

**SUS Board Minutes
September 12, 2013**

Attendance:

Board Members

Joe DeFranco, President
Peter Luciano, Commodore
Chip Munk, Treasurer
Susan Anderson, Newsletter
Minnie Ingardia, Membership
Janet Steinberg, Sailing Events

Committee Chairs

Joanna Romersa
Leisa Bell (for Terry)

Members-at-Large

Melissa Donovan
Rick Takatsch
Ashod Kassabian

A quorum was not present when the meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM. Since no 'official' business could be conducted, these minutes are strictly notes on discussed items.

Minnie Ingardia was appointed Recording Secretary for the meeting. A sign-in sheet was passed around, but is not available at this time. The list of attendees may not be all-inclusive. The minutes of the August 8th special meeting were presented but due to the lack of a quorum, not approved.

Chip Munk presented the Treasurer's report. For the third year in a row there is a decline in meeting attendance and paid membership. Expenses are currently down. Chip is not concerned about the current situation but the long-term consequences. Underwriting the holiday party was discussed. Chip reminded the Board that this is budget time.

Communications: The inappropriate behavior discussion was tabled. Refreshments at meetings was discussed and it was decided it is not practical. Survey Monkey was discussed and it was decided that at this time it is not needed. The topic of publishing a tide calendar was discussed and it was decided that it is available from multiple sources and would not have an added value for SUS to publish.

Special Events: No report. Peter Luciano said the party at Wilson Cove was very successful. Joe DeFranco said the End of Cruise party was enjoyed by those who attended, but the absence of Board members was disappointing. Discussion followed regarding the timing of the events may contribute to the lower attendance. Ashod Kassabian suggested doing a verbal survey about the lack of attendance at special events.

Having "Greeters" at meetings was discussed.

The need to get the membership addendum out more often was discussed.

Programs: Speakers are lined up for September and October.

Public Relations: Lory Crisorio has distributed information on the "Sailing the Nile" program.

Newsletter: It is important to adhere to the 15th of the month deadline. Article writers are needed. Joe will call the printer regarding the size of the pictures.

Education: A marine VHF workshop is being decided on for October 17.

Sailing Events: The skippers list and twilight sails list is being updated. It was requested the updated lists be e-blasted to the members.

Skippers: Per Peter, the major topic of the skippers' meeting was the funding for the 2014 budget. They would like funding for on-shore events so that members can attend by boat or car. Chip requested an e-mail be sent by Zoran Dacic regarding the discussions. It was reported that this year's cruise had good communications.

Status Reports:

Boat Show- Joanna Romersa reported the Boat Show has eleven skippers signed up as volunteers. Other items regarding the logistics of the Boat Show were discussed.

Nominating Committee – Leisa Bell presented the Nominating Committee recommendations. There is one candidate for each open position, but they would like to have a least one more for each position. It was pointed out that if a Board Member wants to resign, they need to send this in writing to the President. If a Board Member does drop out, the President can fill the position temporarily by appointment. Peter suggested putting the slate out to the membership so they could voice input or concerns. The Board will vote on the slate at the November meeting.

Unfinished Business: Tabled

New Business: Peter suggested approaching Ponus Yacht Club as a sole venue for meetings. The idea is to have a regular meeting place in hopes of drawing last minute attendees. The monthly cost could go down by utilizing PYC. It was pointed out that the Vice Commodore is responsible for meeting arrangements and this idea should be discussed with Terry Cotterall-Lagana.

The budget was discussed and any requested increases need to be e-mailed to Chip.

Restricting non-members on sailing events was discussed. Peter urged care in what is decided. The discussion was tabled.

Website Development: The Website Committee is temporarily dissolved. There was discussion about the website. There is a desire to continue the development of a new/modified website. The Website Development team needs to develop a mission statement and present it to the Board. Melissa Donovan suggested members be asked what they would like on the website. The Website Development Team will report recommendations to the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.