

THE WINDWORD

The Newsletter of the Walnut Valley Sailing Club

JULY 2023



Word from the Commodore:

Hope everyone is taking advantage of this gorgeous weather, the light winds and

COMMODORE

Stuart Funk
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VICE COMMODORE

BOARD MEMBERS

James McEwen
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Kevin Welch

sunshine. Do I even call it wind or maybe just a hint of a breeze, anyway it has made it difficult to race on Wednesdays, although I can't remember the last time the water was as clear as it is now, and the temperature is almost perfect for just floating around.

Sailing classes are going great, we had 7 participants in the beginners class, 1 in the intermediate class and I will have 2 in the adult class. A huge thank you to Jim and Tammy McEwen, Mark Dresselhaus, Troy Oberly, Kevin Welch and Chris Proudfoot. These are the safety and maintenance personnel, who without, I would not have been able to put on a single class. They have been there to help with everything I have needed. It has been amazing seeing the kids grow up to become young sailors in less than a week, 24 hours to be exact when you consider 4 classes, 6 hours each. The summer activities have begun, come on out and enjoy them. The flowers look great, thank you Janet Van Epps.
Can't wait to see you at the club.

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Commodore

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**NEWSLETTER
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Meet Paul Schye:

I grew up in Wisconsin in a town 30 miles from the Mississippi River; adjacent to the land of 10,000 lakes and... I never went sailing. I went to the University of Wisconsin located on beautiful Lake Mendota. The student union had a sailing club, with boats, and I never went sailing.

My first time sailing wasn't until 1979 when I came to Kansas to work for Boeing. Shortly after arriving I went camping at El Dorado Lake with some work buddies and one of them brought a Laser. He gave me a ride on the fore deck and though it was enjoyable *I still wasn't sailing*. In the mid 80s, there were TV ads with beautiful young people sailing Hobie Cats in the surf. That looked like fun so when I returned from a 60 day assignment in Seattle with some extra cash in my pocket, I bought a Hobie 16. Finally, I went sailing. A buddy taught me. That first year I learned a few important words: pitch poling and righting lines. **I flipped the Hobie - hull over hull, stern**

over bow and even bow over stern. That first year I sailed upside down more than right side up. One word I didn't learn the first year, reefing. I gradually got better and didn't capsize



much after that. A Hobie 16 is a fun, exciting boat but isn't what you would call comfortable. In 1990 I went looking for a keel boat. (comfortable) I found a 1985 Catalina 22 at Action Marine in Andover where I met owners Ed and Lois Webb. I also met Al Salle who was boat shopping the day I purchased my boat. Al said I should join Walnut Valley Sailing Club on El Dorado Lake. I joined WVSC in the summer of 1990. My first day at the club we had friends out to help set up the boat and launch. As we were stepping the mast Gene Nold offered his help and quickly jumped on deck to give us a hand. His valuable advice and extra muscle was just what we needed that day, and got me thinking - being a member of WVSC is looking good. As luck would have it, there were wind warnings for local lakes on day one and our first sail was looking questionable. Enter Al Salle once again. Al had a boat and me, not knowing better, went sailing on that very windy day. There was a south wind and we simply reached back and forth in the cove. It was a great day.

As a member of WVSC I've participated in all sorts of work parties; pouring concrete for a slab under the shelter, replacing waterlogged Styrofoam floatation under the docks - a multi-year project. We decked slip B-1, then after the club house was built we decked slips A-1 and A-3. We've reset dock anchors, repaired picnic tables, raised the underwater bracing when water levels were low, blown out water lines, and so much more. It may sound like a lot of work, but if you get a chance to participate in a work party - do it. Work parties are a great opportunity to get to know your fellow club members and are a lot of fun. I've been the Chair of Buildings and Grounds, Harbor, Finance and the Activity Center. I've served multiple terms on the Board of Governors, and served as the secretary and treasurer several times.

Sailing and WVSC are a big part of my life. Sailing is magical and WVSC club members are great people. There's nothing better than a good day of sailing followed by sitting on the dock or floating in the cove with friends and just - joking around.

