



**Singles Under Sail
Minutes of Board Meeting
Norwalk City Hall
May 11, 2017**

Attending:

Rick Takatsch, President
Peter Luciano, Commodore
Teresa Nilla, Vice Commodore
Joanna Romersa, Secretary
Leisa Bell, Membership
Tony Reyes, Membership

Mike Smith, Skippers
Tom Zagaroli, Education
Rich Keene, Programs
Cherie Flavin, Special Events
Janet Steinberg, Sailing Events
Lael Burns, Newsletter

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Mike volunteered to be timekeeper.

Meeting Minutes

Tony moved, Leisa seconded, to approve the minutes of April meeting as corrected.
Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Chip was not present. The board reviewed the Treasurer's report received by email. Membership numbers were also discussed.
Leisa moved, Mike seconded, that we approve Treasurer's report.
Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

- Sunshine Fund – Chip is handling this. (donations in memory of Nadine Littlefield and Charley Raymond)
- Thank you letter to Mike Burke – Joanna prepared and sent to Rick. Has not been mailed.
- Nancy Baldwin – Cherie is handling this
- Donna Peters – Tom is in communication with her family
- Bylaws update
- Cyber liability – Tony is working on this.

Communications

None

Director Status Reports

Vice Commodore:

- Teresa reported meeting venues for July and August social meetings are still open. Can Rick smooth the situation over with Ponus now that he is a member?
- Nominating committee –A motion was made to elect Leisa as the board representative and Chip as alternate.

Motion passed with 9-yes and 1-abstention

Membership: Leisa reported we now have a total of 94 members. Last year at this time we had 109. Seven members have indicated they will not be returning, two others are deceased. Skippers who have not renewed so far are Mike Burke, Gene Celentano and Chris Hoinsky.

Sailing Events: Janet needs gmail up and running. She will make announcements about how to get on a boat at the next meeting.

Rick will send an e-blast promoting participation in Memorial Day Sailaway. Tommy will prepare an e-blast with information and Rick will send it out.

Peter will reach out to Bob Anderson about Memorial Day, Tony will contact Jerry Pratt and Leisa will contact Glenn Greenberg.

Education: Six skippers made educational presentations at the meeting held at the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Feedback was very positive. Seven new members took the MOC.

Skippers: Mike reported:

- Sailaway and cruise schedules are set.
- The launch will not be running on the date (9/16) we selected for the Greenwich Islands Sailaway
- A fun race will be scheduled in conjunction with one of the sailaways. Mike and Rick will reschedule the sailaway and race.

Programs: Rich Keene reported:

- May speaker will be Eric Knox, topic: Sailing in the English Channel
- June – Evolution to America's Cup Sailor
- July – Harbor Watch – Improving LIS

Teresa will switch back to round table rather than classroom seating format.

Special Events: Aija reported:

- Cherie reported 54 have signed up for cast off party so far. Lucy has donated her commission from the club insurance policy to Special Events.

Newsletter:

- Per Lael, the deadline for submission of articles for next month is 5/20.
- Tony suggests we use Constant Contact. Rick and Tony will look into it.
- Teresa and Leisa will form a proofreading committee.

Public Relations: No report.

Committee Status Reports

Website –

- Committee still has not met. Leisa, Tony and Rick are the current members.
- There was a discussion about putting a sample video about upcoming speakers on YouTube. Paul Savage has agreed to be recorded. We would need to set up an account.

Unfinished Business

- Board reorganization: A motion was made to accept the new board positions as presented last month.

Motion passed unanimously.

We need to notify the membership of the changes via the *Masthead*.

There was discussion regarding pending bylaw changes that need to be made based on job description changes approved by the Board. Rick is in process of updating the bylaws.

- Crew skills discussion: Leisa is implementing the new form. She will send it to the board for a vote next month.
- Meeting sign-in table. Why are two people being comped?
A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Rick, that members who agree to man the table should be comped for that meeting.

Motion passed with 6-yes, 2-abstentions and 3 no votes.

New Business

None

Adjournment

Tony moved, Teresa seconded, that meeting be adjourned.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m. by a unanimous vote.

Next meeting will be held on June 8th.

Recorded by:
Joanna Romersa
SUS Secretary