

**SUS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 13, 2011**

Cherie Flavin	President	Bob Lussi	Commodore
Sequoia Sun	Programs	Charley Fisher	Skippers
Pat Lawrence	Secretary	Dawn Daly	Special Events
	Membership	Toby Marxuach-Gusciora	Special Events
	Membership		Public Relations
Janet Steinberg	Sailing Events	Joe De Franco	Masthead, Editor
Chip Munk	Treasurer	Vivian Werner	Vice Commodore
		Roger Blaho	Education

Absent: Lory Crisorio, Margaret Lee, Mary Villa

Also present as a member/observers were Peter Luciano, Assistant Director of Skippers, and Arlene Graffa,
Meeting held at the Norwalk City Hall, Norwalk, CT

- I. **Call to Order** – Cherie Flavin at 7:15
Time keeper for this meeting: Janet Steinberg

- II. **Meeting Minutes** – September 8, 2011: **Vivian - Motion to accept minutes as corrected. Janet - 2nd. VOTE: 12-0-0 Passed.**

- III. **Treasurer’s Report (Attached):** Chip – We are running a bit behind from where we were last year. Income \$1,000 behind, Exp 500 ahead: total 1500 behind last year at this time. There will be little to no income through end of the year while expenses will continue.
The proposed 2012 budget was discussed especially budgeting for the 25th Anniversary celebration and the programming. Anyone who wants to change their budget speak with Chip. Budget to be voted on next board meeting.
Chip: **Motion to maintain dues at \$85.00 with increase to 90.00 effective May 1st 2012. 2nd Sequoia. Vote: 8-1-3 Motion passed.**

- IV. **Communications: Bob Kleid email re: term limits.** “Ideas committee” can take up the issue of term limits when formed. Cherie will respond to Bob.

- V. **Director/Committee Reports**

25th Anniversary Committee: Cherie – There are volunteers on board and more will be asked. First meeting to be held in December or January.

Membership: SUS membership stands at 161, one less than last year.

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Newsletter: Joe - Toby will provide details for the holiday party. Arlene will return as editor for the January newsletter. Vivian may provide info on Oyster Bay Sail away if it happens. Thanks Roger, Peter and Charley for the race wrap up. Positive comments have been received re Member profiles. Great job Joe on October issue!

Sailing Events: Janet - only 1 crew available for up and coming sailaway. In September all who wanted to crew did. Great job Janet!

Public Relations: Lory not in attendance - no report.

Skippers: Charley - Discussions re change in courses for races next year. 1st skipper's meeting to be held in January, 2012. Cherie will arrange meeting room at Norwalk city Hall.

Special Events: Dawn - \$322 profit and 62 people attended the Change of Season Party. Toby - October party set – only 2 reservations so far. There will be a band and games. Stamford YC holiday party: Sit down dinner = \$64.00 pp. Price of band is \$550. Discussion re pricing for the party resulted in a decision that Toby to speak with Charley Stackhouse asap to see if he can assist with obtaining a more affordable price. If price cannot be lowered, Toby will check out Saturday night at Giovanni's, and/or Stamford YC for Sunday instead of Friday.

Programs: Sequoia - Bernie Weiss, October's speaker, requested a donation check for \$100.00 for the Young Mariners' foundation in lieu of an honorarium. This has been done. Bernie can ask 5 guests to attend at no charge. He will send out flyer to his mailing list. November 17 info: Presenters Ed and Madeleine Eckert will narrate: "Sally: The Adventures of a Norwalk Sloop during the American Revolution." Kudos to Sequoia for excellent programs this year! Sequoia is soliciting ideas for new speakers for 2012.

Education: Roger – Response for this weekend is 1 or two crew. For the future there will be no educational day sails on weekends of Sailaways. Roger will not run for this office next term. Great job Roger.

Nominating Committee – Vivian reports there is at least one candidate for each open Board position. Each candidate will send a short bio to Board members. Nominations are open until after the SUS meeting next Thursday. Vote to be held next Board meeting.

"Ideas" Committee – 7 people contacted Margaret to be on the committee.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. SUS property held by Russ Kennedy that needs to be returned. Update from Bob Lussi and others. Peter spoke with Russ who will speak only to

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Cherie or Bob. Bob will reach out again. There will be no further discussion re this topic by the Board.

- b. *Need to formalize SUS standards of behavior, use of email, etc.*
Draft policy statement.

Cherie - additional policies can be included in next MOC Cherie created a draft for standards of behavior. To be discussed further in next meeting. Cherie will email draft.

- c. 2012 meeting calendar review for conflicts if any. Janet reviewed calendar only conflict is Holy Thursday, Board deems it OK to schedule event on Holy Thursday.

VII. New Business

- a. *Website discussion – what is working, what could be better – General consensus is the content is good, however, the interface to members/public and graphics can use improvement. Norm has done a great job on the back end and would welcome help with the front end. Webmaster Jeff Monk – friend of Vivian can set things up for \$1,000 and teach someone to maintain it. RFP to be sent for 4 proposals with further discussion next meeting.*
- b. *Year in Pictures January 2012 – who can volunteer? Dawn is considering the position. She can use the SUS computer.*
- c. Proposed Bylaw amendments introduction

Social media discussion – Howie Rinehart was thought to have set up a Facebook site for SUS. Discussion indicated that he didn't. His intention was to organize his own Facebook page. Howie needs to be called. Cherie will speak with him.

VIII Adjournment 10:05 - Vivian: motion. 2nd Roger. Vote: unanimous to adjourn.

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