Participate, Socialize. Sail.
See you at the Club.
Paul

Each WVSC board member has been invited to share a bio. and a photo or two.
This month we're featuring Paul Schye. **Next month it could be... you!** Thanks Paul!

All the Cool Boats Stretched and Sailed!

We got our Yoga friends out on boats and a few took a hand at the tiller. Thanks to the fine WVSC skippers that hosted guests. Your enthusiasm is inspiring and it shows! Thanks.

Now that is... Cool!





2023 WVSC Socials Sailing Activities Calendar



The Long Distance Race was a bucket load of fun, bow to stern, port to starboard, and you guessed it - start to finish!

Pictured left to right: Richard & Julie Barth, Ardie & Ernie Condon, Paul Schye, Michael Sheppard, Captain Preston Brammer, Tedd Blankenship, Harbor Master Charlie Volk, Long Distance Race Organizing Phenomena - Mr. Bill Allman, Greg Rincker, Sandy & Jeff Yost, Dana Herring, Security Chief Welch, Deputy Brenda Welch. Not pictured; all the fine folks behind the scenes gathering food, cooking food, serving food... and providing drink, merriment and revelry. Janet Van Epps, Kate Brammer, Deann Gadalla and many other wonderful WVSC volunteers. Thanks for a great day.

July:

- **14.2 Mini Regatta Qualifier - 7/1**
9:00 AM get qualified, learn how to rig 14.2, safety review
- **Watermelon Run and Watermelon Feed - 7/15**

August:

- Scavenger Hunt - 8/12
- Captains in the Galley Cook Off - 8/19
- Polka Dance - 8/19

September:

- Beyond B Docks - 9/2
- Karaoke Night & Shrimp Boil - 9/9
- Moonlight Sail - 9/29

October:

- End Of Race Party Invitational - 10/14

As always, nothing is set in stone. If you have an idea for a social or sailing activity, or would like to help out, let us know. Contact any board member, Julie Barth 316-644-4582 or Tedd Blankenship 316-775-1064

Think
Monsoon Rains
or maybe not



El Dorado Lake Spillway

Just a few years ago and...
even without sound - an impressive video.

A good time was had by all!
Summer Sailing Academy 2023
Thanks Stuart...



and thanks to these fine WVSC

volunteers that helped make it happen!

Jim and Tammy McEwen, Mark Dresselhaus,
Troy Oberly, Kevin Welch and Chris Proudfoot



Now that's what you call
a good looking thermos.

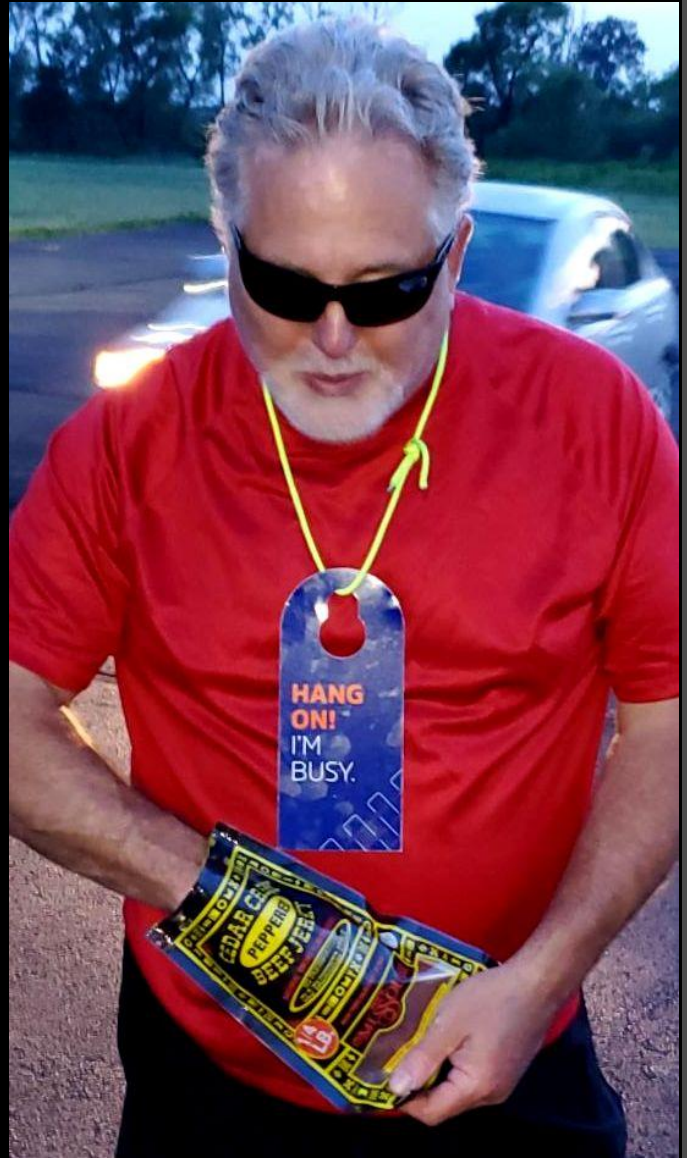
OMG - Now the editor's going to need a professional around the clock security detail.

