

SUS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 10, 2011

Cherie Flavin	President		Commodore
Sequoia Sun	Programs		Skippers
Pat Lawrence	Secretary	Dawn Daly	Special Events
Margaret Lee	Membership		Special Events
Mary Villa	Membership	Lory Crisorio	Public Relations
Janet Steinberg	Sailing Events	Joe De Franco	Masthead, Editor
Chip Munk	Treasurer	Vivian Werner	Vice Commodore
		Roger Blaho	Education

Absent: Bob Lussi, Toby Marxuach-Gusciora, Charley Fisher

Note: Mary Villa left the meeting at 9:05

Meeting held at the Norwalk City Hall, Norwalk, CT

I. Call to Order – Cherie Flavin @ 7:05. Timekeeper: Lory

II Meeting Minutes – Janet Steinberg: Motion to accept October 13, 2011 minutes as corrected. 2nd Dawn Daly. Vote: unanimous to accept

III. Treasurer’s Report: Chip Munk presented a brief summary of the Treasurer’s report. **Margaret Lee: Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report of November 11, 2011. 2nd Lory. Vote: unanimous to accept.**

Chip went on to explain the budgeting process for the 2012 budget (attached), and briefly reviewed the proposed budget. **Lory: Motion to accept 2012 Budget. 2nd Dawn. Vote: unanimous to accept.** Note: see discussion in unfinished business item c: “Website Discussion” re addition to budget

IV. Communications - Cherie reported that a thank you letter (attached) was received from the Young Mariners for the SUS donation.

V. Director/Committee Reports

“Ideas” Committee: Margaret Lee – The first meeting of the committee to be held prior to the next program meeting at the Norwalk Inn. 20 people have expressed interest in serving on the committee so far. The 1st meeting will be organizational. Cherie will check to see if space is available at 6:00 PM at the Norwalk Town Hall.

25th Anniversary Committee: Cherie reported that the committee met for the first time last week. Dawn contributed information re the DVD. The party will coincide with the skippers Silver Cup race.

Membership: Margaret – There are currently 162 paying members.

Newsletter: Joe DeFranco – November is the last newsletter edited by Joe. Arlene Graffa will resume her position as editor for the January edition.

Sailing Events: Janet – There was one request to go sailing that was fulfilled. Boats are at rest for the winter.

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Public Relations: Lory – The usual Emails were sent out re the November program. He will check to see if “Windcheck” publishes in January.

Skippers: No report

Special Events: Dawn reports that she has taken responsibility for the Holiday Party from Toby. The flyer is done. The guarantee to Stamford YC is for 80 people. She needs early RSVP with payment to; be able to let the YC know the exact number of attendees in a timely manner. The fee is \$62 for members and \$72 for non-members. SUS is subsidizing \$8 per person for the dinner and paying the band.

Programs: Sequoia reported that next week’s program is the last of the year. He has not as yet worked on the first Program Meeting of 2012 which is held in April. Vivian reported that she has worked on venues for next year and the January and March plus 4 other social meetings will be held at the Ponus YC. Meetings at the Hyatt lost \$661 in 2011 which is \$100 less than meetings held at the Norwalk Inn. If we move to a smaller room at the Norwalk Inn SUS will reduce the cost by \$100/meeting. This is doable because, historically we have not filled the larger room. She is also checking the Stamford Hilton.

Education: Roger – Norm is generating a report re the status of members’ educational needs. He will transition to the next Education Chair.

Nominating Committee – Election of 2012 Board positions. Votes were tallied by Vivian and Pat. The Newly elected board members are as follows:

Joe DeFranco, President
Bob Leichtman, Vice Commodore
Minnie Ingardia, Co-Director Membership
Gary Geffner, Co-Director Special Events
Jim Tiernan, Director of Education
Lory Crisorio, continues as Director of Public Relations
Janet Steinberg continues as Director of Sailaways.

Congratulations and welcome to all new board members.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Need to formalize SUS standards of behavior. **Margaret: Motion to accept standards of behavior as amended (by Cherie) and add it to SUS Policies and Procedures. Sequoia: 2nd. Vote unanimous to accept.** Use of Singles Under Sail Name in email and/or on web or special media sites **Chip: Motion to accept the “Use of SUS Name” as amended (by Cherie) and add it to SUS Policies and Procedures. Lory: Second. Vote: Unanimous to accept.**

B: Norm’s charges for reference books for website creation. **Vivian: Motion to split the amount due (\$852.78) to Norm Heimerl for expenses in half**

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and pay by two checks, the first to be paid immediately and the 2nd check to be paid early next year. Pat: second. Vote: motion passed unanimously.

C. Website discussion – Norm will retire from managing the website as of March 1, 2012.

Sequoia put a lot of energy into investigating possibilities for the future of the website. \$2,000 was added to the 2012 budget to support these changes. The \$2,000 can be added to the budget in two lines, one for design and one for maintenance. Chip stated that SUS has \$12,000 cushion. Much more discussion will be required re the website changes.

Following further discussion Sequoia made the following motion: Identify and list needed changes to SUS website. Allocate money in 2012 budget. Create a website design review committee with Sequoia as chair. Determine the specific goals and criteria for the design. Submit design criteria to web designers. Review quotes and select a designer. Work with designer to create new website. 2nd: Vivian. Vote: Passed unanimously.

D. Facebook group – Cherie reported that she called Howie Rinehart and it is OK to remove him as administrator of the website.

E. Year in Pictures January 2012 – Sequoia volunteered to coordinate presentations by volunteers from the SUS membership so that each volunteer can present their own slide show.

F: Proposed Bylaw amendments (attached). **Margaret: Motion to accept proposed addition as amended. 2nd: Dawn. Vote: Unanimous to accept.**

Lory: Motion to accept proposed change B to Bylaws as amended. 2nd: Sequoia. Vote: Unanimous to accept.

VII. New Business

- a. Discussion of member/observer attendance and/or participation at Board meetings. It was decided that that only one member/observer be in attendance at any Board meeting. Cherie will create wording for a motion to be voted on at January board meeting.
- b. Executive Session: Board went into executive session at 7:25 and exited at 7:35

VIII Adjournment – Margaret: Motion to adjourn. 2nd: Lory. Vote unanimous to adjourn at 11:15.