



**Fort Schuyler Maritime Alumni Association, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes for Oct 20, 2016**

Meeting held at:
Fiduciary Trust Company International
280 Park Ave, New York, NY, 10019

Attending:

Officers – Voting Members Present (Name, Class, Position):

- Dan Gillette, '97 – President
- Mike Trotta, '73 – Vice President
- Matthew Devins, '97 Treasurer

Board Members:

- George Bonkowski '98
- Michael Brown, '82
- Jim Nordmann, '75 (writer and acting secretary)
- Earl Baim '80
- Richard Bracken '56

Attending via Phone:

- Theodore Mason, '57 – Asst. Treasurer
- Jim Yahner '86 – Long Island Chapter
- Victor Corso, '83 – Board Member
- Bill Kreppein, '80 – Board Member
- Carl Hausheer '79 – Board Member New Jersey Chapter

Alumni Staff

- Maggy Williams Giunco – Alumni Director
- Jessica Hitchens – Alumni assistant

Minutes:

18:29 – Long Island Chapter – Jim Yahner

There will be no further scheduled events in 2016. New events to be scheduled Jan/Feb 2017 earliest.

18:32 Call to Order

President Dan Gillette called the meeting to order.

18:32 College situation:

Dan Gillette reported that there have been not further actions on MOU. Awaiting response from College administration. Update next meeting.

18:33 Directors Update – Maggy

- Auto renew - Raisers Edge update expected soon, update will include Auto Renew as part of release.
- Membership Renewal mailing – Expected to be sent Nov1-Nov 15. In all expect approx. 4000 notifications to be sent. Includes ~ 50 qty recent graduates.
- Active Alumni members as of Oct 2106 up to 1822 members including 68 Student members (nonpaying). Compares to 1793 in July 2016

18:43 Annual Honors Dinner

- A.J. McAllister has accepted his honoree-ship
- Maggy/Jessica has been in touch with “Givesmart.com”. <http://www.givesmart.com/> Which is a Mobil donation collection service. Such a service will cut down on FSMAA back office work. Maggy/Jessica feels GiveSmart.com provides best reporting and is most affordable/comprehensive. Decision needed by mid-Dec 2016 if it is to be used for Jan awards dinner. Dan - cost of service should be included in budget for event.
- Dan Gillette has request that the budget for Honors dinner be presented. On a go forward basis Dan has asked that a budget should prepared and presented in advance of any event.
- Since this event is being offered 2 years in a row [Dan suspects] that overall attendance will be down compared to 2016 event. i.e. potential for less income compared to last year.

18:55 SST Scholarship

- Dan wishes that we decide on a firm date, when FSMAA Scholarship winners will be announced. FSMAA needs to communicate that date to Maritime college as soon as determined.
- Essay questions: George Bonkowski
 - New essay questions being considered,
 - Looking at several questions, George proposed several questions and format.
 - George ask to send new questions to Board and expect to discuss/agree at November meeting
- Matt has requested that we develop a procedure and guidelines on how to seek return of SST Scholarship funds for students who fail to complete Summer Sea Term for “disciplinary” or similar reasons.

19:21 Paddy’s-by-the-Bay and Financials update; Matt

- Paddy’s-by-the-Bay Event – Good, not all income has been recorded as of Oct Board meeting, so far profit recorded \$ 3,626.21.
- Dan – Wishes to see in the future that every event financial report also compares to previous year’s event.

- Income on Marnier publication down about 1/3 compared to last year.

19:30 Ancient Marnier Golf Event: Matt

- Golf event net profit \$ 7,928.61.
- Need to resolve payment of Caddy’s fees. Not clear whether included in event cost or to be paid direct by foursome.
- Matt to research that in future Caddy fees to be included \$400/foursome.

19:38 Nominations

Following changes to board proposed:

Name - Current assignment	Proposed:
• Anthony DeSimone – Secretary	Assistant Treasurer
• Jim Nordmann – Board Member	Secretary
• Ted Mason – Assistant Treasurer	Board Member (seat held by Earl)
• Earl Baim – Board member	Board member (seat held by Jim)

Motion:

- Matt Devins motioned that FSMAA Board be changed as proposed above.
- Mike Trotta 2nd motion
- Board changes unanimously approved, no objections or abstentions

FSMAA President

- Dan Gillette has offered to remain as board president.
- Motion passed, no objections, no abstention
- Mike Trotta has offered to become assistance president if such a position is recreated.

20:01 Old/New Business

None

20:06 Adjourn

Motion to adjourn – passed