

Satuit Boat Club
Minutes of September 11, 2017 Meeting

Commodore John Litchfield called the meeting to order at 8pm and noted that this is the annual meeting. A quorum was present.

Reports from the Club Officers and Committee Chairpersons:

Vice Commodore- Tommy Gavin

Transient income was approx \$21,000. This is up about \$1,000 from last year. We had a couple of minor breakdowns of the launch this year. Some of these involved items that we were going to repair last winter but we did have a chance to get to. The launch is running well so far and we have some more things to do for next season.

Rear Commodore & House - Bob Ulwick

Bob explained that Rear Commodore is basically responsible for keeping track of pay for play. He remarked that he has had a little difficulty tracking how many hours people have been putting in but is working on defining that. There is another House Day coming up plus we have a week where we intend to replace the ceiling so if anyone has not satisfied their pay for play, they will have some opportunities in the Fall.

Reporting on the House which Bob is also responsible for, we had several accomplishments this year. The furnace and hot water heater failed during the winter and were replaced. The stove was a safety concern and was replaced thanks to a wonderful donation by a very generous member. One of the big highlights was the painting of the interior of the clubhouse during the middle of the winter thanks to Ward McElhinny and his crew of volunteers. We have one more job to do and that's to replace the ceiling nearest the fireplace. The club should be looking really good when this is completed. Outside, the grounds were improved through the efforts of our volunteers who installed and maintained flowers in the hanging baskets and the planters, and in the flower bed near the pier.

Treasurer- Steve Mullen

Steve distributed the financial highlight summary sheet. Going forward, the financial documents will be added to the web site in the Member's Only section a few days before the monthly meeting so that members can review the financial details before the meetings and be better prepared to ask questions at the meeting. The August balance sheet shows a cash position of \$138k at the end of August. For P&L, the revenue account is favorable by \$23k to the full year budget. Annual dues is \$5k favorable, Junior sailing enrollment \$7k favorable (their actual revenue was about \$29k). Initiation fees for new members totaled \$17k. On expense, we are favorable by \$71K with a number of expenses expected before year end . Regarding operating and maintenance, the maintenance part is \$5k favorable. We haven't spent any money on capital expense this year but House plans on spending \$2,500 for the new ceiling. We have \$9k budgeted for capital for the launch. We will review this expense as part of the capital budget process and if any of these repairs fall into next year we'll have the membership approve those expenditures.

Acting Secretary - Jerry Cain

The Club welcomed 10 new members this year with one reinstatement and 5 resignations. See attached list. Bill Mullen has been helping by teaching Jerry how to use the Club's Google account. We have built an email mailing list that is tied to the Treasurer's financial records. So every member who the Treasurer shows as paid should be getting the Club's notices. Our intention is to maintain a single email mailing list and use it for all Club communications. In response to a question, Jerry explained that every member should feel free to provide more than one email address for their family membership. Many members already have their spouse included in the Club mailings. Notify the secretary if there are any concerns about emails from the Club.

Floats - Bill Fairbanks

Bill reported that he is doing maintenance on the mooring system for the floats. We expect to be spending the money that's in the budget for maintenance. Thanks to the efforts of our divers, Chris Silva, Tom Hall, Steve Shannon, and Mike McDonough, we have found that there are five chains that are not hooked up or not in existence at this time. Also, we cannot locate 2 or 3 other blocks that are shown on an earlier drawing. Some moorings are completely covered with mud and difficult to locate by a diver probing the sediment with a steel bar. It takes time to determine the appropriate length of each new chain that we will install. All this work has been very time consuming. Dave Sullo has been putting the new information on a computer mapping program. We have one additional mooring stone that is temporarily stored in front of the club. This stone and associated gear was donated by Charlie Hoar. Thank you Charlie. This winter, Bill is planning on converting one of the ½ sized floats to a mooring lifter so that this stone and others can be set. Bill is looking for several volunteers to do some prep work in the period between Columbus Day and Dock Day on October 21. (Subsequent to this meeting, a separate email was sent to all members soliciting volunteers.) Speaking of volunteers, the Entertainment Committee will arrange coffee at Dock Day and Brigitta Lindblom and Janet Fairbanks will be doing a lunchtime cookout for Dock Day. Workers may bring a beverage for the cookout.

Entertainment - Jay Swartz

During the past year, we had the closing and opening parties, the holiday party, refreshments for Dock Day and House Day, Oysters & Champagne, movie night for kids, Chinese food night, chili and chowder, dessert & drinks, DJ & dancing, Pat's games, etc. Keep an eye out for emails from the secretary for future events. You should have received an evite for the lobster/steak event. Please RSVP if you haven't already. This is especially important for this event because we need adequate lead time for ordering the lobsters.

Junior Sailing - Brian Greenberg

Brain commented that he has communicated at length throughout the summer so he will not repeat that here. To sum it up, it was a good season and we have started work on next year. We already have a committee in place for next year so we're off to a good start. Phyllis Karlberg thanked Brian for putting on the demo of the small sailboats. They were fun. There is still one boat available. In response to a question about the future of turnabouts in the program, Brain said that the plan is to go to Mercurys. More on next year's plans at the next meeting.

Race - Kevin O'Leary

We had the Chowder Cup race last Fall which went well. We had good participation in the Horace Day last month with a good number of boats participating. We have the Chowder Cup this Saturday Sept 16. Kevin O'Leary has put a lot of work into it. Please RSVP for this.

Old Business

None

The New Bridge

The assembled membership provided a spontaneous acknowledgement of a job well done to outgoing Commodore John Litchfield.

Tommy Gavin thanked the outgoing Bridge for their work and introduced the new Bridge. The outgoing and incoming commodores exchanged burgees and Tommy presented a Vice Commodore burgee to Bob Ulwick.

Commodore Gavin described some of the objectives of the new Bridge.

- Update the Constitution and Rules where appropriate.
- We should all follow the Club's rules.
- Support the Junior Sailing program. Encourage volunteers. This should be a main focus over the next few years.
- Ensure that the floats are kept in good condition. Rebuild the 420 float. Would like volunteers on this job.

- Race - Kevin is working to get more participation in racing and the social events following a race.
- Complete the launch upgrade project this winter. Overhaul the fire suppression system, the steering system, and the electrical system.
- Replace the ceiling in the Club nearest the fireplace and install new lights which were donated by Perry & Beth Lewis.
- Make some minor safety improvements to the building such as egress signs and fire extinguisher brackets. Consider improved storm shutters.
- Trim pilings at the end of the pier to improve the appearance.
- Remodel the locker area along the fence and install a 6' storage shed for tools.
- Keep the information flowing about Club business.
- Keep up the excellent entertainment events arranged by the Entertainment Committee.
- Keep up with the excellent financial management and reporting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

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