

SUS Board Meeting Minutes
January 12th, 2023 call to order at 7:07 pm
Zoom

Reviewed Notes from November '22 Board Dinner:

Discussed amending the bylaws to reduce board member/officers to five positions:
President, Vice President, Commodore, Treasurer, & Secretary

Directors may attend board meetings, but do not vote:

Vice Commodore

Social

Communications (Masthead, Meetup, & Data/Website)

Membership

Programming

Marie will continue to do membership for three months, then is resigning.

Ida will take over Data base

Board Meeting:

Welcome to Julie Monahan as new Treasurer. Alison sent Julie the passwords & documents. She will meet Danielle our bookkeeper. Alison will send balance sheet to board members separately.

- Unanimous vote to amend the bylaws as follows:
 - SUS Executive Board - has voting rights
 - President
 - Commodore
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Members at Large - No voting rights (not required to attend meetings)
 - Vice Commodore
 - Social
 - Database (Leisa)
 - Membership
 - Communications (Newsletter, Meetup, Website)
 - Programming

- Commodore's Report
 - New skipper Lorie Gage
 - First meeting of 2023 scheduled next Thursday – focus on day sails vs. sailaways
 - Serenity will be out of commission this season
 - **Peter** to send to Julie (SUSTreasurer1), Ida & Marie the Skipper List that is eligible for complimentary 2023 membership
 - Peter said there should be more social events to get people interested in sailing

- Social
 - Ida/Marie to gather data from membership database on members who expressed interest in participating in planning and leading social events
 - Membership Agreement to an add line that "encourages members to participate in planning and leading events".
 - Ronnie to send a letter to membership with a list of potential events for this season and requesting volunteers to plan and lead events
 - Events to consider
 - Meet the Skippers
 - **Alison** to call Sign of the Whale 18-Mar 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. (free room in the past, free soft drinks, agree to purchase \$x in food)
 - Brunch - experience from 2022 shows that restaurants are not serving due to Covid. Will be addressed if a member volunteers.
 - Program Meetings:
 - **Kathy/Bob** to organize Sea Shanty, arrange for room with light beverages and cookies - Targeting 2-March (dependant on availability)
 - **Ida/Bob** to work on next program meeting - Ida has a lead
 - Happy Hours
 - **Marie** - Sedona \$300 food budget - SUS Members only 16-Feb
 - Meetups
 - **Ronnie** to speak with Cindy for Feb & March meet-up
 - Not to be advertised on Masthead (open for discussion)
 - Bowling Events
- Membership Agreement
 - Existing members do not need to resubmit membership agreement. Will need to confirm contact information.
 - Stripe Link to be created for \$100 (**Ken/Ida/Julie**)
 - Renewing Skippers who are eligible for complimentary membership, will need to confirm contact information only.
 - Stripe Link \$0 (**Ken/Ida/Julie**)
- Membership Preparation
 - **Julie/Alison** meet on Saturday 14-Jan to open a new club account at Chase Bank
 - **Alison** to call BOFA to find out how to close out account
 - **Ida** will work with Ken on updating Stripe with new Bank Account # and links for 2023 Membership
 - **Julie** notify Danielle (bookkeeper with new banking information)
- Newsletter
 - **Alison** President's Message to introduce a new feature, "Did you Know?"
 - section of interesting fun-facts about our members
 - **Ida** New section will include a blurb on where to find links (on our website) for Educational Resources
 - Section will also include social events from sister clubs with contact information of the person who is asking us to post
- Vice Commodore Report
 - We will investigate software to automate connecting crew with skippers for day sails
 - Implement a schedule for new member orientations

- Off-site Meeting will be deferred for a later date

Meeting adjourned at 9:15

Addendums added:

- Wording needed for asking members to participate in volunteering for events on membership renewals. Keep it short.
- Free membership will go to Leisa for her work with the database
- Marie is leading the Cocktail gathering on Feb 16.

Can Ronnie send out a flyer. At Sedona in Norwalk at 5:30. Should we mention light food will be served or not mention it? Meet early if you can I'll be there at 5.

Who has a credit card I can use? Do I need to arrange to meet someone to get the card in advance?

Is the strip for this years renewals all set up? Can we move forward with sending out renewals?