

SUS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
08 March 2012

Joe DeFranco	President	Bob Lussi	Commodore
Sequoia Sun by Skype	Programs		Skippers
Pat Lawrence	Secretary	Dawn Daly	Special Events
Margaret Lee	Membership	Gary Geffner	Special Events
Minnie Ingardia	Membership	Lory Crisorio	Public Relations
Janet Steinberg	Sailing Events	Sande Snyder	Acting Dir. Of Newsletter
Chip Munk	Treasurer	Bob Leichtman	Vice Commodore
		Jim Tiernan	Education

Absent: Peter Luciano. Present: Charley Fisher representing Peter Luciano, Cherie Flavin to report on 25th Anniversary schedule.

Meeting held at the Norwalk City Hall, Norwalk, CT

Call to Order at 7:00 by Joe DeFranco
Timekeeper: Chip Munk

Meeting Minutes (P. Lawrence)

Motion to approve February 9, 2012 minutes as amended: Gary.
second: Jim Tiernan Vote: unanimous to accept

Treasurer's Report (F. Munk) : SUS balance sheet shows equity of \$5,946 vs \$7,830 on this date last year. The primary cause for the almost \$1,900 shortfall is \$1,240 for website vs \$0 last year at this time, and \$650 paid for skipper gifts that hadn't been paid for yet at this time last year.

Motion to accept treasurer's report (attached): Pat second: Margaret vote: unanimous to pass.

Communications – none to report

Director Reports:

Membership: (M. Lee/M. Ingardia) Minnie reports that hotline phone is up and running.

Margaret reports 5 new members and 1 renewal to date.

Programs (S. Sun) – Flyers for the program meetings for April and May are completed. Set for April 19 are Bev and Dick Astles, "Cruising the Great Loop. Lory has flyer for publicity. May 17, at the Norwalk Inn: Rick Paulus "From the White House to the Sea."

The July program meeting is cancelled due to the change in schedule of the Annual Cruise.

Special Events (D. Daly/G. Geffner) 48 have responded yes so far for St. Pat's party. All arrangements are complete except there is a need for more tables and chairs.

July 19th alternative party for those not going on cruise will be an informal get together on the Ponus YC deck.

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Public Relations (L. Crisorio) 36 announcements were sent to publicize April program meeting.

Newsletter (S. Snyder) – We welcomed Sande on board to as Acting Director. She has the support of Mary Gable who volunteered to do the word processing and layout and editing. Deadline: All info to Mary by the 15th of the month prior so the newsletter can be published by the first of the month. A meeting to be scheduled by Sande to meet with Joe and Mary for newsletter orientation.

Education (J. Tiernan) CPR training can be scheduled on May 2, 9 & 16 May 2 for skippers, 9th for crew 16th open to civilians – 1 hour compressions only @ 7 and then at 8. Joe will set up Norwalk Town Hall for trainings.

39 people not in compliance with educational requirements.

Each new member must complete a dockside orientation coordinated with day sails, and an 8 hour safe boating course within the first year of membership. Jim is calling those who are out of compliance to urge them to be up to date with requirements by the time the sailing season started in May. Jim will coordinate with Margaret to make list accurate and determine consequences for non-compliance.

Sailing Events (J. Steinberg) – Janet went to IC meeting to provide info re how crew gets on boats. She updated the skippers list of who is doing evening and day sails and how to contact skippers. Skippers request that members' self-ratings be published on membership list.

Skippers (P. Luciano) Charley Fisher reporting that there are 3 new destinations for weekend sails. Dates are firm. Details to come. Skippers' gifts are purchased. Skippers need to know of any new members who are skippers. Margaret will send info re new skippers to Charley as new skippers join.

Committee Reports

Nominating (R. Leichtman)

Website Development (S. Sun) - Heather continues to work on website. Things are moving well. Sequoia will send a link to board members next week to facilitate board's access. Once web site has board approval it will be ready to go live to all members.

25th Anniversary– Cherie Flavin – Plans are finalized for 25th anniversary party to be held on Sunday, May 20, and will be this season's Cast Off Party. It will be held aboard the Island Belle, a river boat. And will consist of a 3 hour cruise + lobster diner and band (reggae). Committee will publicize event soon and often. Cherie requested a 990 increase of the anniversary party budget to \$2,500.

Chip, as Treasurer, objected to the Anniversary Party plans being finalized prior to getting Board approval, or even consulting with the Treasurer prior to finalizing the plans necessitating such a large increase. The requested \$2,500 is too high, calling for an expenditure of more than double the last Anniversary Party and using 20% of the funds in the treasury. Chip stated that planning should have been done within the approved budgeted amount, and not unilaterally finalized, and the Board made aware of the significant increase long before the 11th hour.

Ideas - R. Takatsch was scheduled to make a presentation but was absent.

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Unfinished Business

Board meeting member/Observer restrictions to be discussed by Lory and Joe who will draft a motion should they determine that one is needed based on the discussion of the matter by the Board tonight.

Annual Meeting/Awards progress -

- 2012 Activity Calendar – all info to Pat by Sunday night from Dawn and Gary.

- Year in Review items to be addressed by 2011 & 2012 Board Members.

- Presentation by each Board Member re past and future highlights

- Selection of award candidates – Catastrophe of the Year award suggestions: Andrew – engine overheat, Len Ancis – spinnaker problem, Harry Kobritz lobster pot on prop, Charlie Stackhouse on the rocks.

A member contacted Joe with a suggestion for an award. The suggestion will be implemented by Joe and the skipper will be surprised at the event.

New Business

Sande Snyder was officially nominated and unanimously elected as the Director of Newsletter.

Minimum membership period to qualify for Board position? After discussion it was determined that no change is needed because the system is working now with nominees being vetted by the nominating Committee and presenting qualifications to the Board for election. Even if the process changes to direct election by the membership, it will continue to work as it has in the past to pick those best qualified for various positions.

Record of significant Board decisions in addition to minutes? Tabled

Risk management document (non-sanctioned activities disclaimer)? Tabled

New communications ideas discussion for implementation:

Peter's suggestions - #1 is to be further discussed by Joe for clarification.

-Introducing new members and guests to board members approved.

-Board member opens and closes the meeting – Lussi does this.

-In opening remarks emphasis on “This is your club. Stay involved.”

-A suggestion box will be available at all meetings. The President will vet suggestions.

-Something to ID board members at meetings TBD.

Adjournment 10:00 Motion to adjourn: Lory. 2nd:Bob Leichtman. Vote: unanimous to adjourn.

10:01 - Motion to Reconvene: Joe. Second: Pat. Vote: unanimous to reconvene.

Motion to increase the Anniversary Committee's budget by \$950: Sande 2nd: Margaret. Vote: 12 yes, 1 no, Motion passed.

10:05 Motion to adjourn: Joe, 2nd: Pat. Vote: unanimous to adjourn.

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