



**Singles Under Sail
Minutes of Board Meeting
Norwalk City Hall
May 12, 2016**

Attending:

Rick Takatsch, President
Peter Luciano, Commodore
Teresa Nilla, Vice Commodore
Joanna Romersa, Secretary
Leisa Bell, Membership
Ginny Cameron, Membership

Tom Zagaroli, Education
Cherie Flavin, Special Events
Lynda Cesiro, Sailing Events
Mike Smith, Skippers
Melissa Donovan, Newsletter

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. Teresa volunteered to be timekeeper.

There were no actions items.

Meeting Minutes

Tom moved, Lynda seconded, to accept April minutes as corrected.
Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Vote to accept May Treasurer's report was tabled because members had questions and Chip Munk was not present.

Communications

- Rick received a complaint letter from a member who expressed dissatisfaction with the club. It was decided that Rick would offer her a refund of her membership fee and give her the opportunity to leave the club, if she wants to do so.
- Rick sent an email to Gary Silberberg addressing his requests for changes in setup for the knot tying class as well as changes to the way it is promoted.

Director Status Reports

Vice Commodore: Teresa reported that she has booked Ponus for the July, August and September social meetings. She also requested that board members be mindful of blocked aisles etc. when we are

meeting at the DoubleTree. We were reminded that the nominating committee will be chosen at the June social meeting.

Membership: Leisa reported that

- To date we have 93 renewals, plus 13 new members. We have a total of 106 paid, plus four lifetime members. Forty members have indicated that they will not be renewing.
- Leisa spoke about the requirement that skippers must attend a dockside orientation and if it could affect whether or not they renew. The membership/education committee will present specific wording to the board for proposed revisions to MOP and by-laws needed to change this requirement. No action will be taken until the proposed changes are received.

Sailing Events: Lynda reported:

- Five members who are interested in going on a sailaway have contacted her.
- Mike will send out an email to skippers regarding Memorial Day sailaway.
- Lynda will send the list of members wanting to go on a sailaway to Mike.

Education: Tom reports there are no classes are scheduled for this month. June 18th will be a “get out and sail” day, and there will be a dockside orientation on Serenity prior to going sailing.

Skippers: Mike reports that there is a race on June 18th and this might affect some skippers participation in the *Get Out and Sail Day*.

Programs: Terry emailed a report confirming that this month’s speaker will be Dr. Gino Bottino, and Ed Carr will be speaking about Asharoken at the June program meeting.

Special Events: Cherie reported that to date 53 members have made reservations for the cast-off party at the NYC. She is disappointed that it will not be better attended.

Newsletter: Deadline for Masthead submission is the 20th, as usual. The emailing of the first electronic-only edition of the Masthead went smoothly.

Public Relations: Joy reported by email that

- Windcheck will post a 1000 word article about SUS in June.
- Facebook ad received 126 likes, 3600 impressions. We should add a link to our new website. The board agreed that Joy should place another ad, timing to be at her discretion.
- Meetup coordination between co-organizers: Joy will be the gatekeeper for meetup, Rick for Facebook

Committee Status Reports

- Rick reports that the website is up and running. He requests that we take a look at the wording and suggest changes.
- Rick will ensure that board members’ phone numbers are removed from the public website.
- Our mission statement needs to be updated.
- Phase 2 of the database is planned for implementation next year.

Unfinished Business

- A registered letter was sent to A. Blackman regarding his membership revocation, and a return signature card was received.
- Roundtable discussion – we need to continue our discussion about getting new members, creating enthusiasm and why members are not rejoining.

New Business

Nominating committee – the board elected Cherie as the board representative to the nominating committee, and Joanna as the alternate.

Good and Welfare

None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. by a unanimous vote.

Recorded by:
Joanna Romersa, SUS Secretary