

**SUS Board Meeting
Minutes – March 12, 2015**

Present:

Joe DeFranco, President	Ashod Kassabian, Public Relations
Chip Munk, Treasurer	Rick Takatsch, Skippers
Terry Cotterall-Lagana, Programs	Tom Zagaroli, Education
Leisa Bell, Membership	Ginny Cameron, Membership
Minnie Ingardia, Sailing Events	
Melissa Donovan Newsletter	

The meeting was held at the Norwalk City Hall in Norwalk, CT. Joe DeFranco, President called meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Chip Munk was assigned as timekeeper and Minnie Ingardia was assigned as recording secretary.

Meeting Minutes:

Terry Cotterall-Lagana moved the minutes of the February meeting be accepted as revised by Chip's suggestions. The minutes were accepted as revised.

Treasurers Report:

Chip Munk reviewed the budget. There is a projected loss if dues continue to decline and expenses are as budgeted. Obtaining new members would help resolve this issue. Chip advised being fragile with spending. Tom Zagaroli moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented; it was unanimously approved.

Communications:

The meeting was moved into executive session.

Director Reports:

Membership:

Leisa Bell reported that with the help of Rick Takatsch and Tom Zagaroli the 2015 applications were sent out. There are currently 155 members; 151 from 2014 (includes lifetime members), plus 4 new 2015 members. The list of members who need to fulfill the education requirements was given to Tom.

Ginny Cameron discussed the cell phone usage. Tom will look into the option of a disposable phone and Magic Jack.

Skippers:

Rick Takatsch reported the sailing schedule has been published. The cruise itinerary is being finalized. Joe DeFranco and Rick will meet to finalize the skippers' gift that will be presented at the April 2nd Meet the Skippers night.

Sailing Events:

Minnie Ingardia is currently working on the Twilight sailing list.

Education:

Tom Zagaroli reported there are four members signed up for the first MOC. Additions and revisions of the MOP were discussed. Joe DeFranco will review the MOP to remove personal names associated with director titles and make the document generic and minimize annual revisions. Additional changes that have been made to the MOP relate to the nine-day cruise option.

Special Events:

Rick Takatsch presented Lucy Martinez's report. The St. Patrick's party is set. Lucy is looking into restaurant options in Norwalk for the After Work Party.

Programs:

Terry Cotterall-Lagana reported Janet Steinberg is looking at rooms that are needed for the remainder of the year. Terry reported Gino Bottino, a doctor and avid sailor, will do the April program presentation for SUS. It was noted that the Calendar needs to be corrected to reflect May 21st is a program meeting the May 28th is a skippers meeting.

Melissa Donovan reported she had spoken with Nadine. Nadine would be happy to help MC when needed. Joe has retained Henry Marks for the May meeting. Joe asked for bio information on speakers for publicity in the newsletter and to put on Meet-up.

Newsletter:

Melissa Donovan reminded the Board that items need to be to her in time for creating the newsletter.

Public Relations:

Ashod Kassabian let the Board know that there are 5-months of advertising in WindCheck, starting with the May issue

Committee Reports:

Networking Committee

Joe reported the March 29th happy hour is set for the Beach House Café in Old Greenwich.

Unfinished Business:

Joe will print twenty (20) 2015 MOPs. These will be given to new members when they attend the MOC. The 2015 MOP will be sent to the entire membership via e-blast.

Other Business:

None was discussed

Good and Welfare:

It was noted that a very active former member had passed away. While donations are made for current members, it was decided that it was not appropriate for SUS, as a club, to make donations for those who are not current members.

Chip moved that a \$100 donation be made to the Bruce Museum in honor of Virginia Lockwood. The vote was unanimous to accept the motion.

Adjournment:

At 9:55 Melissa moved the meeting be adjourned. All agreed.

A brief discussion ensued afterwards about the annual meeting. Bob Spears agreed to be the Toast Master.

Recorded by Minnie Ingardia

Submitted by Joanna Romersa, Secretary