

Satuit Boat Club  
Minutes of General Membership Meeting  
September 13, 2021

*EC Members Present:* James Baldassari, Tad Beagley, Lisa Scanlon, Sarah Smith, Jay Swartz, Dave Sullo, Bob Ulwick

Meeting called to order at 20:00; a quorum was present.

Entertainment Update: Jay

- Jay
  - We used to have 2 small folding tables in the back closet that have disappeared
    - If you have any information about their whereabouts please let Jay know
  - Thanks to Karen Sullo for hosting the movie night for adults
  - Closing event: Sunday October 17 at noon
    - \$25 for adults; \$10 for kids: Steak or lobster; hot dogs for kids
    - Sign up on evite
    - Check to be sent to Larry Lunt: Make checks payable to Satuit Boat Club
    - If you did not already get an evite please contact Jay

House Update: Tad

- House Day: 8am, October 23
- Trying to come up with a list of items that can be done at home or on a different day
- Working on resolving some plumbing issues
  - Backflow preventer issue due to sediment in seals
    - Need a licensed plumber to fix; getting bids now
  - Water pressure too high resulting in water hammer effect
- Tad handed off House to Steve Shea

Race Update: Sandy

- Chowder Cup: September 11
  - 7 of 9 registered boats raced
    - Cerberus won racing class
    - Sea Robin won cruising class
    - Both are SBC boats
  - About 45 people came back to the club for chowder
- Sandy handed off Race to Mark Selvaggi

Floats Update: Mike on behalf of Perry

- Dock Day planned for 7:30am October 30
  - Will evaluate floats
    - Front 4 in need of new decking
    - All need new permanent attachment points / hoops for pilings
  - Cross member for holding gangway over the winter

- We may defer this improvement until next year
    - Gangway needs some maintenance, which will be easier if it is stored in the parking lot over the winter
  - We may have a barge and crane in the harbor this fall for SHYC work; they may be able to install the beam for us
- Perry handed off Floats to Mike McDonough

Junior Sailing Update: Sarah & Lisa

- Most expenses are in for the year
- 7 people want apply for 6 coaching spots next year
- Optis and 420s will be moved to their winter storage locations in the coming weeks
- Sarah and Lisa handed off Jr. Sailing to Tim and Eileen Keenan

Secretary update: James

- Resignations (0)
- New Members (0)
- Changes (2):
  - Hayes (8703) changed from R to L
  - Gaumand (0008) changed from R to L
- Totals:
  - 16 Provisional (P)
  - 61 Regular (R)
  - 37 Active Life (L)
  - 13 Semi-Active Life (S)
  - 2 Inactive Life (X)
  - 2 Honorary
  - Provisional/Regular/Life (P/R/L) members: 114
    - Currently 2 over membership cap (112) because one member was reinstated and another changed status from S to L after we had already reached our cap
- Applications in progress (1):
  - Shea
- James will work with Randy on transition of secretary duties
- James handed off Secretary to Randy Robertson

Treasurer update: Rome on behalf of Gregg

- August financials have been posted on the website
- Will discuss insurance during general membership meeting
- Gregg handed off Treasurer to Rome Murphy

Rear Commodore Update: Brendan Murphy

- One of the trailers needs to be repaired before we can haul its boat
- Need to review the current state of the fleet and determine what maintenance issues need to be addressed for next season