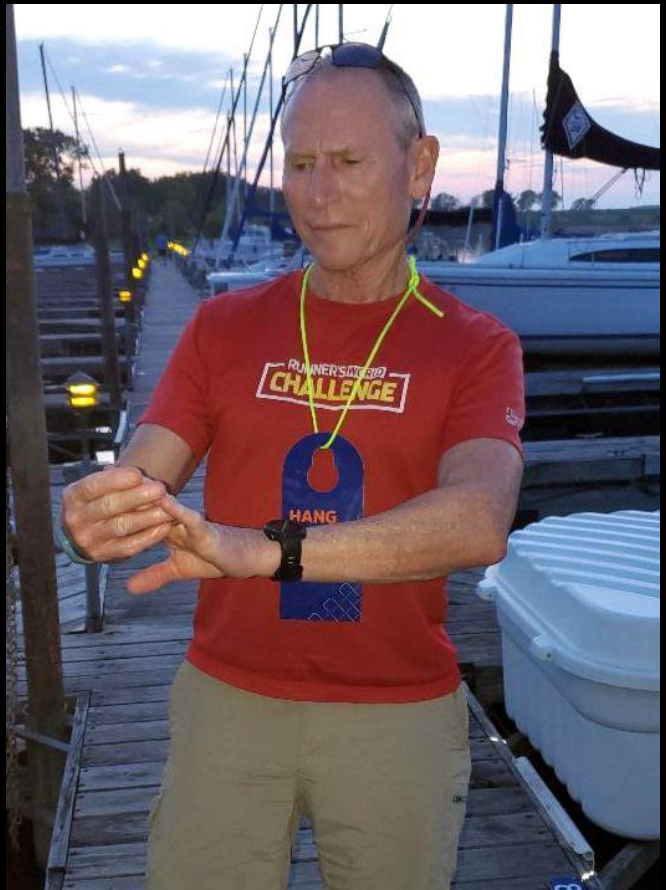
Thanks Janet. Thanks Kate. Thanks Brenda. Thanks Deann. Thanks Ardie. Thanks Julie.
Your time, work, sailing prowess and jovial spirit is much appreciated by ALL of us at
WVSC!

Triple Dog Dare You!

The next time your Captain barks out another one of those pesky orders like "Gybe the pole!" or "Weigh the anchor!" - Whip out this handy little placard and join the crew movement.

ad paid for by [WVSC Crews United Local 2023](#)





A partial listing of the Skippers and Crews racing this year. Some of these teams have been together for years, other boats have a different skipper and/or crew each week. We all have fun.

