

**Melges 17 Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes January 12, 2011**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Present was Lesa Gutenkunst, Tom Munroe, Coye Harriett, Andy Burdick, Deb Gluek, Jim Hilard, Bryan Sarber, Jandy Sproucse, Derek Packard was in communications prior to the meeting indicting he had a business meeting to attend to.**

**Old Business**

Lesla Gutenkunst made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Jim Hilgard seconded it. Everyone was in favor

**New Business**

**Board Position**

Hand off of old responsibilities. Mary Anne Ward was unable to attend due to the flu. Deb Gluek and Mary Anne can communicate via email to telephone to discuss the responsibilities for this position. Lesa Gutenkunst will take notes for Jandy tonight until she is on the call.

First topic of discussion is the suggestions for board position due to the Sean Fidler request to resign from the board on December 15, 2010. It should be noted that the board respectfully understands his decision. We would like to recognize his enthusiasm and support as well as his contributions to the development and growth the class.

Jim Hilgard suggested John LeFevre indicating he would be a good solid person and one that would help with promoting the fleet.

Tom Munroe suggested Eric Wynsma. Jim Hilgard added that he would also be a valued addition.

Need to contact them and ask if they are interested in joining the board and to vote at the next meeting.

Lesla suggested moving Tom Munroe to VP. The thought behind this is that a new person coming on to the board shouldn't fill a flag position. Therefore move Tom Munroe up. Coye mentioned the logical move for rear would be to move Jim Hilgard. This way the it will leave a board position open

Tom Munroe mentioned the list on the website needs to be updated. Lesa will email Andy

Commodore: Lesa Gutenkunst  
Vice Commodore: Tom Munroe  
Rear Commodore: James Hilgard  
Treasurer: Debbie Gluek  
Secretary: Jandy Sprouse

### **2011 Directors**

Coye Harrett  
Andy Burdick  
Derek Packard  
Need to remove Brian McMurray and replace with Bryan Sarber  
Vacant

**By Laws – Board of Directors Equal** representation on the board between ILYA and Westerns.

Jim Hilgard mentioned the bylaw seemed to read clear at this point. Tom Munroe commented that we have great fleet development in Indy that aren't apart of the ILYA or The Westerns. They might be more interested in joining the Westerns, at some point moving forward. If there is an issue as the fleets grows, we should address it at that time. For now there seems to be great representation from all areas.

### **Events-**

#### **Strictly Sail Show –**

Andy Burdick reported that this is a week-long event. He will have free VIP tickets to anyone who would like to attend the event. Simply email him and he will take care of it.

Great display of the Melges 17 will as well as other Melges boats. Andy and Coye from the boat work will be attending as well as Jim Gluek from North Sails.

**Mid Winters** – Lesa Gutenkunst opened up the discussion to get an idea of participation from the board as well as possible fleet members. Jim Hilgard commented that this is a long way to go and a big commitment.

Andy Burdick added that LEYC is having difficulties with mid winters events with boat participation.

Jandy's also added that demographics play a major part in this. It's an expensive event and with the economy it makes it even harder.

Tom Munroe agreed and with all the winter family events it makes it difficult as well.

At this point, the board agreed that we will skip this year's event and re-look at it in 2012. Lesa Gutenkunst will email Mary Anne Ward to let her know what the board had discussed.

### **Winter Inland**

Lesa Gutenkunst briefly discussed the ILYA event on February 11 - 13 to see if other board members will be participating. This is great time to discuss the ILYA event and the Melges 17 fleet format. Coye and Deb may be attending this as well. Furthermore, Gary Jobson will be the guest speaker.

### **Lansing Spring Regatta & Clinic**

Lesa Gutenkunst agreed to contact Sean to get the NOR's and more details for promoting the event.

### **Geneva Spring Regatta**

Andy Burdick briefly mentioned that this event usually draws around 17-25 boats. This is a great event. Nice way to start off the sailing season. Bryan Sarber added that the Indy fleet might not be able to attend due to the Mother's Day weekend. Most of the members have young families. This makes it difficult. Lesa Gutenkunst added that this been the case throughout the past few years. Andy Burdick also mentioned that it could be difficult for those with families. Fleet attendance might in the high teens.

### **National Rankings – Event Suggestions**

Need slight clarification to add all regattas but it's the best top 3 plus nationals that will make the points standing. This way we can encourage other members to travel to the events.

### **Marketing / Development Committee –**

Lesa Gutenkunst suggested creating a committee where fleet members can email suggestions and or modifications that they feel will help improve the boats. Also keeping in constant communications with the boat works on any new changes or modifications that and keeps the board in the loop. This committee will keep the board involved with potential new fleets and what is transpiring so that the board can get involved and help.

Tom Munroe added the committee will help to keep members updated on changes and or modifications avoiding the "surprise" or the resistance to change.

Jim Hilgard suggested Andy Burdick being on this committee and volunteered himself. Lesa suggested Coye Harriett.

Lesa Gutenkunst suggested the committee meet to discuss further participants fine tune the guidelines of the committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm