

## **Singles Under Sail Board Meeting**

**June 13, 2019**

### **MINUTES (approved)**

**Attending:** Leisa Bell, Ronnie Ross, Cherie Flavin, Peter Luciano, Teresa Nilla, Ida Lowe, Aija Klebers, Janet Steinberg, Chip Munk

#### **I. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.**

Time Keeper – Chip Munk

#### **II. Action Item Review**

SUS Storage clear out – Completed

Former Member invitations...update (Cherie)

Steering Committee (tabled)

Ida moved the minutes of May 9<sup>th</sup> be approved as corrected. Seconded. **Passed 9-0.**

#### **III. Treasurer's Reports**

Everyone had received a Treasurer's Report prior to the meeting.

Chip questioned \$1,600 expense for the Website. Was for Security features added to website – SSL etc.

Chip requested that there be a breakdown of the expenses to explain the \$1,600.

**ACTION:** Ida to prepare itemized list of website security charges

Leisa confirmed with Chip there was no budget for **Member Retention activities for 2019**. Discussion about that moved to **New Business**.

After further discussions, Teresa moved to approve the Treasurer Reports of May 9 2019 and June 13 2019.

Seconded. **Passed 9-0.**

#### **IV. Communications**

Joanna Romersa has turned over the planning of the holiday party to Aija Klebers. Discussion moved to Special Events report.

Peter Luciano suggested a contact list of Board members and what they are responsible for be created for members. After discussion creation of list was agreed: **Consensus**.

**ACTION:** Leisa to prepare a list of who does what with board member assistance.

**Executive Session. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm for an Executive Session. Board meeting resumed 7:55 pm.**

#### **V. Director Reports**

**Vice President** – Cherie reported on the Nominating Committee election held after the Pot Luck supper on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Elected from the membership were Bill Draper, John Cravenho, Dorota Potorecka, Ginny Cameron. Polly Newman was elected as the alternate.

Chip Munk was selected by the board to the Nominating Committee as the board alternate after he volunteered. **CONSENSUS.**

Further discussion on Survey moved to **Unfinished Business**

**Commodore** - Peter gave a report on the May Skippers meeting. He said he wanted to make up business cards for skippers to hand out to other skippers they meet in boat yards or yacht clubs. Cherie suggested the cards should be given to all members not just skippers. Chip said they could be made as long as the cost stayed in the budget. Peter brought up his idea that a good tagline for SUS would be "We're NOT just a sailing club". There was some discussion. No action taken.

Peter reported that some Skippers were concerned about the physical ability of some crew members. After discussion, Ida moved to include a statement about physical ability to the SUS application. Seconded. Passed.

**ACTION:** create a sentence for application about physical ability to sail and do other boating activities. **Not Assigned.**

**Programs** – Peter reported that 3 Skippers will be presenting on Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Vice Commodore** – Janet reported there were 22 crew who sailed for the All Hands sail day on June 8<sup>th</sup>. There were enough boats to accommodate all crew who wanted to sail. Janet said she will be trying to "set expectations" for crew about their frequency of sailing.

**Membership** – Teresa reported that as of tonight there were 78 paid SUS members plus 3 lifetime members for a total of 81. One person said he would pay dues by the end of the week.

**Public Relations** – Ronnie asked that everyone who is on the board and is also a member of the SUS Meetup to sign up for each meeting and say you are attending even if you won't make it. That is so the number of attendees will appear greater on the Meetup site.

**Special Events** – Aija reported that 40 people attended the Cast Off Party at Ponus YC. There was a total of \$750 shortfall between income and expenses. It was agreed previously that some of the cost of the meal would be subsidized by SUS.

Aija reported that 42 people attended the Pot Luck at Stephanie Buckley's condo common room in Stamford. Cost of the rental was \$200 and paid for in the meeting budget. There was an additional \$31.39 in expenses. \$90 was collected at the door. There was a \$78.01 net expense for the pot luck supper.

Aija reported that she has taken over the planning of the SUS holiday party from Joanna Romersa. The room at Giovanni's has been changed to a smaller room. It will only accommodate about 40 people. The larger, more expensive band has been cancelled. Aija has arranged to have Art and Vito play for the holiday party. Aija is considering holding a Change of Season Party in September or October.

## VI. Unfinished Business

**Website renewal/volunteer** – Ida said the SUS website would renew next month. Ida said she needs technical help with the website because the person who was helping previously is no longer a member. There was a short discussion about listing “future” events on the site. There was also a request to publish the membership list on the website. Leisa said she is checking on the potential liability to do that. NO motions were made or decisions reached.

**State filings – trademark/service mark** for the SUS logo and the Singles Under Sail name. Cherie reported she had reached out to the state attorney who is assigned to handle the trademark applications and she will let Leisa know when she hears anything more.

**Future Events - July 4<sup>th</sup>** Peter expects to host some SUSers on his boat in New Rochelle. He is unaware if any other skippers were planning to host a 4<sup>th</sup> sail or fireworks. No further discussion or action. Summer/Change of Season party – Aija reported on this during Special Events report.

**Survey** - There was a general discussion of the survey and the lack of agreement about what it should contain. The survey was handed out to SUS member participants on the night of the Potluck Supper as agreed by the commodore that evening. Ronnie moved that the survey as it was handed out on June 6 should be sent to the membership. The motion was seconded. **8 were in favor, 1 abstained. Motion approved.** Cherie had purchased a \$50 visa gift card for the “winner” of a drawing for all survey participants who return their surveys by the night of the Program meeting June 20. There was also a \$4.95 activation fee on the card. After discussion, Ronnie moved to approve the \$54.95 purchase. Motion was seconded. **8 in favor, 1 abstained. Motion approved.**

**Expense for lunch for 4 board members after cleaning out the Cubesmart Storage.** Peter requested that he be reimbursed \$68 for the lunch costs. Chip said he had approved the expense and a check was in the mail.

## VII. New Business

**Social meetings August 1, September 5<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup>.** Cherie said she would prefer to have the get together during the cruise at the Crabshell Restaurant in Stamford. After discussion, it was agreed that it would be fine to **hold the get together at the Crabshell. CONSENSUS.**

Cherie is looking in to options for the September 5<sup>th</sup> get together. October 6<sup>th</sup> date needs to be confirmed. Aija may be looking near that date for the Change of Season Party.

**Budget for member retention activities for 2019. This topic was tabled until the next meeting due to the late hour.**

**Adjournment** Ida moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

**Respectfully submitted, Cherie Flavin on behalf of the Secretary**