



THE NORTH AMERICAN STATION  
OF THE ROYAL SCANDINAVIAN YACHT CLUBS  
AND NYLÄNDSKA JAKTKLUBBEN

Minutes of the Spring Meeting  
Stamford, CT, June 2, 2012

1. The Spring Meeting was held at the home of David Tunick. The Post Captain called to the meeting to order at 1230. The Secretary noted that a quorum of both members and Governors was present.

Members present were: Franklin Bloomer, Jennifer Bowden, David Brown, Nancy Dickinson, Carl Dila, Lars Forsberg, Michael Geagan, Anne Glenn, Larry Glenn, Neda Haxthausen, Ove Haxthausen, Per Kjellgren, Viveka Kjellgren, Susan Kline, Nick Orem, Torben Pind, Palmer Sparkman, Charlie Stone, David Tunick, James Tunick, Lona Vranum, Per Vranum, Audrey Ward, Peter Ward, and Nils Westberg.

2. The minutes of the previous meeting, the 2011 Annual Meeting, were not available.

3. Reports of Officers:

A. Post Captain. David Brown reported as follows:

- I. First want to thank David Tunick for providing meeting venue and organizing the smorgasboard and clambake.
- II. Can report that Station is in excellent shape, as you will see in the reports to follow. Membership remains strong, we are financially sound, the Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance gala was a resounding success and remains a highlight of the social season, and we are hosting what will be another very successful Five Club Junior Regatta in Newport in August.
- III. Relationships with the five Home Clubs are strong and cordial. We do need to fill the Home Club Representative position for the NJK and are working with that club's leadership do so.
- IV. I am indebted to Nick Orem for stepping into the secretary's position with enthusiasm and efficiency, and to Palmer Sparkman for agreeing to continue to serve for another six months following the Annual Meeting, and it is six months to the day that he will turn over those responsibilities to Nick Orem. The combining of the two positions has many advantages and will result in a smoother and more efficient operation. Again, my appreciation to Nick for assuming those added responsibilities.
- V. Lastly, I inherited from David Tunick a strong and well structured organization with exceptional people in all the key roles, for which all of us in the station can be grateful.
- VI. With that said, I asked David to continue serving as Fleet Captain and according to the agenda, he should have a report.

B. Fleet Captain. David Tunick said he would deliver his reports under the Committee Reports.

- C. Secretary. Nick Orem reported as follows: I assumed the duties of Secretary at the Annual Meeting on December 2, 2011. I sent the annual dues notice and member information form to all members on January 15, 2012. On March 27<sup>th</sup> I sent a reminder by email to all unpaid members email addresses and by postal mail to all members without email addresses. To date I have received dues payments from 167 of our total of 254 members.

The Post Captain's Letter and Spring Meeting Invitation was mailed to all members on May 8, 2012.

Since the Annual Meeting we have had ten resignations and we regret the passing of two of our members: Johnston Whitman on February 17, 2012 and John Eills on May 19, 2012.

- D. Treasurer. Palmer Sparkman distributed Sources and Uses of Funds statements for The North American Station and The Atlantic Round, which are both attached. He reported that both organizations remain healthy and well funded.

#### 4. Reports of Committees:

- A. Membership Committee. Nick Orem read the report for Committee Chair Thacher Brown, who reported as follows: The NAS Membership Committee was reconstituted on April 2, 2012 and now consists of the following members, Thacher Brown, Chair, Jennifer Bowden, Allan Heyward, Philip.McKnight and Ove Haxthausen. The Committee endorsed the following candidates for membership: John Treanor, Clive and Elisabeth Scott, and John Clementson. All candidates have been posted to the membership.

The Committee would request that all future applications, proposals and seconding letters be submitted electronically.

- B. The Atlantic Round. David Tunick reported that TAR was supposed to be hosted by the KDY, but their hosting for this year is in doubt. David will call the Commodore of KDY to determine the status. He said we have a good team ready to compete. He will notify the team and the Post Captain when the issue is settled.

#### C. Junior Programs:

- I. Junior Exchange. MaryPat Whitmeyer reported that the Junior Exchange was on hold this summer so that the committee could focus on the Five Club Regatta.
- II. Five Club Regatta. MaryPat reported that we will be hosting the regatta at Ft Adams from August 13-18<sup>th</sup>. The regatta will conclude with an awards ceremony at the NYYC. The following home clubs have confirmed their participation: KDY, KNS, GKSS, and NJK. KSSS has not yet confirmed.

#### D. Home Club Representatives:

- III. KSSS. Nils Westberg reported that Staffan Salén is the new Commodore. He also reported that KSSS is mounting a challenge for the America's Cup and that the Sandhamn Open is becoming the premier race for Scandinavian sailors.
- IV. GKSS. Viveka Kjellgren reported that GKSS instructors won one gold and one silver medal on Dancing with the Stars. She also reported that GKSS has four crews entered in the Olympics and may have a fifth.
- V. NJK. No report.
- VI. KDY. Peter Vranum reported that KDY has a new foreman. After 4 years of hard work at the helm, Kim Andersen has stepped aside and handed the job to Flemming Ipsen. KDY is in good and experienced hands. Flemming has been a Club member since 1961 and was part of the Club's governing board from 2004-2010, first as Treasurer and then as Vice Foreman. The Board also has three new and capable members – Peter Allan Andersen, Peter Frederiksen and Claes Rechnitzer.

KDY looks forward to a successful 2012 racing and social season and is also beginning to think about its 150 year anniversary which will take place in 2016.

- VII. KNS. Angelica Barrows has contacted KNS several times, but they have not submitted a report.
- E. Denmark Cruise 2014. David Tunick reported that the cruise is planned for twelve days beginning July 6, 2014. He said that the available charter boats appear to be well maintained. The Stamford Yacht Club will be our partner organizing the cruise. They have traditionally had a close relationship with KDY and that plan to have at least ten boats coming. David Tunick plans to inspect available harbors in the cruise area this summer.
- F. Website. Michael Geagan reported that we now have 75 users registered on the website. He is working on a link for members to post pictures of their boats.
- G. Awards. Larry Glenn reported that the committee has deferred the Post Captain's Award for circumnavigation to Scott Piper because he plans to do it again.
- H. Directory. David Tunick reported that we try to put out a new directory every two years. He hopes to publish the next directory in the fall of this year.
- I. Archives and History. Susan Kline reported that she has assumed the club historian's responsibilities from Tom Chadwick. Tom left the records in fine shape. Peter Ward asked if there was an index of the records available. Susan said she would see what she could put together. A suggestion was made that the records should be available on our website. Susan said she would work with Michael Geagan to see what could be done.
- J. Christmas Dinner. Jennifer Bowden reported that 79 people attended the 2011 Dinner Dance and that it was a big success. Turnout was down somewhat from the previous year so the cost per

person increased to \$240, requiring a subsidy from the Club's treasury of \$80 per person. The Christmas Dinner this year will be held on December 7th.

5. Old Business. None
6. New Business. Anne Glenn reported on the recent Safety at Sea Seminar for Cruising Couples that she and her husband Larry organized. She said the seminar was aimed at shorthanded cruising couples so that the less experienced member of the couple could cope with an emergency if the more experienced member were suddenly incapacitated. The seminar was very helpful and well received.
7. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1410.