Skipper: Ernie Condon - Etchell's, Hobie 33
Crew: James Steck, Alan Kostecki, John

Skipper: Deann Gadalla - Catalina 22
Crew: Chris Proudfoot, Julie Barth, Ardie Condon

Skipper: Steve Kubin - Capri 22
Crew: Randy Malcom

Skipper: Dana Herring - Hunter 23
Crew: Terry, Elizabeth

Skipper: Stuart Funk - Hunter 23
Crew: Melissa Funk, Troy Oberly

Skipper: Alan Unruh - O'Day 19
Crew: Billy Nicholson



Skipper: Blaine Van Dam - Catalina 22
Crew: Kevin Welch

Skipper: Bill Grabendike - Catalina 22
Crew: Dominic and or Dawson Grabendike

Skipper: Preston Brammer - Catalina 22
Crew: Tedd Blankenship

Skipper: Bill Allman - Capri 22
Crew: Richard Barth



Doug Albro working overtime to get new signage installed just before sunset. Doug also serves as our club Secretary and learned to sail on a "Beetle Cat."



Thanks for all that you do Doug! Well done.

Tech. Tip of the Month

Miracle Polishing Cloth can be used by anyone to clean almost anything.

Will not leave sediment in crevices or wear off varnished or enameled surfaces. The formation of rust or tarnish on metals after being treated with Miracle Polishing Cloth is considerably retarded, as the protective chemicals and waxes in the cloth penetrate into the pores of the metal and leave a wax coating, thereby causing the polished surface to retain its luster for a much longer period of time. Removes scuff marks from floors. Removes bad corrosion from metals. Removes alcohol, water, ink and heat stains from furniture, etc. Removes surface scratches from furniture, enamel, and silver. Removes burn marks from electrical appliance, porcelain stoves, etc. Removes paint spots from metal, glass, porcelain, tile, and varnished surfaces. Removes rust stains from bathtubs, wash bowls, bumpers, trim, wheels, and hub caps. Cleans, polishes and protects all motorcycle metals, aluminum, chrome, magnesium, stainless steel, nickel, brass, silver, removes rust from chrome, oxidation and pitting from aluminum parts and boot leather burn from exhaust pipes. Polishes without scratching any ferrous or non-ferrous metal, any precision metal product, any die mold or machinery, also removes rust and discoloration and perfect for removing heat caused blueing. Removes road film from glass and metals. Polishes all metal and wooden instruments, accordions and cymbals. Removes rosin stains from violins. Cleans lacquered instruments without harm. Polishes and waxes the wood and enamel parts, and removes rust and corrosion from the metal of golf clubs, fishing tackle, boats, guns, and outboard motors. Finest Gun cleaning



product on earth - Just wipe away lead, burn rings, rust, carbon and plastic buildup on handguns, rifles and shotguns. Leaves a sparkling finish, is inexpensive and long lasting. It cleans, polishes and protects. Now with Coconut scent!

Bought a Miracle Polishing Cloth because I liked the retro packaging... and it was recommended by "Practical Sailor." Don't believe everything you read, but this thing works. If it's made of metal on my boat - this is what I use to polish it. Seven bucks for a package of two... and I'm telling you, it works.

Out on the Race Course



Skipper Van Dam looking quick
and dapper on *Invictus*.

Oh, and by the way Captain Blaine....
"Quod suus 'a pulchra navi, sed ubi vestri cantavit?"

**R/C SCHEDULE
CLICK HERE**

**Click on the schedule at left to view the
2023 race schedule - R/C duty sign-ups.**

**Correctly identify this fine skipper
and you could win a
Bavarian Cream filled donut.**



Contact Security Chief Welch for details

WVSC Board of Governors Meeting Minutes June 8th, 2023, 6:30 PM - WVSC CLUB HOUSE

**Click the button below to view the
June Meeting Minutes in full.**

JUNE MEETING MINUTES

Don't Be Shy

We would be delighted to hear about your new falcon hobby or how you built a backyard trebuchet, actually we'd love to hear about anything you've been up to lately, sailing or otherwise. And yes, people still hunt with falcons. It's a real thing.



We reserve the right to edit for length and/or relevance. We may hold your submission for future publications or not use it at all.

No copyright materials please.

Send information to:

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Glad to have you join us!
And, how could you not? It's
always fun working with all of
our WVSC friends.