- Dave handed off Rear Commodore to Brenadan Murphy

Vice Commodore Update: Dave on behalf of Gregg

- Ongoing issues with propeller shaft coupling related to engine mounts
  - Made adjustments to get us through the season
  - Scituate Boat Works will fix the couplings at the end of the season and do some fiberglass work as well
  - Estimated cost of repairs not known at this time
- Launch driver shortage
  - Need a strategy to find more launch drivers for next season
  - Utilizing Fran and SHYC as necessary to fill in coverage gaps
  - Let us know if you have issues getting to your boat
  - Question from Rita: Should we consider increasing hourly rate to match Fran?
    - Dave: We did increase our rate at the beginning of the season
      - We are also looking at ways to help people get their license, e.g. subsidies and training
    - Mike: Coast Guard is currently at least 4 months behind on issuing license
      - Dave: 2 potential drivers fulfilled their requirements in March and still have not received their license
  - One member stated that ezrider told them to walk to the harbormaster's office to get a ride
    - Mike: Probably a miscommunication with ezrider as we started relying on them
- Question from Jerry Cain: language on website indicates that only 8 transients can be using the club at any given time. What does this mean?
  - Clarification from Dave: this refers only to use of the club grounds/facilities, not the use of moorings. The intent was to prevent large gatherings of transients in the clubhouse
  - Jerry: It also says that transients use their own dinghy whenever possible and that the board may have to suspend launch service depending on covid restrictions. The language is not welcoming to transients viewing our website.
  - Bob: suggestion is to keep the current language but to revisit the wording and rules around transients for next season.
    - Brendan: we will accept suggestions for language changes

Commodore Update: Bob

- Thanks to all members of the Executive Board for their efforts over the past 2 years
- Remaining topics (insurance, budget, constitutional amendments) will be addressed by the incoming Commodore, Dave Sullo
- Bob handed off Commodore to Dave Sullo

New business: Dave

- Insurance

- Got information from Heidi about deductible, cost of contents in the building
- Deductible on flood insurance is currently \$2k; could save \$1388/year by increasing the deductible to \$10k
  - This could be changed at any time to: \$5k, \$10k (\$1388 savings), \$15k (\$1930 savings)
  - Motion made to increase deductible to \$10k; motion passed
- If we changed the contents coverage on the building we could save about \$500/year
  - Could not be changed until the new policy starts in April
- Proposed insurance policies for next year: \$24k (for all policies combined)
  - Flood increasing by 20%; deductible increase could offset some of this
- Question from Billy Evans: Have explored options on the private market?
  - Dave: So far we have focused only on what changes we can make to our current policies
- Motions from Billy:
  - Flood insurance policy of April 28 2022 to be approved and voted on by the membership, motion passed
- Budget
  - We will skip the October meeting to give the new board time to work on the 2022 budget; the budget will be proposed at the November meeting
  - Question from Billy: What is the \$2300 for Quickbooks for?
    - Dave: credit card payments will not be accepted next year; only electronic bank transfer
- Constitutional amendments
  - Christa: We request a special meeting only for the purposes of voting on constitutional amendments
    - At least 10 members present agreed to requesting the special meeting
  - The membership began a preliminary review of the proposed amendments page-by-page. Below is the summary of these discussions, indicating whether each proposed change was accepted as-is or tabled for further discussion and/or modification.
  - House Rules:
    - Section 3 changes: accepted
    - Section 4 changes: accepted
    - Section 5 changes: accepted
    - Section 8 changes: accepted
    - Section 11 changes: tabled
  - Transients: tabled
  - Parking Regulations: accepted
  - Float Regulations:
    - Section 2 changes: accepted
    - Section 4 changes: accepted
    - Section 5 changes: accepted
    - Section 6 changes: accepted

- Section 10 changes: tabled
- Section 12 changes: tabled
- Section 13 changes: tabled
- Article IV: Officers:
  - Duties of officers: tabled
  - Rear commodore: accepted
  - Secretary:
    - Section 9: accepted
    - Section 10: tabled
    - Section 11: tabled
  - Treasurer:
    - Section 3: accepted
    - Section 5: accepted
    - Section 7: accepted
    - Section 8: tabled
    - Section 9: tabled
  - Pay or Play: tabled
- Remainder of discussion tabled for further discussion at the special meeting
  - Will resume at Article V: Executive Committee
  - Special meeting scheduled for 7:00pm Monday, October 18

Next regular meeting: Monday, November 8.

Meeting adjourned at 22:10