



The 2018-2019 annual meeting was held Dec. 9, 2018 at the Muskegon Yacht Club. About 24 members attended.

By acclamation, the proposed slate of officers was elected:

Commodore - Mark Burns. "Camaraderie is the key to the success of the club," Mark said. To welcome those who show an interest in ice sailing and expose the greater public to the fun of ice boating is important, he said. Mark was a key member of the 1997 club project to build 30 DN runners from 440c stainless steel.

Vice Commodore - Issac Leetsma. "The club is a great group of people. I just want to help," Issac said. He had his first iceboat ride in 2004 at age 16, and bought a Skeeter in 2015. He and his wife are expecting their first child in April.

Rear Commodore - Don Fischer. Don has sailed iceboats for decades and his home on Mona Lake's Peninsula Point has been a hotbed of activity over the years. Launch area hospitality is important to Don, who grills for chilled and hungry members with immediate past commodore Dean Runk.

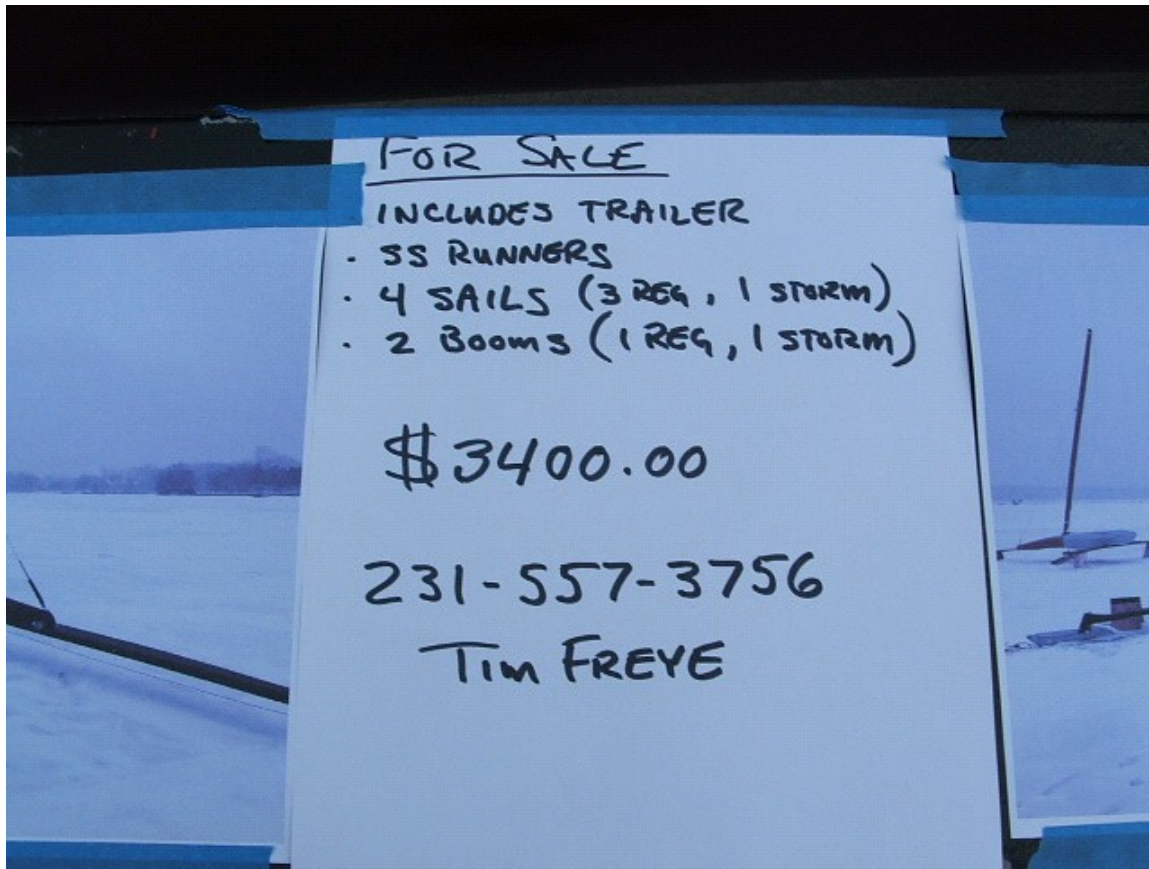
Secretary/Treasurer - Chip Sawyer. Chip is a life-long ice sailor and has served the club well for many years. He would be happy to train his replacement, he said.