\$10 per hour up to 10 hours. We need
you! Work Credit hours directly reduce
your annual fees by as much as \$100. Not
only that, you'll go home feeling great
about pitching in and helping out. If you
can only help out an hour or two here and
there, no worries. That's fine. Hours are
flexible, and the dress code is always bow
tie and blue blazer casual. If you're
experiencing a slight tingling all over your
body, please contact a board member
today!



To all of our fine WVSC friends out there
working to keep the lights on... thanks. We
appreciate your time and effort.



YOUR COUCH

14.2 Mini Regatta Qualifier - 7/1

Watermelon Run and Watermelon Feed - 7/15

JOKE OF THE MONTH



Why do seagulls fly over the sea?

Because if they flew over the bay,
they'd be bagels!

Boats & Gear For Sale

Catalina 22 Sails

1 - Main sail in good condition - \$150 obo.

1 - 135 Genoa Mylar sail good cond. \$200 obo. Also: cabin enclosure fits over popup cabin, zips front & rear for 26' Clipper Marine \$150 obo.

Contact Stuart Funk 620-382-5866 or mictfunk@gmail.com



Hobie Cat 18 ft. Catamaran with Trailer

\$400. Includes sails & rigging, extra hulls, trapeze harness & related gear. Text Dana Herring at 316-990-7872.

Hobie 18 photo below supplied by the editor - Generic photo of a Hobie 18, It is not *THE* boat for sale.



1980 O'day 23

Shore-lander tandem axle trailer with keel roller launch/retrieve & 1979 7.5 HP Electric Start Mercury Outboard (old but runs well). Sails: Main, Jib, Genoa, Storm Jib. Has shoal draft keel (24" draft with C/B up) In Yard Space 618 at Ninnescah Sailing Association, Cheney Lake Hull #XDYT0514M79G \$6000 OBO Photo above



1977 Force 5 AMF Sailboat and Trailer

Contact Jim Steck (316-737-9010) or Jason Kaufman (316-393-9691)

Extra tiller/rudder, centerboard. Hull is in good shape & 98% dry!
Asking \$1,100. Photo above,
Text Deann Gadalla @ 316.217.5014
or deanngadalla@yahoo.com



1986 30' 9.2A S2 and trailer

Great condition, teak interior, sleeps 6
2 sets of sails - one brand new.
Recently sanded & sealed bottom,
2 bimini tops. This is a competitive 30
foot Performance Cruiser engineered
to be extremely stable and easy to
sail with all control lines leading aft.
This reliable, family friendly sailboat
has been meticulously cared for and
is ready to haul and sail today!
Boat currently located in WVSC dry
storage. **Photo at left.**

1986 30' 9.2A S2 & trailer (above)
\$24,000. Contact Gene 316.722.1037

Additional info. & photos available
upon request! Gene 722.1037

It's official.

We reciprocate with Ninnescah Yacht Club

You can list your boats, bagels or pet seagulls
for sale in the Mainsheet and the Windword.

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Contact Angela at Ninnescah to place your free ad:

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WVSC Board of Governors Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2023, 6:38 pm

WVSC clubhouse

Call to Order – 18:36 CDT

BOG members -

Commodore: Stuart Funk

Vice Commodore: Troy Oberly

Rear Commodore: Chris Proudfoot

Treasurer: Preston Brammer

Secretary: Doug Albro

Board Members: Kevin Welch, Julie Barth (not attending), Paul Schye, James McEwen (not attending), Ardie Condon

El Dorado Lake Pool Elevation is currently 1335.41 [-3.59 ft. below the full pool (1,339 ft.).

Commodore's Remarks –

Beginner Sailing classes have begun and thank you to Mark Dresselhaus, Jim and Tammy McEwen, Kevin Welch, Chris Proudfoot, Troy and Brooke Oberly for helping with the classes, getting things ready and providing a safe teaching environment.

Beginners will conclude on tomorrow. Thanks to many members who have assisted with the training classes.

April Meeting Minutes Approval –

May meeting minutes were presented. Ardie Condon moved approval; Chris Proudfoot seconded. The minutes were approved.

