

SUS Board Minutes

February 10th, 2022

Zoom & Ronnie's house

Attending: Ida, Marie, Ronnie, Peter, Terry, Alison, Kathy, Bob

Guests: Tommy, Gary

Called to order 7:04 pm

I Presidents Comments: Terry asked Tommy to report on the Klondike trip. Total price \$7,540. If 100 attendees, \$75.40 pp. If 80 people attend, \$95 pp. ~~Including 2k from the SUS.~~ Excluding any SUS substudy to be discussed at a later date. Discussion of offering an "earlybird special" for for two weeks, then open up tickets to members & guests.

Discussion of opening it up to non-SUS members, including meet-ups and Echo Bay. Peter thought they should get an invitation, Marie commented we would not want the perception that its an Echo Bay event. Consensus the the club & members support it. We will make Tommy whole no matter how many members pay to sign up.

Peter made a motion to contribute up to 2K out of kitty for the deposit. Janet seconded. Peter amended motion to \$1500 and Janet seconded. Terry called a vote. All in favor: Ida, Ronnie, Peter, Terry, Kathy, Bob. Marie: Abstained

Date: Aug. 20th, 2022 for Klondike cruise approved

II Minutes: Ida: motion to accept Jan. minutes. Ronnie: seconded, minutes are accepted unanimous.

III Treasurers Report a. Alison reported it is \$600 for Cedar Point. \$300 deposit, \$300 due.

All in favor: unanimous

IV Commodores Report a. Peter reports the club cruise date is scheduled last week of July/first week of August. Formal agenda ready for the Meet the Skippers event.

Vice Commodores a. Janet said MOP information is up to date. Janet asked if we need to add anything about cannabis use, do we need guidelines?. Terry suggested it gets included with alcohol guidelines. Janet read the by-laws regarding alcohol use. Peter said water is under Federal regulations. Terry said research needed on Federal regulations.

ACTION! research needed on Federal regulations regarding the use of cannabis.

Discussion of safe boating courses. Four people in the club do not meet the requirements.

ACTION! Terry requested that Janet get in touch with those members.

Janet asked if we should but out education information. Ida said a dedicated email blast about education resources and safe boating links would be a good idea. The club requirement is the CT 8 hr Safe Boating Course. Alison suggested putting the links on the FB page.

ACTION! Ida will send out an email blast with Safe Boating Course links

V Member communication Executive session regarding Sherry.

VI Director Reports

Membership: issue with payments going through. Bob, Kathy, & Terry could not submit payment from iphones on first attempt. Kathy submitted on-line.

ACTION! Confirm that payments are being submitted.

Eda, Leisa, & Bob will get together to go over the membership agreement. Need to review and change some phrasing including wearing of PFD's.

Peter said wearing PFD is an individual responsibility. Individuals should ask skipper's if PFD's are available on board. Marie said the disclaimer covers the PFD.

Ida asked if asking about disabilities is legal under HIPPA. Marie said survey questions do not belong in the SUS agreement. Peter suggested the phrase "I consider myself capable of getting off and on a boat or dingy, and will not hold SUS or the skipper liable for any injuries."

Ida said skipper's could also ask for a waiver. Janet said members are expected to be crew, not just passengers.

Marie said she agreed to use Peter's statement, and remove the phrasing for physical limitations.

Peter added: "I agree to adhere to the Coast Guard regulations relative to PFD's."

Marie: moving forward without a check mark, just a signature. Regarding applications

b. Masthead Ida reports there were 13 Haiku's entered. Ronnie's won. February masthead sent out.

c. Special Events

Ronnie is working on opening season party at Cedar Point. Terry asked about a March social event, not on the calendar if it is a meet-up. Cindy is planning to do a meet-up tailgate on 3/19 with Ronnie. No charge, everyone to bring something to share.

Programs

Bob booked Hampton Garden Inn in Stamford for Rick Delfosse speaker on April 21st. Cost is \$450, restaurant and bar are connected to the Inn. Terry said it should be a classroom style set up. Ronnie asked for option of serving coffe/tea if less than \$50 Bob moved to approve \$450 expense. Peter seconded. All in favor, unanimous.

Peter said Ponus Yacht Club is most likely venue for Meet the Skippers. Non members to be charged \$10

VERIFY NOT \$20

Terry said every third Thursday had been a social event, except for April & October program meetings. Janet said annual meeting was the 3rd Thursday of March, Meet the Skippers the first Thursday in April.

Marie later texted that members cocktail get togethers in Oct, Nov, & Dec would be Sat April 2nd of the month.

VI Committee Reports

- a. Communications - Ronnie reports that Cindy is planning to do a couple of meet-ups, one with Ronnie on 3/19, tail gate party, no charge, bring something to share. Program meeting should be included on the meet up site.
- b. Meet up – charge non-members \$10 for program events and Meet the Skippers

VII Unfinished Business

IX New Business

Terry: Bill Draper had suggestions for recruitment of skippers. Members could go to Yacht Clubs and talk to commodores about providing crew for skippers. Peter said most Yacht Clubs are couples. It may be better to focus on meet-ups and post flyers at Marinas to get more single members.

Terry: SUS first year is free for skippers, and Peter added if 10 or more members go on boats then skipper gets the next year free.

Marie asked how do we get members to sign up to help skippers? Peter: tell them in March and then again in April. There will be a sign up sheet at Meet the Skippers.

Meeting Adjourned 9:00 pm. Minutes submitted by Kathy Currie, Secretary.