

SUS Board Minutes

April 14th, 2022

Zoom & Kathy's house

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

Called to order 7:05 pm

I Presidents Comments: Terry said great idea that Alison suggested a timekeeper. 2 minute limit suggested rather than 5. Alison volunteered to be timekeeper.

II Minutes: Kathy asked to approve March minutes. Ida asked to Delete the fact that she suggested more meet-ups

Sherry issue, the board agreed not to review her request. Delete Ida's statement about the Masthead

Alison moved to accept March minutes changes noted. Janet seconded, minutes accepted unanimously.

III Treasurers Report

Alison reported SUS payed \$791.45 for Meet the Skippers. Inn at Longshore paid \$536.75

Alison questioned what payments to Insurance for \$1,013, and \$743 were for. Terry said to cover Board member liability. Balance of account \$27,-28,000. Approximately. Terry asked if Housatonic BBQ is in the budget. Ida said it's not available that day. Peter said it would be held at Pequonic Yacht Club. Is \$300. enough for food? Ronnie said it should be enough because people are asked to bring a dish. Skippers provide basics. \$300. Budget – Ronnie made motion to accept, Ida seconded, all in favor unanimous.

IV Commodores Report

Peter reports that Pequonick Yacht Club looks positive for August 6th. Skippers are working on changing the date for Great Capt's. Island.

Only two boats committed to going on the Club Cruise. Gene's boat is probably not going in the water due to his surgery. Rich had hip surgery and may not go. Ronnie asked if Gene is still lead skipper for Oyster Bay. Peter said to leave on for now. Terry said Serenity will go on the cruise with Rick or Terry.

Vice Commodores

Janet said there were 7 people who may not have completed MOCs & DOCs but haven't rejoined.

Janet said from the list of members she cannot determine if all members have met requirements. Connecticut requirements changed. Licenses are issued once and not renewed. Maybe it needs to be simplified.

Janet said the Safe Boating Certificate is the responsibility of the member, not SUS.

Peter said the issue is the bylaws state a member must do it within two years. If it is not enforced we should take it out of the bylaws.

Janet said we should make an announcement that everyone should have it when on a boat.

Alison suggested we have two types of members, Social only if requirements not met, not allowed on a boat, and Crew who have met the requirements.

Ida: It is a bylaw change and we should have a committee to review it.

Peter: It is an ongoing problem, either change the bylaws or enforce existing rules.

Alison: Is there a legal or insurance requirement? Peter: You can get on a boat without it, just not at the helm.

Terry: Peter, Janet, & Alison review review in committee, MOC, DOC, & Safe Boating Certificate requirements.

Janet: All aboard sailing moving along.

V Member communication

VI Director Reports

Membership:

Marie reported that there are 78 total members. 10 are not renewing, 10 still have not renewed, 14 are pending. **ACTION** Marie will call the 14 pending next week to remind them.

Discussion of what a lifetime member means. If they are the oldest and have been active they qualify for a Lifetime Membership.

Can a returning Skipper qualify for a free year? No. New skippers who take out 10 unique members the first year qualify for a free season the following year.

Discussion of Free Membership drawing. It was agreed that Board members would not be entered for a free year of membership. Peter suggested an annual dinner for Board members, for serving on the board, all agreed. There will be no Fishbowl drawing for free membership at the Annual Meeting.

b. Masthead Ida reports the April masthead was sent out, thanks to Aia for helping

Janet: Should eblast about the Flares be sent out? **ACTION** Agreed, Janet will sent the information to Ida for an eblast.

Calendar: Dates for meetings corrected. Skippers meeting July 21st. Eda said we should be able to post the calendar in January, rather than May. It should be published on the web site. **ACTION** It will be posted on the web site as a dynamic calendar and also as a printable version.

Janet said she would like more detail on the printed calendar,

c. Programs

Ida would like someone to speak at the beginning of the program meeting as was done in the past.

Bob asked about the microphone, speaker, video, projector screen, & computer. Ida has the screen, Tommy has the microphone & speaker. Bob owns a projector. Bob will check with Rick Delfosse to see what he needs for the meeting. Bob suggested the V.P. should keep the equipment.

Bob will check with the Hampton Inn to see about reservations in the restaurant for 2-3 table of 6-8 people. Discussion about masking. Check Hampton Inn policy and follow CT guidelines. Masking will be "highly recommended".

Cindy should post on Meet up, Ida posted on Facebook. Alison will create a QR Code to charge \$10 for any non-members. Ronnie will sit at the door, needs another person. Leisa will print a current list of members. Ronnie will bring stickers, Skippers will be designated on name tags.

d. Special Events

Ronnie reports Carolyn Raymond strongly feels that all of Charlie Raymonds friends should be admitted for free. She provided a list of 20 people. Discussion about whether or not to include 20 of his friends for free. Final agreement was to respect his widow's wishes, and will admit all 20 for free, \$50/per person. Ronnie said it can work within the budget of \$5000.

Ronnie reports the location, the band, and the caterer are in place. More details to attend to.

VI Committee Reports

Cindy will post meet-ups, discussion of Gary and \$15 credit for paying to be in Meet the Skippers.

Discussion about Application form. It was included in the renewals. Gary objected to the on-line application and that is why he waited to join until after Meet the Skippers.

Long discussion regarding how to address Gary not paying full dues. Discussion and straw poll about if Gary should get a first strike letter. 5 no, 4 yes. Poll if he should be refunded the \$85. 3 yes, 2 no, 2 abstentions. Peter suggested Peter & Terry will personally talk to him to rectify the situation. All agreed. More discussion about Gary texting the Board during meetings, should not be allowed. Guests are not allowed to speak during meetings.

VII Unfinished Business

IX New Business

Janet volunteered to send Get Well cards to Gene & Rick. There is a Sunshine fund to cover such costs.

Janet: motion to adjourn, Alison, seconded, all in favor unanimous.

Terry: meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm. Minutes submitted by Kathy Currie, Secretary.