

**Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron
Meeting Minutes for 15 January 2020
General Membership Meeting – My Uncle’s Place, Binghamton, NY**

Cdr Mary Kucharek, P, called the meeting to order at 1904.

Secretary Report: Lt/C Peg Acciai, S, Quorum roll call, a quorum was present. The November and December 2019 minutes were distributed, read, and approved.

Treasurer Report: D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P, distributed the Treasurer’s Report and reported that the squadron is solvent.

Officers’ Reports -

Executive Officer: P/C Michael Acciai, AP, no report

Administrative Officer: Lt/C Linda Rought, P, requested members to sign up for the 22 February Change of Watch.

Education Officer: Lt/C Les Smith, JN, reported the first 2020 ABC Class is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, January 28, the second class is scheduled to begin Monday, March 2. The Boat Handling/Seamanship Class is scheduled to begin on April 20, 2020.

Fifty five (55) books have been ordered for the ABC Class. Classes will be held at Johnson City HS and proctors are needed for these classes. There is a need for certification classes to train additional instructors.

Committee Reports –

Public Relations: Lt Ann Smith, S, reported that new promotional materials for 2020 have been distributed to a variety of locations in Broome and Tioga counties. These locations include commercial, government, and emergency services in the local area. Information has been posted online and Lt/C Les Smith, JN, has appeared on local broadcasting stations.

Membership: P/C Dave Olds, AP, 62 members.

Sea Chest: P/D/Lt/C John Young, AP, requested fillers, articles and pictures for upcoming publications. Jack reported he received a letter from P/C Steve Tisdale, AP that included a donation of \$300.00. An acknowledgement was sent by Cdr Mary.

Meetings & Programs: Lt/C Linda Rought, P, reported that the 2020 Change of Watch will be held at Jonathan’s, Endwell, on Saturday, 22 February 2020.

Membership Involvement: D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P, reported that Membership Involvement is in need of a new chairperson. The March 2020 meeting will be held at Jonathan’s, Endwell, NY.

Vessel Safety Check: P/C Bob Gould, AP, no report

Old Business:

- Cdr Mary Kucharek's, P, reported that she had applied for the new Tioga Downs grant.
- P/C Dave Olds reported on the updated/redesigned squadron website.

New Business:

- America's Boating Club "Jump Start" Program
- Possible events for 2020 – rendezvous ideas, cruises

Commander's Comments:

- Cdr Mary Kucharek, P, thanked everyone for attending. She and Lt Robert Kucharek, P, are looking forward to attending the USPS National Conference in February in Jacksonville, FL, where Bob will receive his 50th Merit Mark and become a Governing Board Emeritus member.

Calendar:

9 – 16 February – USPS National Conference – Ponte Vedra, Fla

10-23 February – Central NY Boat Show – Syracuse, NY

22 February (Saturday) – Change of Watch – Jonathan's, Endwell, NY

18 March - Jonathan's, Endwell, NY, dinner at 1800, meeting at 1900

Motion to Adjourn – Motion at 2006 by Lt/C Linda Rought,P, and seconded by P/C Michael Acciai, AP.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Acciai