



**Singles Under Sail**  
**Minutes of Board Meeting**  
**Norwalk City Hall**  
November 10, 2016

**Attending:**

Rick Takatsch, President  
Peter Luciano, Commodore  
Teresa Nilla, Vice Commodore  
Chip Munk, Treasurer  
Joanna Romersa, Secretary  
Ginny Cameron, Membership

Tom Zagaroli, Education  
Terry Cotterall-Lagana, Programs  
Cherie Flavin, Special Events  
Marie Cunliffe, Special Events  
Mike Smith, Skippers  
Melissa Donovan, Newsletter

Carolann Carter, observer

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Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. Chip volunteered to be timekeeper.

**Meeting Minutes**

Tom moved, Mike seconded, to approve the minutes of September meeting.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**

Terry made a motion, Ginny seconded, that we approve the October Treasurer's Report.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Chip requested that we send in all receipts ASAP so that an audit can be done.

**Budget:**

- Chip stated there is \$430 extra, followed by discussion of various budget items that could use it.
- Conclusion was that the \$430 extra will be allocated for a contingency fund, a new budget item.
- Cherie will get back to us with a proposed budget for the 30th anniversary celebrations during 2017.

A motion was made to accept the budget as presented by Chip and move \$430 to a contingency fund.  
Motion passed with 9 yes, 3 no votes.

Melissa requested that it be noted that she would like the printing of the newsletter included again in the budget. This would add \$2500 to the budget and create a \$2000 deficit and eliminate the contingency fund.

### **Communications**

None

### **Director Status Reports**

**Vice Commodore:** Theresa reported that the cost of the meeting rooms at DoubleTree for next year will be \$300 for the conference room and \$450 for the half ballroom. She plans to use the half-ballroom going forward, increasing our meeting room costs a bit. We had eleven program meetings and two socials last year (including Meet the Skippers). It was decided that we should change one social meeting to another venue. Meet the Skippers will be held in the half-ballroom and Teresa will look into Paloma restaurant in Stamford as a location for the May social meeting.

Board reorganization committee is continuing to look at eliminating board positions and splitting duties.

**Membership:** Ginny reported that to date we have 126 members and 3 lifetime members. The SUS hotline has been discontinued and the phone number should be removed from the December *Masthead*.

**Sailing Events:** No report.

**Education:** There was a discussion about knot tying. Peter volunteered to teach some knot tying next year.

**Skippers:** Mike reported that

- Rick is heading up the eastern cruise committee and the dates of July 29-August 13<sup>th</sup> have been chosen
- Bob Lussi is head of the Sailaway committee
- Contests – eight boats participated in the Bob Spears Challenge and Bob Spears won.

**Programs:** Terry reported that her last program will be Ice Hotels at the November meeting!

**Special Events:** Marie reported that

- There were 18 attendees at the Halloween party
- She will work on a survey about parties that will be sent to members

**Networking:** Joanna reported that plans for the networking social at Sedona Taphouse in Mamaroneck on January 15<sup>th</sup> have been finalized and the owners have extended special happy hour pricing to our group.

**Newsletter:** Melissa reminded us that the deadline for the December *Masthead* is the 20<sup>th</sup> as usual. There will be no January issue.

**Public Relations:** No report

### **Committee Status Reports**

Website – Rick is putting together a plan for Phase 2 of the website development. It will include an online member database and the ability for crew to post their availability. There will be a training session at the next meeting to assist members in navigating the new website.

### **Unfinished Business**

Carolann suggested we have a skippers recognition dinner.

### **New Business**

Nominating Committee: The board went into executive session at 9 pm to discuss the candidates for board positions.

The board returned from executive session at 9:30 pm and announced the election of the following candidates for board positions starting in January:

Commodore – Peter  
Treasurer – Chip  
Secretary – Joanna  
Newsletter – position open  
Membership – Tony Reyes  
Special Events – Aija Klebers  
Programs - Rick Keen

### **Good and Welfare**

Minnie's daughter sent us a thank you.

### **Adjournment**

Terry moved, Tom seconded, that meeting be adjourned.  
Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. by a unanimous vote.

Next meeting will be held on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Recorded by:  
Joanna Romersa, SUS Secretary