Board Member at Large - Holly Fredericksen. Twenty-two year old Holly graduates from Grand Valley State University in Spring 2019 with a degree in sports management. "I was born to be here," Holly said. At the 1996 Swap Meet, her father, Marty Fredericksen, a charter club member, handed out cigars with pink ribbons to share his joy with friends. "I got into the sport because of my dad," she said. Holly wants to get to know the members and aspires to be club commodore.

Retiring club officers:

Past commodore Dean Runk: "It's been a ball," Dean said about his six years of service. "Be ready to step up to contribute to the club," he said.

Vice commodore Tim Freye is selling his skeeter:



Board Member at Large - Jon Tasker. Producing merchandise featuring the club logo was how he served. Trophy House on Henry Street in Muskegon produces the goods for which our club receives a 10% commission. "I made my job obsolete," Jon said. Trophy House, is owned by Chip Sawyer's son-in-law, Steve Bliss.

The Trophy House also has the logos for the Gull Lake and Grand Traverse clubs and can produce merchandise for their members as well. To order, call Steve Bliss at (231) 755-3096.

Members who passed away:

Life member Ned Dake, 98, died December 11.

Bob Harvey, 64, died December 15.

Swap meet, Nov. 3, 2018.

For the second year, the Gull Lake, Grand Traverse, and West Michigan ice yacht clubs combined efforts to host the annual swap meet, which has been held since 1975. Through 2016 it was hosted solely by the Gull Lake Ice Yacht Club.

Ninety people registered for the 2017 event, compared to 50 this year. Four new members joined the club. There was a noticeable number of participants who did not pay the \$15 registration fee or stay for lunch. Our goal is heavier promotion and to begin earlier for 2019.

Muskegon Yacht Club catered the lunch and poured the beer and pop. "They've done a yeoman's job of supporting us," Dean said.

There was a lot of used gear for sale out in the parking lot. World DN champion and boat builder Ron Sherry also sold new and used equipment.

Notable transactions:



Several owners of Lockley Skimmers gave their boats away for free. New member Nathaniel Hayward took one home for his wife.



Bob Harvey's DN 5199 was purchased by Holly Fredericksen.

Evan Fischer, age 16, bought DN 1610, sold by Bruce Brown from Ann Arbor. Evan is Ryan Fischer's son and Don Fischer is his grandfather. Evan said he bought the boat with money made doing odd jobs. Evan said he prefers to be outside in winter sailing or snowboarding. "No video games for me," he said.

Welcome young people Holly Fredericksen and Evan Fischer, the future of our sport and club.

Action was slow until 20 minutes before lunch when money and gear rapidly changed hands.

The Gull Lake club organizes the raffle and the new format has proven popular. Each item has its own ticket basket where those who want to win that item can place their raffle tickets. Previously, anyone could win any of the prizes.

Season forecast:

A cold November and cold first-half of December portend well for an early freeze up and a colder winter than we have had in recent years. If lucky we will have fine ice to sail locally by the latter half of January before it is snowed on.

New memberships include a pair of ice picks, which can save your life should you go through the ice. They are available for the asking. When on the ice, always have a pair of ice picks with you. A set of club ice picks cost \$5, and it is always good to have an extra pair.

For the most timely ice information from Up North, email Bob Gray at bgray4654@yahoo.com and ask to be added to his emailing list. Bob makes the effort during the week to find suitable conditions for those willing to travel to sail with the Grand Traverse club.

Think of safety first, especially when venturing onto new ice or after a freeze following a thaw. Club members have 50-foot throw ropes, ice screws and grappling hooks. Know where they are.

Financial report:

WMIYC has 85 paid members as of Dec. 9. The total last season was 103.

Expenses so far this season (since 7/1/18) exceeded revenue by \$3.39, leaving the club a cash reserve of \$5,811.33.

"We have the healthiest club financially I know of. Give past secretary/treasurer Allan Dake the credit for the financial strength of the club," said current club secretary/treasurer Chip Sawyer.

<b>West Michigan Ice Yacht Club</b>	
<b>Statement of Operations</b>	
<b>7/1/17 – 6/30/18</b>	
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>	
Dues	\$ 1,000.00
Swap Meet	985.44
Other	<u>4.23</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 1,989.67
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	
Meeting	\$ 469.65
Printing and Postage	95.40
Swap Meet	1,605.67
Other	<u>349.27</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 2,519.99
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$ (530.32)</b>
Fund Balance 7/1/17	\$ 6,345.04
Fund Balance 6/30/18	5,814.72
Net Change	\$ (530.32)