

SUS Board Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2017
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Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.

PRESENT: Rick Takatsch
Melissa Donovan
Theresa Nilla
Marie Cunliffe
Aija Klebers
Leisa Bell
Tony Reyes
Chip Munk
Tom Zagaroli
Rick Keene
Lynda Cesiro
Cheri Flavin (arrived at 8:00)

Rick Takatsch thanked Melissa, Terry, Ginny and Marie for their service to the Board and welcomed new members Aija, Tony and Rick K. Rick T. further thanked Peter, Chip and Joanna for signing on for another term.

Review of minutes. Correction in that Lael Burns was not officially accepted by the Board as Newsletter Director at the last meeting because she had not officially accepted nomination at that time.

MOTION to accept minutes as corrected posed by Tom Zagaroli. 2nd by Aija. Unanimous in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Budget set as presented at November meeting.

MOTION by Teresa Nilla to adjust budget to increase the meeting expense by an additional \$250 and to decrease the surplus by \$250. Tony 2nd. Unanimous in favor.

MOTION to accept Treasurer's Report by Tom Zagaroli. 2nd Leisa. Unanimous in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Rebecca Kovecs from Norwalk City Hall re: meeting room schedule (see Agenda). Rick T. informed the Board that the 2017 Board meetings will be held in a conference room

rather than the lounge for the majority of the 2017 meetings. Meeting room location will be included on the activity calendar to notify members in the event they want to attend Board meetings. Skippers will continue to meet in the 'lounge' at the Norwalk City Hall.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Vice Commodore – Teresa reported that SUS program meetings are scheduled at the Double Tree. She assumed 75 people attending at each meeting and has arranged for theatre style seating. Rick Keen to inform her if program requires something different. Rick Takatsch to bring projector and screen. Double Tree will set up and provide mic and audio. Cost for ½ ballroom is \$450.

January 19th “Year in Pictures” will be at the Ponus Yacht Club – rental fee applies

April “Meet the Skippers” will be at Ponus Yacht club – rental fee applies

2 social meetings over the summer will be at Ponus with NO rental fee.

Theresa is looking for a place for the May social.

Update Nominating Committee - MOTION by Theresa to accept Lael Burns as Newsletter Director. Tommy 2nd. Unanimous in favor.

Update Reorganization Committee – Committee has met once since last Board meeting. They are working on redistributing duties. Goal is to reduce number of Board members to 11 which will entail some shuffling of duties. 4 Board positions will likely be eliminated. Intention is to enlist help from members as assistants to Board positions. Timeline? Goal is to have reorganization in place for 2018 Board.

Membership – Leisa reported that we have two new members, Robert Anderson, a skipper, and Val Monroe, a returning member. Melissa reiterated that our new membership year is now January to December as voted on by the Board last season, but that the application process remains the same. Members have until April 30th to renew their membership before being considered 'late'. Leisa stated that applications will be sent out early February. Notice to members regarding change in membership year will be posted in the next Newsletter.

Sailing Events – Lynda reported that she sent a friendly email out to the membership to get them excited about new year.

Education - Tom reported that he gave list of dates for MOCs and DOCs in 2017 to Joanna for inclusion in the activity calendar. DOCs are contingent on the sailaway schedule. Tom wants to coordinate an education forum with skippers to be held possibly at the Coast Guard facility.

Director of Skippers (remote) – Club cruise is set for two weeks July 29th to August 13th. Sailaway schedule still waiting on sailaway committee.

Programs – Rick K. presented a list of suggestions for potential programs (attached). General feedback was that any program meetings should be appealing to general public as one of the goals is to attract new members.

Special Events- Cheri and Aija reported that 11 have signed up for the January brunch. They are looking for a place to hold the February dinner on the 16th. Mama's Boy in Norwalk has been selected as the place for the "After Work" get together on April 15th. Chip volunteered his home for a St. Patrick's Day Party.

Joanna has a "HAPPY" hour meetup scheduled for Sunday, 1/15/17 at the Sedona Grill in Mamaroneck 4:00 – 7:00.

Newsletter – Rick T. reported that Lael Burns has agreed to accept position as Newsletter Director. (See Motion to accept Lael Burn as Newsletter Director under Nominating Committee report above.) Lael, however is not available to work on February Newsletter. Melissa has agreed to work with Rick T. to produce February Newsletter. Melissa gave the Club a complete set of her Newsletter files on USB drives (June 2013 to present) for SUS archives and a copy of 2016 Newsletter files for Lael.

Public Relations – No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Website – Rick T. would like to proceed with Phase II of the website which will include an online membership database and possibly the ability to accept payments online. He would like the following people on that Committee – Leisa Bell, Lynda Cesiro, Ida Lowe and himself. There were no objections to forming committee.

(see above for updates to Nominating and Reorganization Committees as reported by T. Nilla)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rick T. again reiterated his desire to update the wording on the website.

Marie said she developed a membership survey but wanted feedback. Tony will pick up the reins on the survey. Marie will send Tony the questions she came up with.

Aija commented that the pictures on the website need updating. Melissa suggested reaching out to Donna Wade who was putting together Year In Pictures. Rick will talk to Donna.

Next Board meeting will be held on February 9th at 7:00. Rick reported that he will be unavailable and that Teresa will run meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Tony. 2nd Lynda. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.