sea-trial.



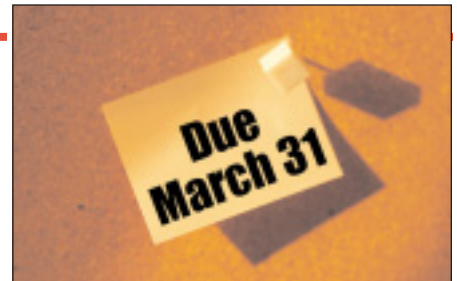
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Way to Go, Ed!

We recently received the following good news regarding a Prudential Insurance grant won by one of our own.

“Edward Klima of Great Bend, KS, a Prudential Insurance representative, received a Prudential CARES Volunteer Grants Award of \$250 for Walnut Valley Sailing Club, Safety Training and Educational Program. Klima volunteered nearly 50 hours to the organization in 2004. He maintained the club’s equipment and grounds and participated in seasonal projects. He also participated in educational programs. The Walnut Valley Sailing Club supports and encourages the sport of sail yachting.”

From the editor: Congratulations Ed! We are very fortunate to have your energy and enthusiasm; the grant is a wonderful gift to us all!



Important Reminder

March 31 is the deadline to file your property tax rendition with the appropriate Kansas county. Butler County now receives an annual report from the Club listing all boats on the water or in dry storage at the lake as of January 1. Butler sends each member, having boats on record with the County, a form to be verified, signed and returned by March 31. Failure to report personal property to the County will result in a penalty equal to 50% of any taxes due.

Avoid the penalty, file your rendition.