



North American Station Spring Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2024

Attendees: Governors: N. Orem, H. Roos, D. Tunick, O. Haxthausen. S. Vietor, M. René, Michael Geagan, and P. Sparkman
Ca. 20 attending members

Post Captain (PC) Ove Haxthausen called the 2024 NAS Spring Meeting to order at 1230 EDT.

1. Roll call: Secretary Henrik Roos confirmed the presence of a quorum.
2. Secretary Henrik Roos presented the minutes from the meeting on December 1, 2023. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the minutes as distributed.
3. Reports of the officers:
 - a. Post Captain, Ove Haxthausen
 - i. Informed that the Station is in good shape and expressed his gratitude to David Tunick for again hosting the Governing Board Meeting, the Spring Meeting and the clambake at his beautiful house. We had approximately 50 participants at the clambake in perfect weather conditions.
 - ii. Informed about the Safety at Sea Seminar for Cruising Couples that will be held on June 2, 2024, at Stamford Yacht Club. This is a collaboration between NAS, NYYC, CCA and Stamford YC.
 - iii. Mentioned that close to 50% of our membership have not yet paid their dues. The plan is to try, through emails and calls, to reduce this to a minimum by the end of June.
 - iv. We are still looking for a person who could take on the responsibility of developing our social media presence.
 - v. We discussed the possibility to have the Clambake somewhere else and Nick Brown offered his backyard in Newport. We should look at the concentration of NAS members and whether it would make sense to have the clambake somewhere else.

- b. Fleet Captain, David Tunick
 - i. Reported that the 2026 cruise will be on the West Coast of Norway. The cruise will start in Bergen and head south. Timing needs to be confirmed but most likely late June/early July. Steve and Nancy McInnis, and Atle Moe and Kristina Thyrrre are co-chairs. They have started to draft a plan including signing up the mothership. This will most likely not be a cross burgee with the CCA. The 2029 cruise will be held in Denmark.
- c. Secretary, Henrik Roos
 - i. Reported that the Station's correspondence is up to date and that our current membership stands at an all-time high of 293. This includes 11 new members elected at the Governing Board Meeting today, 2 resignations and 1 deceased member year-to-date.
- d. Treasurer, Ove Haxthausen in Kathleen O'Donnell's absence
 - i. Presented the Treasurer's Report. Our financial situation is robust. Cash on hand is approximately \$135,000.
 - ii. Reported that the deficit of the 2023 Christmas Dinner Dance was around \$8,500.

4. Reports of the committees:

- a. Membership Committee, Palmer Sparkman
 - i. Eleven new members (7 individual members and 2 couples) were elected at the Governing Board Meeting. Palmer presented the new members. They are Andrew & Julie Kallfelz, Peter & Candi Kolyer, Charles Starke, Christian Ihre, Hugh Balloch, Erik Haakonsen, John Gowell, Jens Klok, and Anthony Parker.
 - ii. Secretary Henrik Roos will send a welcome letter/email to the new members.
- b. The Atlantic Round Regatta and Five Club Regatta, Palmer Sparkman and Angelica Almlid Barrows
 - i. In 2024 TAR and 5C will be hosted by KNS in Hankø, Norway on June 29 – July 3 (J70s). Palmer Sparkman (TAR) and Angelica Almlid Barrows (5C) are working diligently to finalize the plans. It looks like we will have competitive teams for both regattas.
 - ii. The NAS will need to form a host committee for Newport 2025 (TAR/5C).
- c. Junior Exchange, Ove Haxthausen in Steve Ovren's absence.
 - i. Steve Ovren has been very active throughout the winter and spring, and we currently have 7 junior candidates (1 KSSS, 3 GKSS, 1 KNS and 2 NAS).
 - ii. We are still looking for host families in the US for the 3 juniors from GKSS.

- d. 2024 Christmas Dinner Dance, David Tunick
 - i. Informed that the Christmas Dinner will take place on Friday December 6, 2024, at the NYYC.
 - e. Junior Committee, Adele Whitmyer
 - i. Reported that the newly formed Junior Committee has initiated a collaboration with the Young Member Committee at NYYC and that they have met frequently to discuss common themes.
5. New business:
- a. Ratification of new members: according to the Constitution of the Station the Board votes on accepting new members. Traditionally we have, however, always brought the list of new members to the Spring Meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the election of the eleven new members were ratified.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 1330 EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Henrik Roos

Secretary