

WJSC Membership Meeting Minutes 2025-12-03

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

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Treasurer's report – Dave Eserkaln – Proposed 2026 operating budget

Biggest two items are our loan payment (principle and interest) and insurance. Both are about \$21,000. Insurance has increased about 15% per year. Dave is proposing a 5% overall increase in member fees.

Club boat budget – Matt Kartheiser – Matt put together a budget to get all the club boats in full working order which is covered under the \$3,500 Education and Training annual budget. The first part of Matt's plan is \$2,240 for total cost for fully renovating the FJs including covers - under the remaining 2025 budget. Second part is the Hobie 18. The rigging has been updated, but it needs new sails, which will come to a bit over \$2,000. 2026 budget will be used for this.

Bill Koehn reported on the web hosting costs that are being donated.

Dredging was brought up. Dredging is not in the budget, as that would be a capital expense rather than an operating expense. We have about \$26,000 in reserve and \$40,000 available credit and a projected surplus of about \$12,000 available to us in 2026. In 2026, it would likely be a maintenance dredging rather than a full dredging.

Motion was made and approved to adopt the 2026 operating budget as presented and implement a 5% overall increase.

Secretary: Minutes of December monthly meeting were approved.

Vice Commodore's Report: 136 current members.

Reminder that points need to be in prior to the end of the year. Anything submitted after that will not be accepted. Points are not updated until the Monday before the monthly meeting.

Probably a dozen or less members that haven't met their points for the year.

New Board business:

Leo Loeb and Bill Koehn are working on individual user IDs for members only section. Proposing this to eliminate the problem of people never remembering the club password and improve site functionality. Leo has set up a chat forum for inter-member communication, would have a moderator and would require individual logins. There might be an option to send out alerts that a new chat thread has been started. There will be a reset password option.

Dan Wassenberg – Propose that minutes be read at the beginning of the meeting. Going forward, minutes will be read aloud.

Dan also had a question about how club money was spent for the holiday party. The club covered room rental, gratuity, snack plates and tax. Total club expense was about \$800 from social budget.

Terri Gay – Decision was made to stop picking up recycling in October. The bin is full and needs to be emptied. That needs to be done, but there will be a fee.

Harbor Maintenance Strategy and Weekend Race Committees are still looking for chairs.

Committee reports:

Bar – Terri Gay – Kevin Campbell's memorial was two weeks ago. The family was very pleased. Donated over \$100 in supplies and over \$80 in tips.

Dry sail – Paul – everything looks good, but check your halyards.

Independent Merchandise – All items will be available at the Christmas party.

Membership –

Voting – Nick Slupskei – Sponsored by Austin Gokey – Voted in unanimously.

Some minor stuff is missing from the member database. Matt is going to put out list of members with info missing together and send it out to ask for updates.

Social – Christmas Party – December 7th at Station One. Felix Yeaso will be honoured. Felix was known for racing and ice-boating.

Strategy – Need a new chair. Should be able to use the existing information to jump start. The Board needs an actionable plan from the committee.

Sunshine – Donnie Robertson had his lower leg removed and is recovering at Renes. Gary Sarnes had surgery and is recovering. Jim Widen's cancer is getting worse. Dan Wassenberg had a pacemaker put in.

Website / Infotech – Wifi password will change to update the year.

Yard – Dave Wigman – snow plowing doesn't start until the ground is frozen.

Clubhouse – use the west entrance due to muddy south entrance.

Key to south gate lock is on the bulletin board. Old one is in for repair.

Old Business:

Gazebo update – Special Meeting last week. \$55,000 was raised. (47 members contributed.) Pavilion options were discussed. Options for screens and fireplace were discarded. Furniture and Ceiling Fans were accepted. Mix of rocking and adirondack chairs, as well as several picnic tables. Also looking at a metal roof.

Trusses will be pre-assembled. Tim estimates the assembly of the gazebo can happen in a weekend. Sonotubes will need to be augered and installed. Could be done prior to pouring the slab.

The project hinges on concrete. The gazebo kit will be delivered the beginning of April. Volunteers will be needed to stain the wood about a week before construction.

Pump-house beautification was also discussed – possible to look more like a lighthouse. That will be delayed.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: January 7, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 7:56 p.m.