

SUS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 12, 2011

Cherie Flavin	President	Bob Lussi	Commodore
Sequoia Sun	Programs	Charley Fisher	Skippers
Pat Lawrence	Secretary		Special Events
Margaret Lee	Membership		Special Events
	Membership	Lory Crisorio	Public Relations
Janet Steinberg	Sailing Events	Arlene Graffa	Masthead, Acting Editor
Chip Munk	Treasurer	Vivian Werner	Vice Commodore
		Roger Blaho	Education

Absent: Toby Marxuach-Gusciora , Dawn Daly

Also present as a member/observer was Peter Luciano

The Meeting was held in Norwalk City Hall, Room 101

- I. Call to Order** – Cherie - Time: 7:30 Timekeeper: Lory
- II. Welcome** Charley Fischer as Director of Skippers
Peter Luciano as Assistant to Charley
- III. Meeting Minutes** – April 14, 2011 **Motion to approve as discussed by Vivian, 2nd Margaret. Vote: 12-0-0**
Executive Session March 3 (voting tally) moved to next meeting
- IV. Treasurer's Report** (attached) – Chip Munk presented the report.
Roger: Motion to accept the report. 2nd: Margaret. Vote 12-0-0

Communications- Peter Luciano's communication regarding his treatment when trying to renew his membership at the social event of May 5 was presented and discussed. The Board apologized for the way Peter was treated. **Motion Lory: SUS will make a contribution in the amount of \$10 to charity to make amends to Peter Luciano. 2nd:: Janet. Vote: 12-0-0.**

VI. Director/Committee Reports

Special Events - reported by Cherie in the absence of Dawn and Toby. June Meeting set at LaMetta Base at Calf Pasture Beach. It's a pot luck.

Programs – Sequoia New Lenovo laptop shown. Software is loaded. Lenovo to be used for club presentations.
June – MarkChanskey – Cold Water Boot Camp re survival in cold water. July - Bob Bello and Buddies presenting re sailing the Caribbean. Per Cherie the presentation for September will be about under water ecology.

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Education – Roger: Next weekend there will be a mariner's workshop with 2 boats involved. An announcement will go out by Email. Bob Lussi is doing Sunday's workshop on Bob Lichtman's boat, and Roger will have a workshop on Saturday if needed.

Membership – Margaret – 116 reups + 5 new members. A Co-Chair may not be needed for the Membership Committee. However, Margaret has someone in mind and so does Vivian. Cherie is reviewing Email list re ex-members who are no longer active.

Newsletter – Arlene: June & July newsletters to be done by Arlene. However, she will be unavailable for August *Masthead*. Deadline for June is ASAP.

Sailing Events - Janet: The events schedule was discussed at last Skippers' meeting and was well accepted. Skippers' meeting was well-attended. Once schedule finalized, it will be handed out at a general membership meeting, published in the newsletter and on the website, inserted into new member's packet and Emailed club wide. Now it goes back to Andrew who will continue working on it. Peter will get info re matrix and work with Andrew. **Motion: Lory - Motion to accept guidelines for 2011 2nd Sequoia. Vote: Passed unanimously: 12-0-0.**

Public relations = Lory: – Info needed for article for the 25th anniversary celebration. All info out for Reid Stowe and Mark Chamsky program presentations.

Nominating Committee – Vivian: Newsletter Director & Co-chair of Membership Committee are open positions. Cheryl Barnes interested in co-chair of membership and Mary Villa to serve out remainder of term to end of 2011. Vivian suggested Board consider restructuring the board to have Asst. of Skippers on board. Electing new nominating committee in June at Social Meeting. Process to be described in the Newsletter. Nominating committee to meet next week.

Skippers - Charley: Numerous events scheduled due to Skippers' hard work. Changes need to be made to SUS calendar provided by Charley to Pat. New skippers very involved and contributing.

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. Anticipated/suggested changes to the policies and procedures in the MOC booklet – if additional changes to be made to Sailing Events – insert piece Janet presented as insert. It is then ready to publish.
- b. Special meeting for SUS members with Board of Directors - An invitation to contact board members individually will be made by Cherie at a general meeting. This announcement can be a standard part of the agenda emphasizing that the Board is open to suggestions and feedback from the membership.

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- c. Review establishment of planning and improvement committee - Newsletter item re committee – Board should provide guidance to committee. Give them points to work on. Board person represented on the committee or as liaison. Article re committee for MH (July).
- d. SUS property held by Russ Kennedy that needs to be returned (SUS banner, Screen, external drive with SUS pics copied, burgees, past Program Meeting speakers' binder.) – Peter will speak with Russ.
- e. Meetup/marketing ideas/joint meetup, Meetup sails – Joe Payea is event organizer on Meetup site. More discussion on this topic next meeting

VIII. New Business

- a. June and July Social meeting activities at Lametta Base – June - Highlights of 2011 Cruise Season. Charley will talk to Paul McHugh to keep it short and exciting. + election of nominating committee.
- b. An interesting event is needed for July. Flare Demonstration? Cherie will ask Joe DeFranco re flares.
- c. Name Tags for Board members – **Motion by Sequoia: Pre-printed labels will be ordered for the board members. 2nd: Janet Vote: Passed 8-4-0.**
- d. There will be no SUS Membership cards for 2011/12 membership year.
- e. **Motion Margaret – Attempts should be made to contact 335 former members via email to encourage re joining SUS. 2nd:Arlene. Vote: Passed 9-2-1 .**

Need to formalize SUS standards of behavior and use of email, etc.No decision at this time. Tabled.

VIII Motion to Adjourn by Lory. 2nd: Margaret. Vote: unanimous. Meeting adjourned: 9:50.