

## SUS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

*10 May 2012 – Norwalk City Hall*

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

Absent: Jim Tiernan , Gary Geffner

Present as member/observers: Charley Fischer, Rick Tackatch, and Tommy Zagaroli

### **Call to Order: Joe DeFranco 7:02**

Timekeeper: Chip Munk

### **Meeting Minutes (P. Lawrence)**

**Motion to approve March minutes as amended: Peter. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lory.**

**Vote: Unanimous to approve**

**Motion to approve April minutes as amended: Peter. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Janet.**

**Vote: Unanimous to approve**

**Treasurer's Report (attached) (F. Munk):** We are a bit ahead of last year and close to 2010 numbers. The club's financial picture is fine. Will know better later in the year whether we are meeting expectations. When do we do income tax filing? Joe will contact Cherie to follow up on tax filing. **Motion to accept financial report as presented: Peter. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Margaret. Vote: unanimous to approve.**

### **Communications**

F. Normann requested ad for Habitat wine-tasting fundraiser. Joe stated that he informed Ms. Normann that we only accept sailing related ads. Also no flyers/publicity to be handed out at meetings without prior approval by the Board.

#### **From the Suggestion Box:**

Buddy system for new members to acclimate them to the club – Thought to be a good idea by Board members. Margaret tries to attach new members to Board members or seasoned members to make them comfortable at meetings.

Carolann suggests that no more meetings be held Ponus YC due to 2<sup>nd</sup> hand smoke. Lory will look for an alternate meeting place in Stamford/Greenwich area. Ponus costs \$292/per meeting so comparable cost is imperative.

Suggestion was made to have SUS tip bartender at Ponus \$20.00/meeting. This suggestion was discussed and approved.

More materials (Mastheads, Calendar, Twilights, Skippers contact info. 10 of each) are needed at social/program meetings. Chip states the budget can cover this expense. Sande will get prices. Janet and Margaret will work on the possibility of simply making copies and not using the printer.

Suggestion that a skipper or seasoned member be included during the introductory remarks at social meetings to make a 1 to 2 min. presentation re who they are and what they do or particularly enjoy about SUS membership. Thought to be a good idea and will be done beginning next social meeting.

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### Director Reports

**Membership** (M. Lee): 136 members as of today + 4 lifetime. 15 new members this year to date. As of 5/3/11 we had 112 members. As of 5/18/11, there were 121. Therefore we are running at least 15 members ahead of last year at this time. Margaret noted that the Volunteer section of the application is often left blank.

**Programs** (S. Sun): Rick Paulus speaker presentation “From the White House to the Sea” is the Program Meeting presentation on May 17. Chip will make a check for \$150 to Mr. Paulus. June 21 will host Dawn Riley’s presentation re Whitbread around the world racing, a feat she has accomplished twice. No further speakers are set at this time.

**Special Events** (D. Daly): The End of Season party moved to Sept 22. Dawn will check to see if we are OK for Ponus Deck on 7/19. Aug. 2 Social Meeting @ Norwalk Inn.

**Public Relations** (L. Crisorio): 38 organizations received notices re June Program meeting.

**Newsletter** (S. Snyder): Mary getting a new computer ASAP and this will help newsletter publication looks and timeliness.

**Education** (Joe for J. Tiernan) 11 members attended certification for CPR/First aid course. CPR/Compressions only scheduled for Wed. 5/16 @ 6:45. So far not enough sign-ups to hold class.

**Sailing Events** (J. Steinberg): Response at social meeting was positive re how to get to sail. Skippers are discussing the need for crew to provide proof of skill level rather than self-rating. Discussion followed and the result was that SUS cannot certify ratings because it becomes a liability issue. Best thought is that skippers discuss among each other as to who is worthy of first mate designation. Peter will explore issue at skippers meetings.

**Skippers** (P. Luciano): 11 boats signed up to go to Bridgeport. Mooring fee is \$50 per night at Port Jefferson (Setauket YC).

### Committee Reports

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** (Joe for C. Flavin) – 86 reservations in with checks to date + 25 checks in the mail. So we are beyond break even of 100 guests. 125 will cover the additional \$950 expense that received prior Board approval.

**Ideas** (R. Takatsch): No specific idea to present to the Board at this time. 21 members initially signed up for the committee, many fewer show up. Discussing moving meeting venue further west to be more convenient for some committee members. Rick Polling members to see why they are no-show. Committee will review the by-laws so ideas are truly new and not already addressed in the by-laws. Status of ideas that were formerly submitted: Election procedures under discussion by the Board.

**Website Development** (S. Sun): Website Committee got a favorable response from Heather regarding progress. Charlie and Joe have provided many documents to Heather to upload. Heather is working through a punch list provided by Sequoia. Joe spoke with Heather over the weekend – She can upload photos and docs. Charley, Sequoia and Cherie will test the website and learn how to use it.

**Nominating:** (Joe): Bob has withdrawn from the board and the club due to other commitments. Joe is working on replacement.

### Unfinished Business

**Motion: Peter - Effective immediately the 2<sup>nd</sup> membership renewal date is the due date for the completion of all educational requirements. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sequoia. Vote: Unanimous.**

**Necessary to revise MOC page to reflect this. Bylaw change needed.**

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Is a record of significant Board decisions needed in addition to the Board meeting minutes?  
No

**New Business:**

Board ID tag final design approved. Peter will get 20 4X3 plastic containers and lanyards to hold them. Len Ances will finalize graphics.

Do licensed captains need to provide copies of renewed licenses for SUS files? Licenses are relevant only for commercial captains, not recreational sailors. Captain's license supersedes need for safe boating course. Board is leaving question re license on application as is. License to be produced only 1X.

A "Table of Interest" was discussed and determined to be a good idea for social meetings with contributions by various members who are also responsible to remove such items at the end of the meeting.

Ideas Committee Board Liaison. - Margaret "been there, done that." And did not feel welcome. Liaison will be from the Ideas Committee to the Board as Rick was at today's meeting.

**Good and Welfare**

Donation (\$100) to Whittingham Center in Bill Mitchell's name Approved. Chip will draw check.

**Other Business**

**Rundown on alternate Board voting rationale. Joe – I lost track of this.**

**Motion to Adjourn: Pat. 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret. Vote: Unanimous to adjourn.**

**Tine: 10:00**