



**Singles Under Sail  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
Norwalk City Hall  
October 12, 2017**

**Attending:**

Peter Luciano, Commodore  
Teresa Nilla, Vice Commodore  
Joanna Romersa, Secretary  
Leisa Bell, Membership  
Tony Reyes, Membership  
Mike Smith, Skippers

Rich Keen, Programs  
Cherie Flavin, Special Events  
Aija Klebers, Special Events  
Janet Steinberg, Sailing Events  
Lael Burns, Newsletter

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Meeting was called to order by Teresa at 7:02 pm. Mike volunteered to be timekeeper.

**Action Items from last month:**

- New member gathering – Peter has organized this, cost TBA. Janet, Rich, Tony, Aija, Peter reached out to members who have joined since January 2016. Leisa also contacted 15 new members. Teresa contacted DoubleTree about refreshments. Charge would be \$240 plus tax.

A motion was made to move \$240 from education budget to pay for refreshments for the new member gathering.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Meeting Minutes**

Tony moved, Janet seconded, to approve the minutes of September 14th meeting.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Treasurer's Report**

Discussion was tabled since the Treasurer was not present to answer questions.

**Communications**

None

## Director Status Reports

### Vice Commodore:

- 2017 Meeting venue update – DoubleTree will charge the same as next year. Teresa is open to suggestions. Peter will check out Elks, Moose, Kof C and VFW.
- Nominating committee – status quo, with some additional candidates added to the slate.  
Currently:
  - President: Tony, Leisa, Rich
  - Vice President: Cherie, Teresa
  - Newsletter: Leisa, Mike, Ida
  - Public Relations: Cherie, Rick, Ronnie Ross
- Board reorganization – committee reviewed bylaws, changes have been emailed. The MOC part is the responsibility of Education. For next week's MOC, we only have 8 copies, attendees will have to share.
- Bylaws changes – document must be approved by January and document must be looked over so that we can vote by November.

**Action item for all board members: Read changes to bylaws made to agree with new job descriptions so that we can vote on them at November meeting. Send suggested changes to Leisa.**

**Membership:** Tony reported we have 120 members YTD, plus 2 lifetime. Three people signed up at the last meetup, two at the program meeting, one was a skipper.

Board requested that membership budget of \$460 be reinstated; it was felt they need more than \$260. Also a new line item of \$1000 for membership retention/growth was requested from the Treasurer by phone. It is anticipated that the additional membership fees will offset this budget increase.

**Sailing Events:** Janet reported that

- Columbus Day weekend sailaway was canceled due to weather.
- Communication between crew and skippers needs work next year.
- Club calendar needs to be monitored and changed when there are updates

**Education:** N/R

**Skippers:** Mike reported that

- There was a mixup in the race results reported in the *Masthead* for the Great Pursuit Race; a correction should be issued.
- Cruise dates for next year are needed.  
**Action item: Rick will provide cruise dates by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.**
- Sailaway schedule dates for next year are needed.  
**Action item: Bob Lussi will provide sailaway dates by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.**
- Mike will send a correction to Lael to be included in the next *Masthead*.

**Programs:** Rich Keen reported that the October speaker will be from the Sea Education Association in Woods Hole. For November open mic nite, we have 5 presenters. He has an array of speakers lined up for next year. It was brought up that showing movies before speaker meetings detracts from the social aspect of the club and for the present we will hold off on scheduling movies for 2018.

### **Special Events:**

- Cherie reported that 49 people attended the meetup at Boca.
- Aija reported that the Halloween party will be held at Chip's house on 10/28 and holiday party will be at Giovanni's on 12/3.
- There was a discussion about the number of parties scheduled each year. Should the summer party be eliminated? Any others?

**Newsletter:** Lael had nothing to report.

**Public Relations:** Carolann was not present but emailed a report stating

- October speaker program has been promoted by email and flyers to Windcheck, Rex Marine newsletter, various local papers and radio stations, SUS website, Norwalk Patch and the Masthead.
- SUS information flyers have been printed and she will be distributing them at various locations.

### **Committee Status Reports**

- Website – Committee has not met yet.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Remote board meetings: February meeting will be by conference call, Tony will set it up. This will be a trial to determine if we want to substitute some in person meetings for conference calls next year.
- Joanna suggested that, going forward, all director reports be emailed to her prior to the board meeting. She will forward them, along with a draft of the board minutes, the week before the board meeting for everyone to review before coming to the meeting. Questions can be addressed at the meeting. Hopefully this will cut down on the length of the meeting. This will be implemented in November on a trial basis.

### **New Business**

- Tony presented his proposal for a VIP pass for next year
- Tony moved that we offer members a \$25 discount off their 2019 dues if they bring a guest to a meeting and they join the club.

**Motion failed with 5-yes and 5 no votes**

**Motion was amended to \$20 discount and passed unanimously.**

### **Good & Welfare**

Cherie passed around cards to members recovering from surgery for directors to sign.

### **Adjournment**

Tony moved for adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m. by a unanimous vote.

Next meeting will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Recorded by:

Joanna Romersa, SUS Secretary