

## North Shore Yacht Club

### Bridge Minutes

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

**1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm by L. Kulla

**Present:** Linda Kulla, Commodore; Peter Hirschhorn, Rear Commodore; Carlo Zaskorski, Fleet Captain; Colin Schneider, Treasurer; Ruta Ledins, Secretary; Bill Palafox, Trustee; Evan Spence, Trustee; Roger Lifson, Trustee

**Absent:** James Ebenau, Trustee; Edward Flores, Trustee; Karen Verola, Trustee

**2. Announcements:** none

**3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:**

**Motion:** P. Hirschhorn makes a motion seconded by B. Palafox to waive the reading of the minutes and accept the June 9, 2020 Bridge minutes. The motion is approved unanimously.

**4. Officer/Committee Reports:**

**a. Commodore's Report:**

P. Hirshhorn informs the Bridge that Fried is willing to be a sailing instructor. L. Kulla notes that G. Cohen would also be willing to teach sailing.

Kovach was billed for active membership, but will not put his boat in the water and has requested a change in status to associate. Bridge determines it will grant a one-time change late in the year because of Covid-19.

**b. Rear Commodore's Report:**

The clubhouse and facilities are currently in good working order. Normal day-to-day operations are proceeding without any difficulty. The upper part of the clubhouse remains closed to membership except for the outer deck. At this time, no repairs are required.

P. Hirshhorn brought an electrical contractor into the club on Monday July 13 to look at the current electrical system in the basement. The company has experience dealing with repairs needed on buildings damaged after Hurricane Sandy on the South Shore. It seems clear that the club will need to either remove wiring from the basement and somehow run it on the main level or rewire in basement with underground rated wiring and create a water-sealed channel possibly with foam. Without fully opening the basement ceiling and removing all insulation, it is difficult to get pricing.

What is clear is that a project of this scope will not be inexpensive. The cost would be in the range of \$40K-\$80K. This would include getting storage containers to put in parking lot to store all items in basement during work.

Given the fact that it would be necessary to clear out basement, it would probably make financial sense to do plumbing work immediately after, while the basement is open. There is no cost estimate on this yet, but it would be a minimum of \$10k. This would be a project best done after the sailing season ends while the building is empty.

The question at hand, for the bridge and membership is if we want to consider a project of this scope, do we fund from our savings/investment accounts or do an assessment to each member? Currently both our electrical and plumbing systems are working. This is a preventative maintenance project given the fact that during severe storms our basement floods. At some point in time, we can lose either one or all systems in the building.

**c. Treasurer's Report (See attached report):**

C. Schneider reports that the club taxes are done. A search is underway for a bookkeeper; a recent candidate was not satisfactory. There is a need to replace the current computer and purchase an updated version of QuickBooks.

**Motion:** C. Schneider makes a motion seconded by P. Hirschhorn to spend \$300 for an updated version of QuickBooks Desktop Pro 2020. The motion is approved unanimously.

C. Schneider has spoken with Dean Verola and requested the audit committee perform a review of the books as of May 2020.

**Motion:** C. Schneider makes a motion seconded by B. Palafox to issue a check for \$1500 to refund H. Silver's Certificate. Silvers submitted an affidavit for #11 at \$1500. The motion is approved.

The junior sailing program is a success. This has contributed to the increase in net income, which is up 20%.

Accounts receivables are at \$11,400.

