

**Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron**  
**Meeting Minutes for 20 March 2019**  
**General Membership Meeting, Jonathan's, Hooper Road, Endwell, NY**

**Ex. Officer:** P/C Michael Acciai, AP, called the meeting to order at 1909 and then installed D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P as Treasurer and Lt/C Linda Rought, P, as Administrative Officer.

**Secretary:** Lt/C Peg Acciai, S, did the Quorum roll call and a quorum was present. The February 2019 minutes were distributed, read and approved by member vote. Motion to approve by P/D/Lt/C John Young, P, and seconded by Lt/C Les Smith, JN.

**Treasurer:** D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P, distributed the Treasurers Report and stated that checking account had a \$0.06 deficit due to Change of Watch expenses and payment of ABC book orders, but the checking account was back in the black after the March ABC deposits.

**Executive Officer:** P/C Michael Acciai, AP reported that Lt Joann Rohde, Member Remembrance Committee Chair would continue in that position for the next term. He also stated that sympathy cards were sent to P/C Julia Jurena, P, and family on the passing of her mother, and to Lt Ken Boll, P on the passing of his brother.

**Administrative Officer:** Lt/C Linda Rought, P: No Report.

**Education Officer:** Lt/C Les Smith, JN stated that 26 students were attending the first ABC class for 2019. There are no registrations so far for the upcoming Boat Handling (Seamanship) class and there is a possibility of a one day ABC class sometime in May. Details TBA. Materials for the ABC class (books, tests and PowerPoint materials) will change. He discussed the need to send back the old books for credit while still available and that the cost of the next ABC will have a small increase to cover the higher materials costs.

**Committee Reports –**

**Public Relations:** Lt Ann Smith, S, stated that she will be working on signage and advertising for the May ABC class when the schedule is completed. P/C Dave Olds, AP, recognized Ann for all the work she has done to promote the ABC course and a round of applause was given by the members present.

**Membership:** P/C Dave Olds, AP reported we have 57 members. He stated that the National computer has changed and is back up and running and running correctly. There is some difficulty due to lack communication and collaboration among various National Committees.

**Sea Chest:** P/D/Lt/C John Young, AP, stated that the SeaChest was down to 3 pages in length due to lack of materials. D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber presented John with copies of various Squadron news letters that she collected at the National Conference that he could use and pull articles from.

John also received a note and donation for the SeaChest from Associate Member Kay Shaver, spouse of a former P/D/C Paul Shaver now deceased.

**Meetings & Programs:** Lt/C Linda Rought, P, stated that our next meeting will be 17 April at the Elks in Kirkwood. Cost will be \$13.25 per person. The next General Membership meeting will be 15 May at the TOB Fire station with a Phil's Chicken House BBQ.

**Membership Involvement:** D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P, stated she received a letter from State Senator Fred Akshar that he would not be able to attend and speak at the District Six Spring Conference. Tickets were made and are still available for the Army Band Concert at the Forum on 7 April and 7:00 PM. She asked for suggestions from the membership for future activities.

**Vessel Safety Check:** P/C Bob Gould, AP: No Report

**Old Business:** P/C Michael Acciai, AP explained the workings of the Gault Auto Gives back program and the need for members to vote daily on the Gault Auto Facebook site when given notice by our Commander via the Susquenango Facebook page. P/C Dave Olds explained how we can do the rebranding to America's Boating Club without having to change our current DBA. D/Lt/C Bieber stated that National expects all Squadrons to use America's Boating Club, simplify their bylaws and remove the use of Power and Squadron from all promotional materials by the end of 2019.

**New Business:** There is a need for new Membership Involvement Chair and a call went out for volunteers.

**Commander's Comments:** Taken from Cdr Mary Kucharek's, P written agenda to P/C Acciai: While I am very sorry to miss my first official meeting, I am very happy to be in the sunny south. Thanks to P/C & Ex O Mike Acciai for officiating at this meeting. Thanks to everyone who attended the Change of Watch last month. It was a wonderful affair. A special thanks for Linda Rought for all of her long distance efforts to make everything run smoothly. The District 6 conference committee will meet on Tuesday 9 April at my home to finalize plans, stuff envelopes and get raffle items ready. If you haven't let me know you are attending the conference, please send me an email.

We are still looking for new venues for our meetings/dinners. If anyone has a suggestion, please email me or Linda Rought. I would love to have a complete yearlong calendar ready soon. *Mary*

**Calendar:**  
Exec - 17 April Elks – Easter dinner  
Gen - 15 May TOB Fire Station – Phil's BBQ  
Exec - 19 June Acciai's home – Recognition Picnic

**Motion to Adjourn** – Motion at 2014 by D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber and seconded by Lt/C Linda Rought.