

**Susquenago Sail & Power Squadron
Meeting Minutes for 15 May 2019
General Membership Meeting, Town of Binghamton Fire Station, Binghamton, NY**

Cdr Mary Kucharek, P, called the meeting to order at 1900.

Cdr Mary Kucharek, P, presided at the introduction and swearing in of new members, Jacque and Tim Shipose.

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

Cdr Mary Kucharek, P, expressed the thanks she received from D/Lt/C Bridget Arieno, for the squadron members' work at the District 6 Conference. She also informed the group about the passing of P/D/C Charlie Gray, AP.

Treasurer: D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P, distributed the Treasurer's Report and reported that all bills are accounted for and paid. The budget is ready and \$57.00 has been donated to the Education Fund, as approved by the membership.

Officers' Reports -

Executive Officer: P/C Michael Acciai, AP, reported that the "Gault Gives Back" voting is closed for April. He reviewed 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 Susquenago Facebook page. He provided information about the program, the link on the website, and the voting opportunities.

Administrative Officer: Lt/C Linda Rought, P, no report

Education Officer: Lt/C Les Smith, JN reported that the Seamanship classes and testing have been completed.

Committee Reports –

Public Relations: Lt Ann Smith, S, no report

Membership: P/C Dave Olds, AP reported 57 members according to DB2000.

Sea Chest: P/D/Lt/C John Young, AP, requested articles for the summer season including June 2019 activities and pictures.

Meetings & Programs: Lt/C Linda Rought, P, stated that our next Executive Meeting will be 19 June at the Acciai home. This meeting will be the recognition meeting for education and merit marks earned by members. New members will be invited to attend the meeting where they will be recognized and receive their membership pins.

Membership Involvement: D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P, provided trivia contests to test our knowledge of Mermaids and Unicorns. Thanks for the fun, the prizes, and the opportunity to gain some new knowledge.

Vessel Safety Check: P/C Bob Gould, AP, reported that he has the necessary stickers and is ready for the 2019 boating season VSCs.

Historian: Lt/C Robert Kucharek, P, reported that the squadron history is up to date and sent to National.

Old Business:

Brianna's Law is on the NYS Senate floor with expected passage for 2020.

Bosco's Friends Helping Friends will have a planning meeting in early June.

Two mini rendezvous are in the planning for summer 2019:

- Treman Marina, Ithaca, NY, August 3, 1200 - ?, activities will include cruise, lunch, wine/spirit tasting, dinner. Draft of information available now, additional information to follow.
- D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P, reported that the District 6 Rendezvous will take place in the 1000 Islands, beginning August 30, 2019. The Brockville Tall Ships will be the focus. The Susquenango Squadron will have dinner at the Edgewood Restaurant, Alexandria Bay, NY, on Saturday, August 31, 2019 following the D6 Brockville Rendezvous activities. Additional information to follow.

New Business: Discussed –

- Treman Marina Day, June 22, with Ithaca squadron and a variety of community service providers. The day will include boating educational information as well as vessel safety checks.
- Award application, district and national, for membership involvement excellence for Lt Ann Smith, S.
- Tioga Downs Regional Community Foundation Grant Award.

Commander's Comments: Cdr Mary Kucharek's, P, wrap-up: Safe Boating Week, and the upcoming Education/Merit Mark picnic on 6/19/19.

Calendar: Executive Meeting - 19 June, Acciai's home – Recognition Picnic
22 June 10:00AM - Treman Marina Day Safety Expo
3 August Noon – Mini Rendezvous – Ithaca
31 August – Mini Rendezvous – 1000 Islands

Motion to Adjourn – Motion at 2010 by P/D/Lt/C John Young, AP, and seconded by Lt/C Les Smith, JN.