



**Singles Under Sail**  
**Minutes of Board Meeting**  
**Norwalk City Hall**  
January 14, 2016

**Attending:**

Rick Takatsch, President	
Joe DeFranco, past President	Leisa Bell, Membership
Peter Luciano, Commodore	Ginny Cameron, Membership
Chip Munk, Treasurer	Cherie Flavin, Special Events
Teresa Nilla, Vice Commodore	Marie Cunliffe, Special Events
Janet Steinberg, past Vice Commodore	Terry Lagana, Programs
Joanna Romersa, Secretary	Joy Sherman, Public Relations
Melissa Donovan, Newsletter	Tom Zagaroli, Education

Carolann Carter, observer

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Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Chip volunteered to be timekeeper.

**Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Janet to accept the November 2015 minutes as corrected.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**

Chip proposed a correction to the Masthead budget as previously passed. Initially it was anticipated the Masthead would be delivered electronically for all of 2016, yet it was stated in the December Masthead that mail delivery would continue thru April. There was a discussion about whether or not April or March should actually be the final date. Terry made a motion, noting it was already announced, that we stick to the April end date for mail delivery. The four members who do not have email will receive paper copies through the end of the year. Everyone else will receive electronic copies beginning with the May issue. Chip recommended, and Melissa agreed, the Masthead budget be increased \$200 for each month (Feb, Mar, Apr) that mailing continues. The new Masthead budget for 2016 to be raised from \$500 to \$1,100.

Motion passed, with 10 yes votes, 3 no

For 2015 the revised Masthead budget will be \$1100.

After the above discussion, another motion was made by Terry, seconded by Tom, that the January Treasurer's Report be accepted. It passed unanimously.

## **Communications**

None

## **Director Status Reports**

**Vice Commodore:** Teresa reports that she was quoted the following rates for 2016 meeting locations:

- Norwalk Inn's new rate for the patio room is \$600; Artemis room is \$570.
- Knights of Columbus, Stamford charges \$285 for a 3 hour room rental. They have a cash bar but no food.
- Doubletree, Norwalk's rate is \$300 for room rental, they have a restaurant and bar and are right off I-95 exit 15.
- Ponus charges \$250 for the room plus a \$100 cleanup fee.

Teresa needs to obtain additional information about room capacity.

**Membership:** Leisa reported that to date we have 133 members.

There was a discussion about whether or not we should change the membership year to coincide with the fiscal year and whether or not we will send membership applications to members electronically in March.

**Sailing Events:** No report

**Education:** Tom reports that 3 dockside orientations and 3 new membership orientations have been scheduled for 2016.

**Skippers:** Rick reports that dates have been set for sailaways and both club cruises. Skippers will be meeting in two weeks to finalize the schedule and to elect a new director of skippers.

Skipper gifts – a committee was formed to select skipper gifts. Carolann Carter, Tom Zagaroli and Rick volunteered their services.

**Programs:** Terry reported that Gino Botino will be our speaker in April.

**Special Events:** Cherie reported that the January brunch will be held at Long Ridge tavern and that arrangements have been made for the February dinner at the Crab Shell.

The April after work party will possibly be at SBC in Southport. Cherie and Marie are looking for locations for the other parties. There will be an "extra special event" – a trip to Mystic on February 6 for the longitude exhibit and Cherie has volunteered to coordinate the logistics.

**Newsletter:** Melissa reported that the deadline for the February *Masthead* will be January 20<sup>th</sup>. She requested a bio from the new board members.

**Public Relations:** Joy is working on promoting the club here in the Fairfield county area.

## **Committee Status Reports**

**Networking Committee:** Joanna reported that the meetup at Eclisse was very well attended and that several attendees expressed an interest in the club, including one skipper. The next meetup will be on February 21<sup>st</sup> in Milford, and there is a seal watch planned for SUS members on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Website committee** – Rick will send a link to the mock up site this week. We are hoping for a Feb/Mar startup date.

## **Unfinished Business**

Projector screen – Peter purchased a screen for \$59. Rick volunteered to store it. Rick moved to reimburse Peter \$59 for the purchase of a new screen. Tom seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

## **New Business**

**Bylaw change:** Chip suggested that we change the membership year (currently April-March) to align with the fiscal year (Jan – Dec). He is asking for a change in the bylaws to accomplish this. He will put together a paragraph with the proposed wording and email it to us to be voted on at the next board meeting.

**New membership packet:** Lisa and Ginny are preparing a welcome packet for new members. It will include a welcome letter, copies of sailing schedule, club calendar and medical forms.

**Free admission to club meetings:** There was a discussion about whether or not the board discussed and/or approved free admission to a meeting for prospective members if accompanied by a board member. Joanna took this on as an action item.

**Revised membership application procedure** – Membership renewal applications will not be sent out with the March Masthead mailing as has been done previously. All membership renewals will be sent to members electronically this year.

## **Good and Welfare**

No report.

Meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 9:35 p.m.

Recorded by:  
Joanna Romersa, SUS Secretary