

Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron
Minutes of the Executive Meeting – Chicken BBQ
16 May 2018
TOB Fire Station #2, Pierce Creek Rd., Binghamton, NY

Commander Michael Acciai AP, called the meeting to order at 1842.

Secretary's Report: - Asst. Secretary, Lt Missy Olds S, reported a quorum was present. The minutes from the previous 18 April 2018 meeting were distributed. Only one change was necessary by the Treasurer to correct the interest rate on a current bank CD from .04% to 0.4%.

Treasurer's Report: D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber P- The Treasurer's Report was distributed to the members present. The report was accepted as presented. She stated the CD was to be renewed on 17 May 2018 and it was decided to continue it at Citizen's Bank.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Executive Officer: Lt/C Mary Kucharek P- Mary stated we will participate in the Boscov's *Friends Helping Friends* event on 16 Oct 2018. She will have tickets for member to sell and purchase. She stated she would ask Senator Fred Akshar again and hopefully attend our September meeting. She also stated that the Squadron History Reports are completed through 2017.

Administrative Officer: Lt/C Linda Rought P – Linda thanked Mary Kurcharek for providing the cookies for desert at tonight's Chicken BBQ.

Education Officer: Lt/C Les Smith, JN – No Report (Away) Chris Utyro stated he knew that two Seamanship exams were taken but results are not back yet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Relations: PRO Lt/C Ann Smith S – No Report (Away)

Membership: P/C David Olds AP –stated we are holding at 70 members with one new member and one now listed as inactive. Cdr Acciai added that, unlike other squadrons in D/6, Susquenango is one of the few that continue to gain new members and hold steady.

SeaChest: P/D/Lt/C John Young, AP – Jack passed around examples of the new SeaChest heading using the new *America's Boating Club* logo and conforming to the new branding recommendations.

Meetings & Programs: Lt/C Linda Rought, P- The Ed Rec/Merit Mark Picnic will be held at 1800, 21 June 2018, at Grippen Park, Endicott. Assy. Woman, Donna Lupardo, will attend. The price will remain at \$3 ea. for those not earning a Merit Mark or taking or participating in a class in the past year. Linda also gave a tentative itinerary for the Squadron's Summer Rendezvous on 3-5 Aug 2018. (Details will be in the SeaChest or emailed later)

Membership Involvement: D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P- Nancy will check on a Cayuga Lake boat tour for future squadron member event. On 14 Aug 2018, a performance by ABBA will be given at SUNY Anderson Ctr. Tickets on the lawn are \$18. The Susquenango Rendezvous will be 3-5 August 2018 at the river following the D/6 Rendezvous at the Antique Boat Museum in Clayton. Nancy stated she recently received contracts from Tioga Downs for D/6 2019 Spring Conference. Several banquet and management staff are from Holiday Inn, Bing and familiar with our organization.

Marina Outreach: P/C David Olds, AP, reported there is no change since last month.

Vessel Safety Check: P/C Bob Gould, AP- No Report (Away)

Old Business: P/C Dave Olds AP, received a reasonable quote from VISTAPrint for new "America's Boating Club" banners for use at Squadron public events. Preliminary designs were passed around for comment. A consensus of those present, decided to not include the squadron name but rather use "We Teach Safe Boating", also adding our burgee and the website address "www.susquenango.org." P/C Olds said he would make the changes and order them the following day. Cdr Mike thanked Kim Cook and the other new members for contributing to the discussion, stating the importance of having a new perspective.

New Business: Cdr Acciai, Welcomed our newest member, Linda E. Cage from Vestal, NY. (not present) He also welcomed and introduced Kim Cook. Don and Kim have been members for some time but this was the first that Kim was able to attend a squadron event.

New squadron name tag/badges are needed. It was decided that a committee was necessary to develop a design. A committee was formed consisting of: Chairperson, Carol Herz along with Bill Herrick, Jack Young and Dave Olds. Carol made a Motion to make name tags available at no charge to all new members. The Motion was accepted by Cdr Acciai and seconded by D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber.

P/C Olds presented a situation with our FaceBook Group. Our FB page was originally intended for our members only, however, other squadron members from outside have requested to join our group. Olds asked the bridge if there was any reason or objection to allowing them to join our group as long as the

request was done personally, not by someone else, and they agree to our posted rules. There was no objection from the bridge.

Commander's Comments: Cdr Acciai welcomed everyone to May meeting and BBQ. He thanked Lt/C Linda Rought for making the preparations with Phil's thus making the evening a success. He submitted an application on behalf of the Susquenango Sail and Power Squadron to the Gault Auto *Gives Back Program*, stating how the funds would be used to upgrade our IT equipment used for the public and member boating courses as well as the need to fund educational materials for our instructors, materials, printing and postage and advertising that are required to teach classes and promote our Squadron. Cdr Acciai asked all new members to contact our SEO, Lt/C Les Smith JN, or himself to let us know what elective courses or seminars you would like to take so we can make class rooms and instructors available. Be sure to check out the Spring edition of the Deep Six and he encouraged all members to read our own SeaChest via the email link we send or use our Facebook site link.

Calendar: 21 June 2018, General Membership Meeting / Merit Mark Recognition Cookout, Grippen Park, Endicott, NY
1-3 August 2018, the D/6 Rendezvous at the Antique Boat Museum in Clayton.
3-5 August 2018 at the St Lawrence River, Susquenango Summer Rendezvous
19 Sept 2018 Pizza & Wings & Executive Meeting at Jonathan's in Endwell.
9-11 Nov 2018, D/6 Fall Conference at Niagara Falls

Motion to Adjourn -The meeting was adjourned at 2019. Motion was by: P/D/C Bill Herrick seconded by Lt/C Linda Rought

Respectfully submitted,
Lt Missy Olds, S
Asst. Secretary