

Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron

Minutes of the Executive Meeting

15 March 2023

Commander Mary Kucharek, P, called the meeting to order at 1915. (Said meeting was held via Zoom)

Secretary's Report – Lt/C Christina Broderick reported a quorum was present. An error was brought to attention by Cris Broderick and the minutes were accepted.

Cmd. Mary swore in Linda Rought as Administrative Officer.

Treasurer's Report – P/D/C Nancy Bieber, P, reported that our account is solvent. Deposits from the ABC class were \$1100.00 and the Advanced Piloting course was 300.00.

Officers' Reports -

- Executive Officer P/C Dave Olds, AP – Nothing to report
- Administrative Officer/Meetings & Programs Lt/C Linda Rought, P – Grande meeting will be "off the menu". May meeting will be at the Park Diner.
- Education Officer – Lt/C Les Smith, JN – Enjoying his position immensely! The Boat Handling course will start on 4-17-23. Bill Herrick has 3 people at member rate. Monies have been deposited.

Committee Reports -

- Public Relations – Lt. Ann Smith, P – Burger King fundraiser will be held at the Vestal restaurant on April 27, 2023, 1600-2000. The present ABC class has enough proctors. The last class finished early due to the weather. Ann will hand out gold flyers at the ABC class to promote said fundraiser.
- Membership – P/C Dave Olds, AP "We are holding at 50 members."
- Sea Chest – P/C Michael Acciai, AP & Lt/C Peg Acciai, S – Mike asked Mary for article ASAP.
- Membership involvement – D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P – Nancy spoke to some old friends about our Herkimer trip last summer where we enjoyed touring the lock system and had a wonderful lunch!
- Vessel Safety Check – P/C Bob Gould, AP – Florida boating after hurricane is in disarray. Boats are all over the place.

Old Business -

- D6 Spring conference – Lt. Ann Smith, P – Discussed spring conference that will be held on April 14-16, 2023, at the Clarion Inn, 760 East Water Street, Elmira, NY 14901. She gave us a "heads up" on a presentation that will be given on Samuel Clemens (AKA Mark Twain) by Matt Seybold, PHD, an Associate Professor of American Literature at Elmira College. Tom Alley will offer a two-hour seminar during said conference Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes, Saturday afternoon from 2:15-4:15 pm. If you want credit for the seminar, pay a 10.00 fee at the conference. Ann toured The Clarion Inn along with D/1st Lt Bridgett Arieno and D/C Rick Hibbs. The banquet room

we will be using is located on the 2nd level. V/C Charles "Chuck" Wells, SN-CN, the National Education Officer will be attending the conference. Please bring baskets to raffle for fundraising effort. A cash bar will be offered at the banquet.

- America's Boating Club Annual Meeting – Cdr. Mary Kucharek, P, and husband Bob had a wonderful time in Orlando! There were 300+ members at the conference. Please see Mary's write up in the Sea Chest!
- Susquenango Website and Social Media Update. P/C Dave Olds, AP – suggested our Twitter account should be linked to the national page.

New Business -

- VSC for Kayaks & Canoes - Ann Smith looking into canoe/kayak inspections as they are used a lot on our upstate NY waterways. The conversation was joined by Bob Gould, AP. Some members said that they might be interested in becoming certified inspectors. Bob shared with us that the said exam is quite intense and encompasses all vessels, not just canoes and kayaks. You cannot just "pick and choose". Ann spoke about the possibility of getting reflective, waterproof stickers for kayakers. She saw them at the Syracuse boat show, Dave Olds AP, shared that the Onondaga Sheriff's Dept. Has given them out for years. Discussion was held that Commander, Jim Ryder, may collaborate with Bob to do vessel inspections. Bob said he may be interested but couldn't give a definite yes or no at this time.
- VSC Clayton, NY – Lt. Ann Smith, P – French Creek Marina – Jerry Lenzo also interested in becoming a certified inspector.

Cmr. Mary Kucharek, P, wished everyone a Happy Easter! Flags will now be taken care of by member Frank Broderick. Reminder that the spring picnic will be at the Acciai home.

Motion to adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 2020. Motion by Nancy Bieber, P. Seconded by Les Smith, JN.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Broderick, Secretary