

**SUS Board Meeting
Minutes – October 10, 2013**

PRESENT:

Board Members:

Joe DeFranco, President
Peter Luciano, Commodore
Terry Cotteral-Lagana, Vice Commodore
Chip Munk, Treasurer
Zoran Dacic, Skippers
Janet Steinberg, Sailing Events
Jim Tiernan, Education
Susan Anderson, Newsletter
Minnie Ingardia, Membership

Committee Chair

Rick Takatsch

Observers

Carolann Carter
Tom Zagoroli
Ashod Kassabian

A quorum was obtained at 7:19 PM . The President, Joe DeFranco, called the meeting to order. Everyone was reminded that the meeting was a Board meeting, not a general meeting. Jim Tiernan was appointed time-keeper for the meeting.

Minnie Ingardia was appointed Recording Secretary for the meeting. The minutes of the August 8th special meeting were approved as written. Minutes of the September 12th meeting were discussed, edited, and approved as revised.

Chip Munk presented the Treasurer's report. The primary reason for the positive variance is not having spent the budgeted amount for website development. SUS continues to be in good financial shape, but there could be an issue if there is a continued decline in meeting attendance and membership Terry suggested a survey. She will take the lead in developing a survey that can be done during a regular SUS meeting. The Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

Communications:

Carolann Carter brought up the subject of how to handle unsafe situations while on a boat. Crew safety was a concern on a recent sail-away.

Director Status Reports

Joe thanked the attending Board members for their support.

Special Events: No report.

Programs: The October program is lined up. Anne Peskin will speak on US coastal lighthouses.

Public Relations: No report.

Newsletter: Susan would like the information for the holiday party. The November issue will be the last one for 2013.

Education: The last MOC for 2013 will be 10/17/2013. Jim will do a role-play presentation on the use of marine radio. It was pointed out that any pre-program activities should be coordinated with Sequoia.

Sailing Events: Janet reported the Labor Day Sail-Away to Huntington was good. There has been minimal activity of crew trying to find boats. The Sailing Events table at the SUS meetings has been successful. There is a need for more communication between skippers and crew to maximize the success of Sail-Aways, and weather seems to be the biggest determining factor. Joe pointed out that Twitter could be a useful communication tool for Sail-Away participants.

Skippers: Zoran reported the skippers have had discussions regarding destinations. A new budget item of amount \$2000 to finance on-shore events during Sail-Aways was requested by Terry and Peter. The type of skipper gift and who should receive the gift was discussed. It was decided that a team should be established for this decision. Tommy volunteered to take the lead for the club crewmembers input. The goal is to have the gifts presented at the annual "Meet the Skippers" night in April.

Committee Status Reports:

Boat Show- There were 26 volunteers. The cost came in at \$773 which included the banner. There are left over materials that can be used in the future.

Nominating Committee – Terry reported Lucy Martinez has been nominated as candidate for Special Events.

Website Development - Rick presented the Mission Statement from the Website Team. The suggested team members would be Rick, Ashod, Tommy, and Norm. Joe suggested Cherie Flavin should also be considered for the team. Website committee declined to add any new members in order to keep size down. It was moved and approved that a new official committee be created with Rick as the chairman of the committee. A budget not to exceed \$5000 was requested.

Unfinished Business:

New Bylaw for counseling of unacceptable behavior was discussed. Joe, Peter, Chip and Minnie will work on the final wording for the Board's approval at the November meeting.

New Business:

The proposed 2014 budget was reviewed. Chip discussed the concept of "budgeting". Peter proposed Ponus Yacht Club as the sole meeting site to facilitate better attendance and to stay within the budget guidelines. He will talk with Terry to get numbers for the Norwalk Inn glass room as an alternative. Peter also suggested admitting married couples as new members and changing the club name to increase membership.

Good and Welfare:

Nothing to report.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 PM.