



**Singles Under Sail  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
Norwalk City Hall  
May 14, 2015**

**Attending:**

Joe DeFranco, President  
Peter Luciano, Commodore  
Chip Munk, Treasurer  
Joanna Romersa, Secretary  
Rick Takatsch, Skippers  
Ashod Kassabian, Public Relations

Melissa Donovan, Newsletter  
Leisa Bell, Membership  
Lucy Martinez, Special Events  
Marie Cunliffe, Special Events  
Minnie Ingardia, Sailing Events  
Terry Cotterall-Lagana, Programs

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Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

**Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Rick Takatsch to approve last month's minutes. Minutes were accepted by a unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report**

Chip Munk cautioned us to continue to be expense conscious.

Chip handled the finances for the skippers' auction according to handwritten directions given to him. The deposit has already been made. He gave the skipper compensation checks to Peter to distribute to the skippers. Auction lost \$17 plus \$47 in commission fees due to a discrepancy between deposits and IOUs. Therefore the Skippers' fund did not receive any proceeds from the auction. It was suggested Terry and Ingrid be asked for clarification and Peter will hold checks temporarily. After some discussion it was decided to distribute the checks and write off the shortfall.

Leisa suggested Chip obtain deposit-only debit cards for Leisa, Lucy, and Carolann; three individuals doing many deposits. Chip still needs to receive a report for each of the deposits.

Chip will reimburse Lucy \$141 spent for social and program meeting door prizes which were purchased as an experiment.

Leisa moved to accept Treasurer's Report and it was approved unanimously.

**Communications**

Joe DeFranco received two written complaints about a member that will be discussed in executive session.

## **Director Status Reports**

**Membership:** To date we have 93 renewals and one on hold, 12 new members, 4 lifetime for a total of 109. 52 members have not renewed yet.

Peter suggests sending letters to anyone who has not renewed under Joe's signature.

Leisa made a motion to send the Masthead to the entire membership by e-blast (in addition to paper copy) next month as an experiment. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion about whether or not we should plan an icebreaker/mixer type of activity at the next meeting and it was decided it would be more appropriate at a social meeting because of time constraints at program meetings.

**Skippers:** Rick reported the first sailaway is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend. There are 6 boats so far. Vessel Safety Checks will be done at Captain's Cove by the Coast Guard Auxiliary upon request. An Evite will be sent out requesting RSVP for the breakfast so that the skippers can plan food purchases.

**Sailing Events:** No report. Minnie will have sailaway sign up sheets ready next month.

**Education:** Tom was not present but had confirmed to Joe its OK for Gary Silberberg do the knots workshop at the same time the MOC is being held.

**Special Events:** Lucy reports a count of 53 for the cast-off party so far. Not everyone has paid yet.

**Programs:** Terry has a weatherman set for the June program meeting and a nautical historian will speak to us in July.

She also informed us that the Norwalk Inn would appreciate cash payment in the dining room since everyone wants their check at the same time, and cash payment would help us to get out faster. Joe will include this in an e-blast.

**Newsletter:** Melissa had no report.

## **Committee Status Reports**

**Networking Events Committee:** No report

## **New Business**

**Nominating committee will be appointed at the next meeting.**

**Website review - Public Relations:** AK reports website is coming along. He has not been in touch with Ida who previously agreed to do website maintenance once it is up and running. AK will train her. The website is live now but needs editing. SUS phone number will be substituted for website address in the *Windcheck* ad because the link is not working properly.

**Modify complaint related by-law** – there was a question about whether complaints against members should expire after a set time or be in effect indefinitely. It was decided to leave this to the board's discretion.

Peter met with Andrew Blackman and obtained from him the list of prospective members that Andrew collected at the City Island sailing Meetup.

The board went into executive session at 9:07 am.

At 9:45 the executive session ended and the board returned to the meeting agenda.

**Good and Welfare**

Chip reported that the \$100 gift check in memory of Charley Fischer has not been cashed yet by Yale.

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:50 and it passed unanimously.

**Recorded by:**

**Joanna Romersa, SUS Secretary**