

Minutes
North Shore Yacht Club
Membership Meeting
Saturday, October 17, 2020

1. Call to Order: The Virtual Zoom Membership Meeting was called to order by Commodore Linda Kulla at 9:33 AM and the Secretary, R. Ledins, certified that a quorum was present – more than 20% of active members were in attendance. The meeting was virtual given the ongoing COVID 19 Pandemic.

2. Announcements by Commodore – Linda Kulla

L. Kulla welcomed the 39 members attending the meeting and thanked the Bridge: Peter Hirschhorn, Carlo Zaskorski, Colin Schneider, Ruta Ledins and Trustees: Roger Lifson, Ed Flores, Bill Palafox, Karen Verola, Jaime Ebenau and Evan Spence for their hard work during the year. She noted that Captain Vic had earned a special thanks as he was instrumental in keeping the Club safe and running smoothly during the pandemic as well as helping with Boat Share and the Junior Sailing programs.

3. Approval of the prior Fall Meeting minutes and Approval of Slate of Officers and Trustee Nominees: see attached meeting minutes. On a motion from K. Magida, seconded by C. Zaskorski, the reading of the minutes for the prior Membership Meeting April 19, 2020 was waived and the Meeting minutes were accepted. The motion was passed unanimously.

Reports were emailed to members ahead of the Membership Meeting and were not read out loud. Certain Officers and Committee Heads provided summary comments with respect their reports and answered questions from members.

4. Officer/Committee Reports

Commodore's Report – Linda Kulla (full report attached)

- Regular launch service will be continued through November 15 with Matt Meyran's Water Taxi. This has helped the Club conserve funds.
- Due to COVID-19, the 150 Anniversary celebrations originally planned for 2020 were cancelled and postponed to 2021.
- PC Yehuda Rosenstock has been in contact with the Sailing Canoe Association and is planning to host the rescheduled regatta beginning on July 9, 2021, which were also cancelled in 2020. He has had replicas made of the original cup to present as trophies to the winners.
- Rear Commodore Peter Hirschhorn is working on apparel and gear and Commodore L. Kulla has had silk ties made with the NSYC burgee, which can be purchased for \$35.
- L. Kulla reminded members that volunteerism is important, however during the fall the 8 hour work requirement has been waived because of COVID-19. P. Hirschhorn and C. Zaskorski will be contacting individuals to help on specific projects, as needed.
- The new bookkeeper hired in the spring to replace Erika is not available due to conflicts of interest. As a result, the Club is looking for a new bookkeeper again.

- Since the last fall meeting, all bridge meeting minutes are posted on the website and can be viewed by the membership.

Vice Commodore's Report – none, no Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore's Report - Peter Hirschhorn (full report attached)

- Will need assistance with cleanup of kitchen and furniture.
- Damage was done to the docks but the costs are not clear. It is expected to be covered by insurance with a \$25,000 deductible.

Fleet Captain's Report – Carol Zaskorski (full report attached)

- There are potentially plans that need to be discussed with Captain Vic to fix loose pilings so that smaller boats, generally under 30', can be tied up and hauled out at high tide for cleaning.
- C. Zaskorski mentioned that Under Toad and dinghy sails could be washed and hung out to dry at the club rather than be sent out for cleaning.

Treasurer's Report – Colin Schneider (full report attached)

- C. Schneider noted that there has been a drop in Active members to 41.
- Signatures on investment accounts need to be updated.
- A member suggests that the \$25,000 deductible for the insurance could be taken out of the investments.

Secretary's Report – nothing to report

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee- Election of Officers and Trustees

The nominating committee put forth the following slate of Officers and Trustees, which is read to the membership. There is a motion from Ken Magida, seconded by Richard Coles, for all members in favor of the slate to raise their hands. The slate of officers and trustees is elected unanimously.

Linda Kulla, Commodore
Richard Predmore – Vice Commodore
Peter Hirschhorn, Rear Commodore
Carlo Zaskorski, Fleet Captain
Colin Schneider, Treasurer
Gary Wachter, Secretary
David Posner, Trustee 2021-2023
Roger Lifson, Trustee 2021-2023

Thanks given to Eddie Flore for his 3 years as a trustee and Ruta Ledins for her outstanding service as secretary.

Auditing Committee - Dean Verola, Chair and Woody Greenberg – no questions.

By-Laws- Nothing to report

Cruising - PC Ron Gold

- No report was submitted as there was very little cruising in 2020.
- Some clubs were open and others were not accepting visitors.
- Looking for ideas for next summer and will propose an overnight cruise to the Statue of Liberty in June, 2021. Oyster Bay is always a good cruise destination.
- R. Gold requests that sailors post their cruise destinations for other to see.

Directory & Insurance – PC Lloyd Herman – no questions.

Education – Richard Predmore

- If the club cannot be open for education events, may be looking to do zoom events during the winter.

Launch – No report

Marketing and Communications - Bill Palafox (full report attached)

- Always need volunteers
- Open House is scheduled for October 25th, looking for new members.
- Thanks to Marian Weissman for Blinker work
- Thanks to Frank LoPresti and Dan Herron for website work.

Membership - Mary Lu Dempsey (full report attached)

- New members:
- New Affiliates: Robert and Carolyn Harrison
- New Actives: Donald and Madeline Hochheiser; Carol Ott & Gary Wachter; Neil Parker & Giulia Alimonti; Colin Schneider & Jaime Petcove
- New Social Associates: John & Michelle DellAquila; Taj Herbert & Dawn Rubel; Chitrang (Chet) & Veera Purani
- Thanks to Mary Lu and Bill Palafox for all they do for the NSYC membership.
- No rentals this year

Mentoring - A. Kase (Full report attached)

- Every new member has a buddy.

Race Management Committee – R. Ebeneau, B. Palafox, G. Marks, E. Spence, F. LoPresti, G. Varsi (Full report attached):

- Despite COVID-19 there were 4 Club races this year with over 30 boats involved.

Boat Share Committee - Adriana Pinon

- Under Toad was well used this season and even entered some races.

Junior Sailing - Commodore L. Kulla

- It was a very good year.
- 31 students in 4 two-week sessions, netting \$28,925.
- The program needs help and someone else to take over the program.

5. Other Comments and New Business

- The Dinner Dance for 2020 is cancelled, but there will be a small awards ceremony on November 8 to present the Service Award and racing trophies.
- The Matthews Trophy for Outstanding Service to the Club will be presented to PC Lloyd Herman for endless hours of insurance claims, editing the directory, sewing Under Toad sails and other major repairs to keep her sailing.
- Film by Gary Wachter commemorating NSYC 150th season was shown to members.
- There was discussion of Warren Greenhouse's suggestion that the Club offer special incentives, such as reduction of membership fees, to prospective members if they sign up by December 31, 2020.
- Richard Raskin thanked Commodore Linda Kulla and the Bridge for all their work during this difficult year.

6. Adjourn: The Commodore thanked everyone for their participation and the meeting concluded at 11:30 AM. On a motion from Jim Thompson seconded by Marian Weissman the meeting was adjourned.

Attachments:

Notice of meeting.