

**Satuit Boat Club**  
**Minutes of General Membership Meeting**  
**April 10th, 2023**

*EC Present:* Dave Sullo, Jay Swartz, , Greg McBride, Randy Robertson, Jerry Cain, Brendan Murphy, Steve Shea, and Tad Beagley

*EC Absent:* Jerome Murphy, Mike McDonough, Tim Keenan, and Mark Selvaggi

Meeting called to order at 2000; a quorum was present. Members in attendance recorded on Zoom.

New Members were introduced and welcomed

Minutes to February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting presented, voted, and approved

Vice Commodore update (presented by Commodore):

- Provided Update on SBC Launch off-season repairs/maintenance, and everything is on schedule and on budget
- Provided update on returning launch drivers and new recruits for launch drivers. Will continue to advertise to ensure we have full coverage.

Rear Commodore Update (Brenden Murphy):

- Fleet is progressing for start of season. Special thanks to Mike Loring for registering boat trailers. Will be asking for volunteers for bottom painting and will be conducting some repairs
- Junior Sailing program is ahead of last year by over \$4,000. Special thanks to Patrick Murphy for signing up some new members. New session schedule seems to be positive.

Secretary Update:

- Membership Update:
  - Moved two members from waiting list to full member status:
    - Daniel Richards
    - Christopher and Jeffery Newhall
  - Voted in Meg Loring as a returning member who will be added as a new member
  - Voted in Steve & Pricilla Grable to be added to the waiting list
- Discussed implementing new Standard Operating Procedures for “How to do the Secretary’s Job” and “Pay or Play Procedures” based on Word and PDF documents on GoogleDrive. These will be compared to procedures currently located on Membership section of website to ensure consistency with common practices.
- Discussed making the membership application more user-friendly for electronic applications
- Discussed making SBC website handicapped accessible. Secretary will get with Bill Mullen to research and implement

Treasurer Report (Romie Murphy):

- Commodore provided update on Treasurer report, and annual dues are up due to influx of new members with initiation fees, junior sailing and pay for play.

Float Chairperson update (Mike McDonough):

- Dock Day is May 6<sup>th</sup> and looking for volunteers
- 420 float will be repositioned behind Launch to provide more space for Dinghies

Entertainment Chair Update (Jay Swartz):

- Pancake Breakfast was a success with 35-40 people attending
- Opening Day on May 28<sup>th</sup> with tent outside and list of food being requested. E-vite will be sent to membership in the near future.
- Entertainment Committee meeting next Monday and looking for volunteers. Will be planning for Opening Day and in-season events.

Technology Chairperson Update (Jerry Cain):

- Webcam facing towards docks will be installed before the season starts
- Reminded membership of various documents on membership section of SBC website
- Reminded membership on SBC's Facebook site that Karen Sullo maintains

Race Chairperson Update:

- Provided by Commodore

Junior Sailing Chairperson Update (Tim Keenan):

- See update from Rear Commodore

House Chairperson update (Steve Shea):

- Thanks to Jay for holiday events by Entertainment Committee, and other members using the club during the past few months.
- Request for volunteers looking for opportunities to improve the club. Please see Steve Shea or Tad Bagley
- House Day will be May 13<sup>th</sup>
- Discussed SBC event overflow parking at Barker Tavern's dirt parking lot as long as we notify them first
- Member asked if we had a Bike Rack and House Committee will research

Commodore Update:

- Established SBC Storm Committee to proactively respond to storm events to mitigate damage to club. While not a lot of weather events this past winter, the Storm Committee stepped up to respond.
- SBC is changing payroll company to include implementing controls to approve payroll and ensuring we're in compliance with laws on employment.
- Exploring Mercury Racing in the future

- May meeting will establish a nominating committee for annual elections, with recommendations for new board due by July 1<sup>st</sup> for voting in at August annual meeting.
- Phyllis requested inputs for changes to SBC Booklets for printing in May.
- Tom Galvin notified Commodore that Bob Rappold's son recently passed away
- Provided update on Scituate Sailing which governs Wednesday Night Racing being incorporated into SBC to absorb the cost of their insurance which is making it too costly for their members. Gregg Morris provided further details that this has been ongoing since the 1970's and membership has declined due to cost of dues, mainly as a result of high insurance costs. If added to SBC, there would be no increase in costs for insurance. Scituate Sailing is asking SBC to be governing authority for Wednesday night racing, and fall under SBC's insurance. There would not be a lot of logistics requirements for SBC, and members of Scituate Sailing have agreed to continue doing that support. This would not be a financial burden to SBC. Scituate Sailing Institute (SSI) which provides Sinbad Race Committee Boat is completely separate from this, as they provide a race committee boat for the racing community. The additional dues to SBC from Wednesday night racing would be used to pay SSI for Wednesday night racing. Kevin O'Leary recommended keeping these dues lower to encourage additional members to join. Motion made, seconded and approved to explore moving forward with developing a Memorandum of Understanding to establish guidelines for this initial trial year, then if adopted it would be incorporated into the Constitution.

Next General Membership meeting will be May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 2050