

**Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron
Meeting Minutes
14 Nov 2018**

General Membership Meeting & Turkey Dinner, Binghamton Elks Lodge #70, Kirkwood, NY

Call to Order: Cdr Michael Acciai, AP - Called the meeting to order at: 1805

Secretary Report: Lt/C Peg Acciai, S reported a quorum was present and distributed the Minutes for the 17 Oct 2018 meeting. One change was noted by P/C Tony Lenzo, P, then the minutes were accepted as amended.

Treasurer's Report: D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P, distributed the Treasurer's report and reported the Squadron was solvent. A charge for the website hosting and domain renewal was incurred and shown on the report. Nancy stated she had to reorder checks from a new vendor who did not require an address. Check costs were \$8.90.

Officers' Reports

Executive Officer: Lt/C Mary Kucharek, P reported that the D/6 Spring Conference Committee met on Nov 7th and discussion revolved around center pieces, the balloon project, conference trifolds and handouts regarding area tourism. A future meeting will be held at Tioga Downs in January with D/6 Assistant Treasure Bridgette Arieno. The next committee meeting will be held Dec 12th at the Kucharek's home.

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

Education Officer: Lt/C Les Smith, JN – No Report

Committee Reports

Public Relations: Lt Ann Smith, S – No Report

Membership: P/C Dave Olds, AP reported that he worked out the discrepancy in DB2000 and that our membership number is 59.

Sea Chest: P/D/Lt/C John Young, AP reported that he is receiving a new computer and depending on any problems associated with the new unit, the SeaChest publication may be a little later than usual. He was also collecting contributions from members who wanted to place a greeting card in the SeaChest as this was the annual Member Christmas Card issue. John stated that he received a generous contribution to the SeaChest from Karl and Vonda Oakley. He also stated that the SeaChest will have no more advertising at this point.

Meetings & Programs: Lt/C Linda Rought, P – Reported the Holiday party will take place at Nirchi's on the Avenue in Endicott on 14 Dec 2018 Cocktails 6-7, dinner at 7 with four dinner choices to be listed in the SeaChest. A reservation signup sheet was passed around to those who planned on attending the Holiday Party.

Membership Involvement: D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P – No Report

Nominating Committee: P/R/C Dave Daniels, SN, gave a status update. Lt/C Mary Kucharek would be nominated for the two year term as Commander. He requested all other Bridge Officers to maintain their positions for the next year and stated that the Squadron may have to start recycling P/C's for next year's Bridge positions. A full report will be made available at the December meeting.

Old Business: Merit Marks should have been submitted to P/D/Lt/C John Young, AP.

New Business: The Susquenago Sail and Power Squadron received two District 6 Educational Awards: The Prince Henry Award for Outstanding Achievement Teaching Junior Navigation and Navigation. Co-Winner with Rochester Sail and Power Squadron, and the Greco Award for Outstanding Achievement Teaching Advanced Piloting (Second Place). Lt/C Les Smith, JN accepted the awards on his and P/D/C Bill Herrick, JN behalf. A 50 Year Membership Award given to John L. Langill, JN (John will accept his award at the 19 Dec meeting).

Commander's Comments: Cdr Acciai stated that the D/6 Conference was a success however attendance was down with only 34 attending the dinner and 40 in attendance for the Saturday conference meeting and Tall Ship speakers. USPS Info. and Tech. Chair R/C Carl Filios, SN-IN and Lt/R/C Denise Filios addressed web site options for D/6 Squadrons so all can meet the D/6 request for a common America's Boating Club web page. Demonstrations on the National web page template were given. The Tall Ships Program keynote speakers were very well received and a request for Squadron participation and volunteers was requested by Buffalo's Tall Ships organizer Mike Vogel. The Swiftwater Power Squadron will spearhead activities for D/6. More information on this can be obtained by logging onto the Buffalo Lighthouse Association's web site: www.portofcallbuffalo.org. Cdr Acciai stated that many accolades were given by District Conference attendees on behalf of Susquenago's SeaChest Newsletter. He also stated that The Tall Ships will be in Brockville, Ontario and will be part of then D/C Nancy Bieber's District 6 Rendezvous activities. He stated that District 6 dues will remain the same and there will be a small budget deficit for the year with the reinstatement of money to help District Commanders and Exo's with funds to attend the National Conference. D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber stated that volunteers for security and running errands may be needed at the Brockville Tall Ships D/6 Labor day rendezvous and more information would be made available.

Calendar:

14 Dec 2018, Squadron Christmas/Holiday Party, Nirchi's on the Avenue, Endicott
19 Dec 2018, Executive Meeting, 3801 Country Club Road, Endwell, NY

Motion to Adjourn – at 2035

By: Lt/C Linda Rought

Seconded: D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber

Submitted by Lt/C Peg Acciai, S