



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

North American Station Spring Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2023 (via Zoom)

Post Captain Nick Orem called the 2023 NAS Spring Meeting to order at 0800 hrs. ET.

1. Roll call: Secretary Henrik Roos confirmed the presence of a quorum with 35 NAS members participating in the Zoom call.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting: Secretary Henrik Roos presented the minutes from the previous meeting on December 2, 2022. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the attendees waived reading of the minutes and approved them.
3. Reports of officers:
 - a) Post Captain Nick Orem informed that he would hold his comments until the end of the meeting.
 - b) Fleet Captain David Tunick reported that our members are excited about and looking forward to the New England cruise in two weeks. In 2026 the NAS cruise will be on the west coast of Norway. The four co-chairs are in the initial planning stages, and we're in touch with KNS. In 2029 the cruise will be in Finland.
 - c) Secretary Roos reported that the Station's correspondence is up to date and that our current membership stands at 275. In 2023 we have so far had 7 resignations, 1 deceased member and 3 new members to be ratified later in this meeting.
 - d) Treasurer Kathleen O'Donnell shared the Treasurer's Report. The overall financial situation of the Station is solid. Kathleen has been diligently working with the tax authorities to correct the tax classification of the Station. A correction was noted to the way the accounting was done in 2022 for the clambake: that expense or profit is evenly split between the NAS and the CCA/NYS.
4. Reports of committees:
 - a) Membership Committee: Ove Haxthausen presented three new member candidates.
 - i. Dave Alexander from Newton, MA, proposed by Magnus René and seconded by Ernie Godshalk.
 - ii. William Gammell from Boston, MA, proposed by Ove Haxthausen and seconded by Nicholas Brown.

- iii. Juha Laiho from Norwalk, CT, proposed by Ove Haxthausen and seconded by Hiro Nakajima.
- b) The Atlantic Round: Palmer Sparkman reported that the TAR will take place in Helsinki on July 27-30. The races with J-80's will take place both at Blekholmen and Kajholmen. The NAS team consists of Nick Orem, Ove Haxthausen, Henrik Roos, and Palmer Sparkman. In 2024 KNS will host the TAR races and in 2025 we are back in the United States.
- c) Junior Programs: Although unable to attend this meeting, Angelica Almlid Barrows informed us that the Station will, in Helsinki, have the same winning 5C team from the races in Newport in 2022. The four-man team consists of Oscar and Jasper Emus, Leo Seuss, and Ella Orem. Their coach Tyler Miller is familiar with J-80's. Regarding the Junior Exchange Program we currently have three Swedish sailors (one KSSS junior and two GKSS juniors) interested in coming to the States but we have difficulties finding host families on the East Coast. The Post Captain noted that Angelica Almlid Barrows has worked hard and is extremely frustrated, especially since one family that committed to participation has pulled out.
- d) 2023 New England Cruise: Chace Anderson reported that we have 27 boats and 137 participants signed up. The Cruise Team has worked very diligently, and a digital copy of the Cruise Book can already be found on our website. After this meeting a Q&A session for the Cruise participants will take place.
- e) 2023 Christmas Dinner Dance: David Tunick informed us that our Christmas Dinner Dance will again be held at the NYYC's facilities in New York on Friday December 1, 2023, and that he has reserved the NYYC for many years to come for the first Friday every December.

5. New Business:

- a) Ratification of election of new members. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the attendees approved the ratification of our three new members.
- b) Nick Orem informed the attendees that his intention is not to continue as Post Captain past his current 3-year term. We voiced respect for Nick's decision and are very thankful for everything he has done for the Station. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee Ernie Godshalk informed the members that Ove Haxthausen has agreed to serve as our new Post Captain, should he be elected.
- c) Proposed change to Article VIII of the NAS Constitution: a proposal was presented by Ernie Godshalk, current Chair of the Nominating Committee, whereby we would simplify Article VIII, and the Nominating Committee would consist of the three most recent Post Captains. The current Article VIII is somewhat complicated. The proposal of change will be included in the Notice of the Annual Meeting in December in New York.

The meeting was adjourned at 0830 ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Henrik Roos
Secretary