

**Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron
Meeting Minutes for 14 December 2019
Special Executive Meeting/Grande Restaurant – Binghamton, NY – Holiday Party.**

Cdr Mary Kucharek, P, called the meeting to order at 1905.

Secretary Report: Lt/C Peg Acciai, S, Quorum roll call, a quorum was present.
No officers' reports required.

New Business: P/C Dave Olds, AP, summarized the need to update the security of our squadron website to meet new requirements from National USPS, set up to preventing hacking. He presented options and distributed an information sheet. There was a discussion about what would be the best option and the expenditure to be approved. A motion was made to approve an amount not to exceed \$250.00 to upgrade our existing GoDaddy website hosting fee to cover the new Secure Sockets Layer. The motion was made, seconded and passed by the Executive Committee.

Motion to Adjourn – Motion at 1920 by P/C Michael Acciai, AP, and seconded by D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Acciai

Dear Susquenango Bridge/Executive Committee, This expenditure and options need to be briefly discussed and voted on at the Holiday Party meeting on Saturday. Please read this over so we can minimize the time taken away from the party. On 01 January 2020 our current website hosting plan expires and we must either renew at a cost of \$143.88/yr, or change to another alternative. Additionally, it has been strongly recommended by National's IT Committee and many web professionals, that we add SSL security to our website. This SSL certificate would add \$79.99/yr, making the total web hosting cost at \$223.87 per year. The "s" in https:, shows the site is secure (Secure Sockets Layer) and has become the web standard now used widely and also by USPS for their website. I have checked prices from many other vendors and found our current, GoDaddy, is one of the top host providers and has proven to be very reliable and competitively priced. We have been using them for 12 yrs. Note: USPS has available a free basic website and hosting, however, currently it is not secure (SSL), has limited pages and limited storage space for archived files such as the SeaChests, Minutes, etc. It also does not support a password protected member's page. Currently, this option is not suitable for Susquenango. Alternative: There are several template based websites models, such as WordPress, that are now available that could be modified for the Susquenango website. I have been learning about them for a few years. Several other squadrons are now using them. The big advantage is that maintaining and updating the site can be done by any authorized person without having to know and use html code. Hosting for these websites is often less expensive at \$216/yr which includes the SSL security. The down side is the initial modification and setup time. I contacted some squadrons that are now using templates and learned they paid about \$1200 -\$1500 one time to have their site created in WordPress. I believe I can do the modifications and estimate it would take me about 3-6 months to complete. I feel we should ultimately move toward this type of website as our current site and web editor are becoming obsolete.

My Thinking: My recommendation is to renew our current hosting with GoDaddy for 6 months at a cost of \$71.94 and not add the SSL certificate at this time. This will allow me more time to work on this project. I look forward to your thoughts and input. Happy Holidays! Hope to see you on Saturday P/C Dave Olds