

SUS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

13 September, 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	Gary Geffner	Special Events
Minnie Ingardia	Membership	Lory Crisorio	Public Relations
Janet Steinberg	Sailing Events	Sande Snyder	Acting Dir. Of Newsletter
Chip Munk	Treasurer	Terry Cotterall-Lagana	Vice Commodore
		Jim Tiernan	Education

Absent: Lory Crisorio, Sequoia Sun, Margaret Lee, Bob Lussi, Terry Cotterall-Lagana, Jim Tiernan
Present as member/observers: Virginia Cameron, Cherie Flavin

Call to Order: Joe DeFranco at 7:10

Timekeeper: Chip Munk

Meeting Minutes (P. Lawrence)

Motion to approve July minutes as amended: Peter. 2nd: Dawn. Vote: Unanimous to approve

Treasurer's Report (attached) (F. Munk): Report attached. Discussion; Lory asks, "Is attendance a location issue or a speaker issue?" Chip does not have that knowledge. Info re meeting attendance for past three years is on page 3 of the financial report. There is a general declination in attendance over the past three years. Chip will send spreadsheet with info to Lory.

Motion to accept financial report for July as presented: Pat. Joe: 2nd. Vote: unanimous to approve.

Communications:

1. Message from Fran Normann re Habitat event emailed to several members. Membership list is not to be used for anything other than SUS events and information. Ginny Cameron presented a suggestion to have a way of organizing one inclusive social event for total club attendance to be arranged by "Lead Crew" on lead skipper boat for each Sailaway. Peter and Ginny will follow up at the Skippers' meeting presenting suggestion for lead crew as a positive idea with Board backing.
2. Communication from Ellen Burke requesting that cruise dates be published 1 year out. (See New Business)
3. Andrew wants program committee chair to dress appropriately on program day.
4. Communication from Cherie who feels harassed by Chip in emails re her handling of 25th anniversary financial reports. Emails provided to Joe. To be further discussed at next board meeting under new business. Joe will provide copies of emails to Board members.

From the Suggestion Box: 0

Director Reports

Membership (M. Lee): Minnie for Margaret. No formal numbers. Two inquiries for membership: one is a sailing instructor and former member. Five new members.

Idea from Peter for New Member badges for meetings. New member photo in newsletter. Minnie will follow up.

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Programs: (S. Sun absent – No report. Chip sent a suggestion to Sequoia for a presentation by a neophyte sailor on a long trip.

Special Events (D. Daly): Change of Season Party is Saturday 9/22. Joe will eblast change of date. Cost: \$20 per person and \$25 for guests. Christmas Party 12/9, “After All” is the band. Giovanni’s is the location. Dawn will email info for the calendar. Pat will amend the calendar. Halloween unresolved. Suggestion to return to Renee’s. Caveat is: no music allowed.

Public relations: Lory sent out info re Sept. and Oct. on Meet-up site to put our best foot (face) forward.

Newsletter (S. Snyder): No Report

Education (J. Tiernan): No report.

Sailing Events (J. Steinberg): All requests to sail fulfilled. Harder for skippers to find crew than for crew to be placed on boats.

Suggestion from Mary Ann Ramos: Rafting at end of twilight sails. General consensus that this is too difficult because boats leave from various ports, too far apart, but local raft ups can be organized. TBD.

Roger suggests skippers partner up on the sailaway. Peter to follow up at skippers’ meeting

Skippers (P. Luciano): First raft up this year happened on last Sailaway. 10 boats and 38 people for dinner. Echo Bay was a very successful event.

Committee Reports

25th Anniversary (Sande for C. Flavin) – Copy attached. No further bump up of budget.

Also discussed: Presentation by Cherie to Norm for all hours put in on Website. Cost of gifts: 108.46. (two bottles of liquor).

Motion to reimburse Cherie \$23.00 for bottle of Tequila: Joe, Pat 2nd. In favor: 0 Opposed7, Abstain: 3. Motion fails.

Motion to reimburse Cherie for \$80.00 for bottle of Scotch: Joe, Pat 2nd. In favor: 0 Opposed7, Abstain: 3. Motion fails.

Ideas (Joe for R. Takatsch): Committee met. No ideas forthcoming. Board discussion: Board needs input from committee either from Rick or some other committee member. Committee must be represented at all Board meetings. Other option is to have someone from the Board at committee meetings. Committee to have the power to decide how to accomplish this. Joe will present ideas to Rick plus a suggestion that minutes of committee meetings to be published.

Website Development: Joe for (S. Sun): Sequoia sent a report. Joe has been in touch with Cherie Flavin and she and Heather are working on 54-item punch list. Communication now continues between Cherie and Heather. Charley Fisher and Heather working on skipper interaction with the site. Heather also communicated that she is behind due to an accident and relocating her office.

Nominating: (Ginny Cameron for Terry): Slate: Commodore: Peter Luciano, Vice Commodore: Terry, Treasurer: Chip, Programs: Sequoia, Secretary: Ellen Burke, Newsletter: Susan Anderson, Membership: Dawn. Special Events remains open.

Unfinished Business: Bylaw wording for education requirement: Motion to accept the following wording into the bylaw: Lory. 2nd: Dawn. Vote: unanimous in favor. Alternate venue for Ponus Yacht Club. Lory is waiting for information re Marriott.

New Business: New volunteer needed for the membership table at meetings because Carol Ann Carter is resigning from that position. Suggestion is for new member Lisa Bell. Chip

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will contact her with the request. Joe will look over the volunteer list for another person for the position.

Decision re sailing day for Cruise. Skippers will make the decision of dates at next Skipper's meeting and it will be well publicized ASAP by eblast by Joe.

Emergency contact form for sailing as suggested by skippers. Peter will follow through. Board approves that Skippers will have emergency contact from each crew for each sailing event. Item to be added to MOC.

Meeting Calendar for 2013: No social meeting on July 4, 2013. Other summer meetings contingent on cruise dates.

Skipper's meetings January – June and then September for early cruise planning.

Executive session called at 9:50.

Good and Welfare: None.

Motion to Adjourn: Lory. Peter: 2nd Vote: Unanimous to adjourn.
Time: 10:10

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