Membership Concerns –

1. Tim Miller and John McCabe want to buy the 2004 Nissan outboard. They had been advised that it was available and should offer to buy it from the sailing education group within the club. Average retail is \$400.00; it is a 4 stroke motor. It runs.

Do we need to take bids?

We have done this in the past (receiving bids). Discussed where the minimum bid should be. Agreed it should be \$350, with a reserve. Bids to proceed from there. The motor can be loaned until the sale is finalized.

2. Renting sailboats out of WVSC slips. (Discussion will be recorded under long range planning.)
3. Using the Hunter 25.5 for training program only, not allowing general club to use. (This will be addressed under Sail Training.)
4. Concern that there are a lot of projects coming that need funding. There are still some assets that can be sold (from previous STEP).

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5. There are now two kayaks being stored in the sail shed. They have caused difficulty with reaching sails during the training sessions.
6. Long range planning will look at how to dispose of a derelict boat without a trailer.

New Business -

1. Returning previous member, is asking what the cost would be. Membership plus a slip. Concern is that the boat needs work. Requestor will return to active duty deployment in September. His intent is to fix up and sell boat prior to re-deployment.

Motion: Chris Proudfoot moved,, and Troy Oberly seconded to grant membership granted, pending payment, pending insurance demonstration (liability), pending a signed lease agreement. Noted that the purchaser of a boat from a club member won't automatically grant club membership. Also noted per by-laws that a slip may not be sub-leased. Noted that the Board of Governors may approve a temporary sub-lease (bylaws). Regarding the costs, Initiation is \$200. \$370 is regular membership. The boat requires a 12 foot slip. \$700 for a slip. Noted that membership is pro-rated at 1/7 of the total fee per month. Calling the vote, the motion was approved.

Post approval, the group noted that lack of payment is a no response. Absent response from the buyer, the boat needs to leave the WVSC premises. A period of 10 days can be allowed for a subsequent removal of the property. Sam has the lease slip agreement form.

2. Amelia Richter - Has paid as a junior member. This was previously approved. Welcome to Amelia.
3. Hayden Fistler – A Previous member. Has applied for a junior membership. This was previously approved. We will need proof of insurance. Group noted that Hayden is a credentialed sailing instructor.
4. It was noted that the bearings in the mast crane pulley blocks are shot. We do not have replacement pulleys. Charlie Volk took photographs, and is evaluating a replacement plan.

Committee Reports:

Liaison

Committee Chair

Long Range Planning

Troy Oberly

Austin Bayes, Chris Proudfoot.

1. Wifi was reported earlier. Equipment is about \$300. Velocity needs a credit card to guarantee the account. Cost is \$99 monthly is for the 100 megabits/seconds (noting this is data rate, and not quantity. Ardie noted that Ernie bought a similar system from Amazon. They are not using that much bandwidth.

Discussed concerns about the ability to check on events. How to look at cameras. Considering motion activated cameras and recording; will local wildlife cause 'over-recording'. Troy will get a person to come out and give us a quote, recommendation.

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2. Bruce Andres of Phoenix, AZ (Tumbleweed Sailing) is approaching WVSC with a business proposal. Mr. Andres has some relation ship with Gene Nold. Andres approaches us about the possibility of running a “sail sharing” program out of this club (something similar to Net-Jets). He is asking “Is this feasible?” Mr. Andres has talked to Shady Creek ownership. They declined consideration. His business plan is to provide a boat to groups of 10 fractional ownership members. He would place boats at this ration of membership. WVSC would provide an at-no cost slip to each of these boats. Fractional boat owners would each need to be WVSC club members. Indication is that boats would be in the Catalina 25 size class. Gene Nold has the full proposal. The BOG may see some formal presentation in next month.

Per the business plan, Tumbleweed Sailing will do the marketing, boat maintenance, scheduling, etc. It’s possible he may sign up existing WVSC members (with or without boats).

3. We have also noted that some people have questioned whether chartering is available here. Thes would want to be taken out as riders with a captain operating the boat. Others have indicated the interest in renting a boat for some hours, or a day. We would suggest limiting our activity to the 14.2’s and Lasers. Smaller boats that we currently own , (that would not compete with Mr. Andres’ proposal .