- Murphy is not renewing; will remain a friend of the club. She will turn in her bond. The \$814 receivable should be removed.
- Rossi just paid half of what was owed. B. Palafox to follow up.
- Alvarez is claiming hardship
- Silverman is going through tough times
- Zaskorski is late; will send payment right away

**d. Fleet Captain Report (See attached report):**

- Moorings: Most boats have come to their moorings.
- Insurance certificates have been coming in.
- Work Boat: Captain Vic reports that the key has broken in the cylinder for starting the 90 horse Yamaha so work boat is out of commission. A replacement cylinder has been ordered.
- Junior sailing boat is ok.
- Launches: Captain Vic has both launches at the dock, no issues

- Under Toad, is at her mooring, and is being sailed by the BSP sailors including Neil, Evan, Ernie, Paul, John.
- NSYC BSP is very fortunate that UT has been looked after when issues arise by Richard Raskin, Bill Palafox, Robert Coles, Marc Epstein, and Lloyd Herman.
- Post Sail Reports coming in. Occasionally reporting minor issues.
- Marc Epstein has offered to run a workshop for the BSP sailors at the dock
- Adriana has offered to coordinate. This would be very valuable.

**Action:** Arrange to have Under Toad boat cleaned every two weeks (\$50 per cleaning). If cleaned once a month the charge is \$125 per month.

**e. Membership (see attached report):**

- Two Social Associate recommendations from the membership committee (Purani & Herbert). Approved by virtual voting.
- A trickle of membership inquiries
- New members approved for 2020 thus far:
  - 1 Social Associate/Boat Share member (DellAquilas)
  - 1 Affiliate (Harrisons)

**f. Education Report:** nothing to report

**g. Marketing and Communication (see attached report):**

- Blinker:
  - June Blinker published in June
  - On website
  - Next issue ... TBD
- Visitor Open House:
  - Planned for Sunday, Oct 25.
  - Always a potential for reconsideration of some sort
- Eblasts: As needed.
- Website:
  - Stable
  - 16 edits, updates, changes and fixes since last meeting. Laser online reservations TBD

**h. Race Management (see attached report):**

- The Single-handed Epstein Cup race on June 14 was a success. 8 entries. See synopsis in Blinker (racing section).
- The Double-handed Smith Cup race for July 19 has 8 entries and counting.
- Subsequent NSYC Club races (Borden & Moonlight Regatta in August... Commodore's Cup in Sept) are staged and "in-the-ready" as if no pandemic... but prepared to be modified based on guidance from above.
- Thirsty Thursday and Manhasset Bay One Design racing has started (July 9th & July 11th respectively).

- Good news! Manhasset Bay Worry Wart committee platform repairs are essentially completed and ready for use. Yellow racing marks are in place.
- Along with MBYC and PWYC, NSYC has committed to its share of RC duty for Bay racing.
- George Marks is off to a good start with RMC. Bob Ebenau is walking wounded due to his fall earlier this year and not able to assemble RC gear or be a PRO. Giulio Varsi has no access to NSYC. Bill covering for both where needed.
- Always a challenge recruiting PROs and race committees.

**i. Boat Share:**

- Bill orchestrated Skipper Qualifications for Epstein with DellAquila, Cohens with Hausner and Palafox with Spoonhower. We now have 10 Qualified Skippers. The max available is 15.
- There are real concerns for the processes and people actually involved to reach full closure for Boat Share Post Sail Reports (PSRs) issues and Boat Share Skipper communications.
- Documents need updating.

**j. Junior Sailing:**

L. Kulla reports that the sailing program is a success. There are 31 kids and they are using all boats. There is an instructor, junior instructor and volunteer instructor. Volunteers have also been present during lunch.

**k. Investment/Audit:**

P. Hirshhorn and C. Schneider are signatories on checking accounts. L. Kulla can charge on debit card. C. Schneider is being named on investment accounts.

**5. Old Business/Action Points**

**Action:** Bylaws need to be updated to include investments; that will be done in the fall.

**Action:** K. Verola to match new members to committees where they have interest.

**Action:** P. Hirschhorn to investigate Helly Hansen/other clothing for anniversary. He will need to get feedback from members regarding their interest given the cost. Will need to get orders from members and commitments to purchase prior to putting in orders.

**6. New Business**

There being no further business, on a motion from R. Lifson, seconded by P. Hirschhorn the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruta Ledins  
Secretary

