



**Singles Under Sail
Minutes of Board Meeting
Norwalk City Hall
April 9, 2015**

Attending:

Joe DeFranco, President	Melissa Donovan, Newsletter
Joanna Romersa, Secretary	Lucy Martinez, Special Events
Rick Takatsch, Skippers	Marie Cunliffe, Special Events
Minnie Ingardia, Sailing Events	Tom Zagaroli, Education
Ginny Cameron, Membership	Ashok Kassabian, Public Relations
Leisa Bell, Membership	Carolann Carter, Member-at-Large

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Tom Zagaroli to approve last month's minutes. Minutes unanimously accepted as corrected with changes provided by the President.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer was not present but provided the Treasurer's report by email. It was pointed out that there was a typo and "fragile" should be changed to "frugal." A motion was made to accept Treasurer's Report as corrected and it passed unanimously. 11-0.

Communications

SUS member Carolann Carter presented a personal crew equipment sheet for consideration as a possible inclusion as a handout on the membership table.

Director Status Reports

Membership: Leisa reports we have to date 63 renewals, 6 new members, plus 4 lifetime members. We also have several applications on hold and one member, Diana Pearson, who is up for renewal but has not attended training.

Leisa and Melissa introduced a proposal for a game at the next meeting, which would get participants to move around and sit with folks, they do not know. This was approved by the board as a trial for the 4/16 speaker meeting.

Skippers: Rick has nothing new to report.

Sailing Events: No report. Minnie is working on a chart for visual effects.

Education: Tom reports first MOC is scheduled for next week. There are 6 or 8 members signed up. The MOPs have not been printed yet.

Special Events: Lucy has an email blast ready for the 4/18 after work party and Evites are ready for the cast-off party at the Norwalk Yacht Club.

Programs: Gino will be speaking next Thursday and Henry Marx will be speaking on 5/21 about the Great Loop. Terry Lagana has made contact with someone who can possibly do a presentation on the weather for the June meeting.

Newsletter: April 1st newsletter has gone out and the next deadline is 4/25. The updated membership list will be included with this mailing. Melissa is accepting photo submissions for the Masthead cover.

Public Relations: AK was approached by Shoreline Sailing regarding the possibility of a joint ad in *Windcheck*. It was decided that this would not be feasible and instead we will modify our current ad. We will take advantage of the free calendar ads in *Windcheck*.

Committee Status Reports

Networking Events Committee: Joanna reported on the good attendance and feedback at the Happy Hour in Old Greenwich. It was recommended that additional networking events be organized in the fall when sailing season is over.

Unfinished Business

Website review: AK needs a hand with inputting data. He would like to show the new website to a few people for feedback. Melissa volunteered to contact Ida to solicit assistance with input.

At the conclusion of this discussion, the board went into Executive session. Executive session ended and board returned to the agenda at 9:30.

New Business

Parking at Norwalk Inn: George, one of the owners of the Norwalk Inn, reported to Joe DeFranco that two ladies and a man were abusive to him regarding the parking in the "Guest only" area at the Meet the Skippers meeting. Joe apologized on behalf of the club and SUS was put on probation. Any further incidents will result in SUS' contract not being renewed. The "Guest only" sign was unclear, but we do need to follow hotel staff's instructions. One person was identified and a complaint might be pursued against her. Alternate locations were discussed in the event Norwalk Inn will not rent to us.

Nominating Committee Structure: discussion about whether or not it would be beneficial to have a member chair the committee. It was generally felt it would not.

A move was made to adjourn at 9:57 and it passed unanimously.