Considering the above, it is wisdom that the club needs to plan out how we will be using the club owned boats. Our members are paying for these now. The club (BOG) would need to create some type of check out procedure and policy with the using member assuming responsibility for the boat.

In the long term, need to get Lasers back into ‘useable’ condition. The Sonar needs a re-fit. The Sonar could be the “showcase” boat for this plan. This would need to include “block-outs” for training classes, etc. The LRP committed is not advocating for another committee. Sail Training seems like the logical place for ‘ownership’ and ‘operation’ . We may need a group of volunteers to assist with this.

Powerboats

Preston Brammer

Bart Peace

Bart is installing new lights. Gas connection came off; it was not installed correctly. There is no battery charger for it; not sure where it is.

Harbor

Kevin Welch

Charlie Volk

Dana thinks the hydro hoist can be fixed, or remove it. There was discussion of using it for some boats in the dry storage.

Will check into the blocks on the mast pole.

Activities Center

Paul Schye

Doug Albro

Refurbished sign has been installed. Doug to forward expenses to Preston (approx. \$200). People can write supply needs on clip board. Need paper towels, paper plates.

Need to check on men’s urinal dripping.

Membership

Ardie Condon

Katy Brammer

No discussion. Send membership renewal for a previous member. All but one member are paid up.

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Sail Training

Chris Proudfoot

Stuart Funk

We have 7 in the beginning Sail training. One in the intermediate program and one in the adult program.

There are two kayaks in the shed for the 14.2 equipment. Fuel cells in the shed for the training program. Stuart will mark the fuel cells.

Use of the 25.5 was discussed. It is currently used for training only so that we can avoid paying the taxes on this. This boat has had a \$7500 appraisal.

Group members shared similar feeling that anything that limits our use of the boats we own is problematic. We should pay the taxes, or whatever, so the boats can be used in the manner the club wants. This is not a prohibitive expense.

Troy suggested that we consider installing topping lifts on these boats. Consideration, pro and con, was discussed with no specific outcome.

Archivist

Troy Oberly

Chris Proudfoot

No discussion

Public Relations/Media

Chris Proudfoot

Charlie Volk

Charlie visited with web-designer. More than once. Stand by for news.

Finance

Preston Brammer

Greg Rinker

Finance reports were distributed. About \$10,000 short-fall for income vs. expenses. The new membership income is helping. Asphalt sealing was biggest expense. There will not be more lumber being ordered. Plumbing supplies, maybe. Future thinking toward setting up a reserve fund to purchase additional training boats.

Dry Storage

Troy Oberly

Stuart Funk

The first spray for weed control has been performed using existing materials. Mare's tail is growing on "beaches". Spraying took about an hour and some. Pine tree sprouts are not being killed. These may need to be pulled manually.

Building and Grounds

Troy Oberly

Mike Shepherd

The year's first cleaning of shed has occurred. Leaf blower was used to clean out the dirt and debris. Looking for blue bins to replace the cracked bins.

The posts on our sign at our entrance are rotting out. They are square. Posts or sign may need to be replaced.

Calling (& Texting)

Julie Barth

DeAnne Gadalla

No report. Doing great.

Racing Activities

Preston Brammer

Blaine Van Dam

We have had some races. Had some weather fluctuations. Looking to next Wednesday. Inviting parents to watch the students who will be racing.

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Social Activities

Julie Barth

Tedd Blankenship

Saturdays activity was a good time. This weekend is Yoga on the Docks at 10:00.
Might be 9:00

Government Relations

Troy Oberly

Gene Nold

No activity. Have not checked on the 'small' trash dumpster.

Security

Kevin Welch

(None)

So far, so good. No calls.

Sailing Activities

Kevin Welch

Troy Oberly

Will anyone participate in the 24 hour sail. At the end of the month.

Business Calendar –

No discussion.

Old Business -

No discussion

Motion to Adjourn –

Doug Albro moved to adjourn. Paul Schye seconded. The motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Albro, BOG Secretary