

## **Minutes for CHNYC Board Meeting - Monday, January 15th, 2024**

1800 - 1900 via Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87671123811>

### **Attendees:**

Monica Blanchard  
Olivia Dube  
Charles Jenison  
Seth Moyer  
Trip Alyn  
Mike Incze  
Pat Tormey  
Carole Hamel  
Jill Skeet  
Ron Oards  
Kim Lyons

### **1. New Business**

- a. Vote on November Meeting Minutes – Monica Blanchard
  - i. Minutes posted in Board Business and Members Only forums on 11/29/2023.
  - ii. Link to 11/20/2023 minutes: <https://chnyc.us/forum/viewtopic.php?t=523>.
  - iii. Vote on approval of November board meeting minutes
    - An executive board vote was completed on 1/15/23 to approve the November 2023 board meeting minutes. Motion to vote by M. Blanchard, second by C. Jenison. All in favor. Motion approved.
- b. 2024 Budget Proposal - Charles Jenison
  - i. Vote postponed; M. Blanchard to set up vote via email upon revisions to budget
- c. Wind farm discussion
  - i. Green-Oceans is working through a Federal lawsuit to stop the implementation of offshore wind farms in RI. Past Commodore Ben Riggs reached out to the board to assess interest in funded opportunities to protest the offshore wind farm movement.
    - We do not endorse or reject this movement. We do not represent the United States Navy or their opinions. This notion is solely for awareness purposes, shared on behalf of former Commodore, Ben Riggs.
    - Board decision to not participate in the Green-Oceans initiative; M. Blanchard to respond to Ben Riggs. M. Incze offered to draft a few sentences about this effort if we want to share it for awareness.

### **2. Old Business**

### **3. General Updates**

- a. Training - Bill Kneller
  - i. Upcoming training events
    - Free safety seminars hosted by various yacht clubs in the near future. Information will be made available.
    - M. Blanchard to follow up with B. Kneller to understand any plans for winter training
- b. Social Director - Carole Hamel
  - i. Summary of Army Navy Game, December 9th
    - Successful, 12 attendees
  - ii. Summary of National Wreaths Across America Day, December 16<sup>th</sup> (K. Lyons)
    - 6 members in attendance
    - Most wreaths sold for this event to date; any wreaths purchased before Jan 16<sup>th</sup> will have be buy one get on free.
    - Money from wreath sales goes toward BZ Scholarship Fund.
  - iii. Winter Bowling Event (Seaview Lanes)
    - Confirmed for February 17<sup>th</sup> at 1730
    - Budget neutral event
  - iv. Spring opener event discussion
    - Committee formed: Carole Hamel, Jill Skeet, Charles Jenison
    - Some event location options include Newport Yacht Club (limited to 70 people), Green Valley Golf Club
    - Insurance will not cover the purchase of alcohol, nor can we pour alcohol at the event; attendees can purchase their own beverages at the venue.
- c. Facilities & Property - Pat Tormey
  - i. Race mark update
    - Last season, we were able to postpone mark replacement by adding additional floats to the chain itself to keep the marker above water.
    - Currently waiting on a quote for a similar unit. Hoping to replace it this year.
  - ii. Mooring permit renewal status update
    - Pat met with the Newport Harbor Master regarding the status of our mooring permits. CHNYC will maintain the status of "private yacht club" for the next 2 years.
- d. Race Committee - Mike Incze
  - i. Status of Ollie
    - Ollie failed last year; Mike replaced bad wiring and drilled new holes for the horn. Working fine now.
    - Next year, we can assess if we need to replace. The cost of a new Ollie is \$450-\$750

- ii. Race committee overhaul needed
    - Re-label flags
    - Prepare laminated race committee guidance sheet for running the sequence
  - iii. Mike is working to resolve appropriate course selections, boat rotations, etc.
  - iv. Plan to schedule an all hands safety brief prior to the start of the season
  - v. Call for participation
    - Send an email to the newsletter distribution list; Monica & Kim included in their January emails to membership, but will need a more detailed and targeted email closer to the season
    - Plan to hold skipper qualification events
    - Flyer/infographic for Facebook and Instagram posts; Mike to ask Erin Howe for graphics support
    - Mike to select dates for Winslow Regatta
- e. Cruising - Walt Wasowski
  - i. No updates.
- f. Rhodes 19 Fleet Captain - Seth Moyer
  - i. Will work with Mike Incze to finalize boat assignments.
  - ii. Need for sail inspections
- g. Shields Fleet Captain - Ron Oard
  - i. Ron will be hosting a CHNYC table at the upcoming Naval War College fair where he will give brochures to potential new member; can recruit for racers
  - ii. Will meet with Mike Incze to coordinate fleet communications for reducing course overlap for Wednesday night racing.
- h. PHRF Fleet Captain/Protest Chair - Tripp Alyn
  - i. No updates.
- i. BZ Scholarship – Donna DeAscentis
  - i. Donations received / scholarship quantity
  - ii. Selection committee volunteers: Melanie Doherty, Dave Davis, Wendy Lang
  - iii. Status of applications
    - Still no applicants, time to increase awareness/ broadcast information
- Post-meeting note – 1 application received so far
  - Monica to send an email to the newsletter distribution list
  - Kim Lyons offered out to reach out to Sail Newport to spread the news, since previous scholarship recipients have used it to sail there.
  - Donna will pass the role of BZ Scholarship Coordinator next year; Monica to help find new coordinator for next year

- j. Telltale Coordinator - Joseph Gabriel
  - i. Spring Telltale will come out in March. Looking for increased submissions from the previous edition.
  - ii. Next meeting; Joe will give summary of types of inputs he expects for each Telltale
- k. NBYA Delegate - EC Helme
  - i. No updates.
- l. Webmaster - Bill Kneller
  - i. If anyone has an event or announcement for the website, Bill requests that graphics and text are sent separately; easier for them to format
- m. Web publishing - Pat Tormey
- n. Social Media - Erin Howe / Kim Lyons
  - i. No updates.

4. **Next Board Meeting – February 19th, 2024**