

# WJSC Membership Meeting Minutes 2025-09-03

**Board officers present:** Commodore Dave Wigman, Vice Commodore Matt Kartheiser, Treasurer Dave Eserkaln, Secretary Frank Green and Trustees Jim Gagnon, Randy Vanden Branden and Don Robertson

**Meeting** called to order at 6:00 p.m.

## **Board Portion of meeting:**

**Secretary's minutes** of August board and membership meeting minutes approved.

## **Treasurer's report – Dave Eserkaln**

Closed on the new loan for the sea wall project, so the money is lined up, but none has been drawn yet.

Starting work on 2026 budget. Committee chairs, please submit your items

If you haven't paid for winter storage yet, talk to Paul Charniak and submit your payment

**Vice Commodore's Report:** Matt now has access to the systems. New member info will be added in the next week. Matt is also working on updating points. (Reminder—the added points won't be visible on the website until the Monday before the meeting.)

## **Committee Chairs –**

**Buoys - Mike Kessel –** Would like to request work space for the buoys east of the storage pods. The current location is not conducive. The plan is to stop using pressure washers for the zebra mussels and use scrapers, instead. The fisherman's dock may be in that space, but it would be acceptable to store the buoys on the dock.

Planning on taking the buoys out after the Frostbite race.

**Commodore's Report:** Report from Bill Wons that a boat was sinking in the harbor. Mari Martin and Eric purchased a pump on their own from Fleet Farm to help address it. It was moved and approved for the club to purchase the pump from them for a club-owned pump for such instances.

## **Old Board business:**

### **New Board business:**

Frank Green brought up that with the new combined board/member meeting format to move the meeting time to 6:30 rather than 6:00 pm. After discussion and motion was made and approved.

### **Membership portion of the meeting:**

**Weekend Race** – Brian Grahovac - One last weekend race, the Frostbite, on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Noon skipper meeting, 1:00 start. There will be prizes!

We are still looking for a new committee chair for Weekend Races.

**Harbormaster Report** – Brian Grahovac met with the contractor last week to discuss and changes in scope. Some changes were discussed about reinforcing the concrete pad where the crane sits.

Brian is working through the plan for staging the equipment (10/18-20) and blocks (10/20-22). There's a spot at the north end of the parking lot by the swamp that will hold the blocks. There will also be a lot of gravel near the septic tank. Old blocks – about 60 will be used in the pad area for the crane—the remaining 60 will be saved in the NE corner of the property for future use. Still looking for a place to temporarily store the soil—probably at the base of the hill near the pirate ship. B-dock will be stored to the west of the storage containers. Will need to squeeze the boats together a little more for winter storage to make additional room. (Losing 6 spots for material and b-dock.)

Boats smaller than 25 feet could go up on the hill.

Looking for a gravel vendor.

Cement plan – might get too cold before we could get it poured, might have to wait until April. Existing pads need to come out before 10/20.

Updated costs – money spent, so far - \$6000, soil boring and contractor. \$156k spending forecast, \$121k has been committed to date. \$175k is the total approved.

**Yard** – Paul Charniak - Don't lock your trailers. They may need to be moved.

We'll ask the lightnings to move their boats out as soon as possible after the last race. Otherwise, they'll be moved up on the hill.

**Social Committee** – this Friday at 5:00 pm – BB&BS. There will also be a Social Committee meeting. Merchandise will be available.

Banquet on November 1<sup>st</sup> at Village Grill.

**Bar Manager – Terri Gay** - Garbage and recycling. Be cautious about what you throw in there.

Do NOT use club paper towels to clean your boats. There are some blue rags in the back room. You can use those, but put them in the hamper when you're done.

Do not use \$50 or \$100 bills in the cash register. You can use a credit card.

**Club Boats** – Matt Kartheiser will temporarily take over – Zach has moved away.

**Committee Boat** – out of the water after the Frostbite Race.

**Cruising** – Bill Koehne – Mural Adams cruise was a success.

**House** – Recognize the effort that Austin Gokey has been doing on the house.

**Historian** – Royal Shackelford – Reflecting on the history of the harbor. It was a dump when the club bought it. Jim Vandenberg put the plans together for the harbor. Don Robertson designed all the docks and whalers. Another set of whalers needed to be built and installed when the flooding happened in 2019.

Royal nominated Don as a lifetime member. This will be presented next month.

**IT** – Austin – instructions are now posted on the register. Wifi access point is now permanently mounted. Wifi instructions are posted at the bar.

Bill – archive has been created for newsletters.

**Lightnings** – two races left – tomorrow and next week. Lightning crew will be responsible for taking down and cleaning the awning.

### **Membership –**

Nomination – Randall Jones – Wife Michele (sp?) – Sponsored by Lisa Pelke –4 kids under 14. Live here in Suamico. Has a boat – a McGregor 25.

Nomination – Jacob Deemer – Wife Liz – coming from Green Bay Sail and Paddle. Sponsored by Brian Grahovac and Chris Lange. Has a S2 and looking forward to racing.

Nomination – Jeff Reeb – Wife Marcy - from DePere – started sailing when he was 14. Has an O'Day 25. Sponsored by Dave Gay.

Voting – Oliver Graf – Brian Grahovac and Matt Kartheiser are sponsors – Originally from Chicago – been in GB about 5 years. Found Windjammers online. Sailing started in Wisconsin as a boy scout. Sailed in college, as well. Sailed out of Chicago for a number of years. Voted in unanimously.

**Multi-hulls** - Craw Regatta – went very well. Expressed thank-you to the club and Green Bay Sail and Paddle for being involved and for help from John Kelly. Good turnout – about 22 boats and 9 Hobie Waves.

**Tuesday Races** – last race was last night. Terri is looking to step down for Tuesday night cook.

### **Old Business:**

### **New Business:**

**Boats Out** – The crane is set for 10/11 for boats and docks out, which is when the crane is available.

Sign-up sheet will be by the bar. Bob Gruen will be setting appointments for the crane. Park on the hill and the west side of Channel Road. No parking in the lot. Cash, check or credit – amount due on the day.

Be cautious of the soft gravel shoulder on the east side of Channel Road. Stay on the west side and be careful. Leave room for the crane.

Once your boat is out and buttoned up, come back and help with the rest of the boats.

Make sure insurance info is updated.

Logistics will differ this year due to the harbor wall project. Lost 6 spots due to storing material and leaving room for working on the wall. Everyone will need to be flexible.

Do NOT lock your trailers.

**Outer docks-out will be taken out on 10/12.** Volunteers are needed for that, as well.

If you trailer your boats out, don't block it up until after Big Boats out, as they may need to be moved.

If you have an alternate place to store your boat for the winter, consider doing that.

**Combined Board and Membership meeting - Going forward, the Board and Membership meeting will be combined. It will be scheduled for 6:30 pm.**

**Time Capsule** - 6" x 4' tube will be used for a time capsule. Get any contributions to Dave Wigman.

**Memorial** - The club still has money to use for a memorial for Dave Quimby. Tom Pierquet suggested getting a bench.

### **Announcements:**

Austin's Adler's boat was the one that started taking on water. He sincerely thanked the group that jumped in and helped take care of it. Particularly, Dave Wigman, Mari Martin, Eric Rogne and Bill Wons. It says a lot about the club that we take care of each other like that.

**Next Meeting:** October 1st, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:53 p.m.