

Singles Under Sail

Minutes of the Board Meeting

February 13, 2020

Norwalk City Hall

Attending: Leisa Bell (Acting VP) Ida Lowe, Chip Munk, Peter Luciano, John Cravenho, Camille Platzek, Aija Klebers, Ronnie Ross, Karen Ferris Guests: Teresa N, Tom Z, Rick T

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Timekeeper

Karen

I Action Item: SUS Paddlers – John suggested that a committee be formed to lead this effort & kickoff a new division of SUS.

II January Minutes approved: Ida moved, John seconded with corrections a.) Ida will not be available for the April Newsletter b.) Chip suggested the Board be reduced to seven members.

III Treasurer's Report \$650 previously approved for skipper incentives will be paid this year.

Discussion on how to reduce budget and increase membership. One idea is to hold meetings at the Westport library which has several spacious & no cost rooms. Catering is also available. Darien library was also mentioned as a possible meeting site.

Budget discussion: Leave original budget based on 80 SUS members

Meeting costs reduced from \$2775 to \$2325 by eliminating paying for 3 social event venues.

Leave Sail/Drive Events at \$500

Leave \$520 allotted for Meet the Skippers in March 2020

\$650 previously approved for 2019 skipper incentives will be paid this year.

New, Skipper Incentives for 2020 budget \$500. Voted & Approved with one opposed.

Deficit to be amended, motion to approve the 2020 budget. Motion passes with one opposed.

IV Commodore Peter suggested a funding incentive for skippers that involves a formula based on length x width of boat. Peter will discuss with skippers at their next meeting.

It was noted regarding funding that sail/drive events (3) last year, the cost was about \$300 per event (all food costs) totaling \$900.

V Communications The Coast Guard Auxiliary invited SUS to join their event on April 15, the speaker will talk about his voyage round the world. Timing doesn't work to combine meetings for this event but SUS is open to future possibilities.

VI Director Reports

Membership John suggested that to attract new members (paddlers), the club should offer something new that they cannot get elsewhere for free. The "\$20 off" incentive for SUS members for each new paying member brought to the club will continue.

Newsletter Nothing to report

Programs Camille has lined up several speakers for upcoming program meetings including Paul Savage, tugboats, 100BC to Vikings & others.

Public Relations Ronnie has knowledge of a database that has very detailed boat owner information about precisely the SUS demographic needed to recruit new skippers/members. The fee is, \$275, to access the list and she is exploring it further.

Special Events Aija reports that 30 people attended the recent Long Ridge Tavern brunch. She further noted that attendance at these events is generally between 32-35 people. She has investigated, Dream Yacht Charters, for charter sailing on the Chesapeake. Cost is about \$700-900 per person for a weeks' sailing depending on boat size.

VII Unfinished business The Amendment to the Bylaws was proposed and passed. Karen moved, Ida seconded, the amendment change is accepted. Item 2B II change: " The course requirement will be waived if the member can prove they hold or once held a US Coast Guard Captain's license." Final revised Bylaws Feb 13. Attached

Lifetime membership. Bob Lussi was nominated and unanimously approved. Ida moved, Chip seconded, nomination is accepted & approved.

Annual Meeting Packet All documents are to be sent to Ida. She will organize, submit to printer and pick up final documents before the Annual Meeting.

Cost Reduction & revenue Discussion and agreement that 50-50 raffles are a good idea and should be done at program meetings and the Annual meeting.

New Business: Joe DeFranco needs to complete the CT state filing for the club. This information is in his notebook. Karen to send Joe and Chip a revised current resolution to remove Leisa and add Joe to the SUS checking account and debit card.

Good & Welfare \$100 was sent to the Susan Brady fund.

Meeting Adjourned 9:35 pm

Submitted by Karen Ferris Secretary