

Attending: Ida, Ronnie, Janet, Peter, Karen, Leisa, Terry, John, Marie

Guest: Sherry Anderson

Timekeeper: Karen

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- I. **Call to order** 7:05 pm Terry's comments: Housekeeping issues- Where is the projector? Cheri Flavin may know and Aija will check in with her. The screen is at KofC , Ida will pick it up. The sound system is with Tommy and Petra has the SUS computer. There was a discussion about pay pal and Joe DeFranco. Ida will talk to him.
- II. **Meeting Minutes** Karen Minutes from Sept 10, were approved with modification from Ronnie.
- III. **Treasurers Report** Leisa gave budget summary: SUS has approximately \$2,600 in fixed expenses and about \$3000 for 2021 budget. Budget for 2021 is in the planning phase with hopes of a Spring re-opening of activities.  
September budget is approved as is. Leisa reports the balance sheet as of Sept. 30 is \$2,9618.13. Terry moved, Ronnie seconded approval of budget.
- IV. **Commodores Report** Peter states that the 2020 cruise schedule will become the 2021 schedule. He would like to rejuvenate twilight sails, weekend sails and All Aboard sailing events.

**Vice Commodore** Janet reports a very good season despite the pandemic. She would like to continue to emphasize that sailing is the main focus with social events as the second. She & Terry want to take steps to ensure that new members are included and recommend that new members have an SUS posted profile to help introduce them to the club. It was also recommended that fewer steps be required to get members on boats.

- V. **Member Communication** Terry suggested that SUS schedule a virtual "Town Meeting" , similar to a program meeting to keep members connected during the winter months. Janet suggested that the club send a Holiday card. Tabled until next month.

#### VI. **Director Reports**

**Membership** - Marie reports a potential new member, Phil, from Greenwich is interested in joining. Former member Rick Keen will be rejoining in the Spring as a skipper and could be a great source for program ideas. Ronnie reports that three new people have signed up on the Meet-up site. She also asks that we ALL write something on Meet-up to encourage membership.

**Newsletter** – Ida says the club is getting good feedback about the newsletter and she encourages all to make calls to members they know to ask for content contributions each month.

**Programs** – Terry confirms that potential new member, Rick Keen, will be a great resource for program ideas. She also noted that, "Women Lifesavers" which became the future Coast Guard, would be a great topic.

The November presentation will be a dual presentation by skippers on life saving equipment on boats.

**Public Relations** - Ronnie reports nothing new and continues to promote the idea of some sort of membership card.

**Special Events** - Aija says all systems go for the End of Season gathering. This will be a very Covid-19 conscience event, rain or shine. Oct, 25, Sunday 5-7:30, Rive Bistro.

- VII. **Committee Reports** – Nominating Committee: John reports that potential candidates are listed on a spreadsheet and that now is the time to reach out to those members. John will continue to prepare the slate.
- VIII. **New Business** – Safety measures at SUS sponsored events was discussed. For the upcoming End of Season party, optional shields will be available along with a mask requirement; perhaps a bell ringing to remind everyone to keep your mask on; rules to be written up as reminders at the check-in desk.
- IX. **Unfinished Business** – Review of non-sailing activities, budget & calendar. Terry made the following suggestions to help lighten the load for board members. Purposeful socializing; less meetings perhaps 50% of what we currently do; fewer, better content events; decrease administrative tasks; reduce greatly the number of social events and focus on sailing. This also considers a shrinking budget. Suggested one event per/month for example- 1 program, 1 sail drive, 1 cruise. Or 6 events total in six months for example; 2 special events; 2 skipper (sail drive events); 2 programs. All on water events still on, including sail/drive. Topics are up for discussion. New members will still be required to attend MOP orientation. Leisa will put something together for a budget based on this discussion.

**Meeting Adjourned** 8:53 pm. Minutes submitted by Karen Ferris Secretary