

SUS Board Meeting
Minutes - April 11, 2013

Present:

Joe DeFranco, President
Minnie Ingardia, Membership
Chip Munk, Treasurer
Terry Lagana, Vice Commodore
Susan Anderson, Newsletter

Lory Crisorio, Public Relations
Zoran Dicic, Director of Skippers
Joan Billows, Secretary
Jim Tiernan, Education

Absent:

Peter Luciano, Commodore
Danielle Swanson, Special Events
Ellen Burke, Special Events

Janet Steinberg, Sailing Events
Dawn Daly, Membership
Sequoia Sun, Programs

The meeting was held at the Norwalk City Hall in Norwalk, CT. Joe DeFranco, President called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Time Keeper, Jim Tiernan

Treasurers Report: Presented by Chip. SUS is doing well. Making a few hundred more each year. Too early in year for meaningful analysis. Terry moves to accept treasurer's report. Zoran, seconds. All in favor.

Communications: SUS member Joanne Murphy suggested we give a subscription to Sail Magazine with membership. Chip says it depends on cost of magazine. \$10.00 would be too much unless we increase membership fees. Terry suggests we add a box to check on membership form if member wants to receive magazine at a discount. Lory suggests a raffle of two free passes for next meeting as an inducement to come to meeting. Zoran makes suggestion of a quiz in Masthead and will discuss this with Susan.

Chip will check with door people to see feasibility of handling raffle at door. Terry will get double ticket roll for \$10.00 for raffle. Chip will do research on free (3-4 month) magazine subscriptions.

Carolyn Harriman brought up printing roster every month in summer. No one in favor. Cheryl Flavin suggests we take April roster and post on website and update on website. After some discussion it is decided we print one big roster the end of May. Any new members can be added on an addendum and on website. April 2013 roster will be on website.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Dawn not present. 41 members on roster, four new, 14 not yet entered. Lory brought up question of how large membership should be. It has been 164+/- for a few years now. He suggested placing an ad in papers with an invitation to a meeting at cost of member, not guest. Terry suggested we continue discussion when talking about the boat show. We have \$200.00 to \$300.00 in membership which can be used to draw in new members.

Programs: Sequoia not present. Programs will include Frogman, Michael Miller and sailing instruction.

Special Events: Danielle and Ellen not present. Cast off party planned for Blu Parrot in Westport for a Sunday in May. Discussed party payment and cancellation policy. A notice will be placed in Masthead stating that if you make a reservation for an event and you do not show, you owe the money and will not be allowed on cruise or next special event until payment is made. Your SUS participation will be suspended. Terry will send this to Ellen who will clean up wording for Masthead.

Public Relations: No report.

News Letter: Susan will get days and ports for cruise from Director of Skippers and put it in next Masthead. She will start getting news out about nominating committee in next two Mastheads. It is crucial to get Masthead out for first meeting in May as it includes announcement of auction.

Education: MOC's and DOC's listed and will resend? DOC on Catnap.Purr in Bridgeport. Will do radio channel 24 practice. Vivian and Jim will do role playing with walkie-talkies.

Sailing Events: Janet not present. Nothing new to report.

Skippers: Zoran announced 12 present at skippers meeting. The goal of this committee is to increase involvement of skippers at meetings. Thought of trying new location. An additional goal of skippers is onboard training and review of what skippers feel is necessary knowledge for safe sailing on their boat. This information will then be presented before setting sail and not as "underway" instruction. Skippers can choose to go over radio use.

Ideas Committee: no reports.

Website Development: At web site meeting today Sequoia decided with developer that the "community" aspect will take too much time to develop and it is best to get data base, forms and documents out first then start work on "community". Minnie mentioned sailing events section of membership too lengthy to be included as is but we can add the membership sheet on website separately. She will ask Norm to see if he can put it on website. Will readdress this again during new business.

Unfinished Business: Terry will announce Nominating Committee at meetings and present positions open, job descriptions and nominations. MOP (Membership Orientation Package) will be ready. "Service Award" presentations will be given to Norm and Bob at May 2nd meeting before the auction and meeting announcement. Notes on auction - anybody that brings an item must have it labeled with upset price. A record keeper is needed. Volunteers are needed to get there early to label and tag items. 10% of money will be donated to SUS.

Meritorious Awards "File" will be handed over to Joan Billows from Pat Lawrence. Winners of honorific awards, including Neptunas are kept on record in this file.

PA system. J&R World has PA system Pyle #1050 for \$200.00. Similar to what we already have. Will not purchase.

Documentation of due counsel wording put off until next meeting.

At MOP meeting there will be a section considered to talk about inappropriate behavior of skippers.

Evites not possible due to loss of privacy. Will look at possibilities of group mailings and other communication possibilities at next meeting.

New Business: Rick Takatsch dissolved "Ideas" committee. SUS members should know they can come to board members with ideas.

Boat Show Booth Report. Formal vote on banner. Okayed. \$125.00 for 3x6 banner. It will have SUS logo, Singles Under Sail name, and website address (SinglesUnderSail.org). Terry will get free booth under big tent. Must be manned from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for four days. Dawn will provide photographs for slide show on the big screen TV. Date of show is September 19th to 22nd. Discussion on 20% promo and prize.

Discussion on award for a past Board member. \$122.00 for an honorific prize for presentation at Cast Off Party. It will be a "service" plaque not a lifetime plaque. Terry suggested a wood and metal plaque. Joan seconded. All in favor. Zoran suggested establishing rules for honorifics of service.

Susan will ask Carolann to write Vince's memorial for Masthead.

Other Business, Outstanding Action Items:

Jim will follow up with Vivian on walkie-talkies

Danielle will retrieve projector screen from R. Kennedy.

Use of Evite closed.

Targeting of new membership. Will present ideas at next meeting to promote new membership via Masthead.

Determine cost estimates for new audio system..

Lory will get floating key chains or other give-away item for boat show.

Lifetime Neptuna award for Joan Bothwell?

Good and Welfare: Celebration of Vince's life at Red Barn.

Adjournment: Lory motioned meeting adjourned. Terry seconded. All in favor.