

# NE-TS NORTHEAST TRAILER SAILORS

Meeting Minutes  
October 30, 2010  
Nashua Country Club  
Nashua, NH

NOTE: 12/3/10 this report is preliminary and will have additional information and formatting applied at a later date.

## Attendees

Karen & Al Hill, "Karamel"  
Barbara Garland, "Whale"  
Paul & Millie Seeberg, "Mildred Rose"  
Nancy & Harry Sechman, "At Ease"  
Judy Gould, "Try Oomph"  
Nancy & Dan Dobbins, "Y'Not"

The Meeting was called to order at 11:58 a.m. by Commodore Al Hill and he welcomed everyone officially.

Secretary's Minutes: It was moved by Nancy Sechman and seconded by Nancy Dobbins that the minutes from the meeting of January 10, 2010 be waived. The motion was passed by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Tony DiStefano was not in attendance, but had reported to the Commodore that we currently have \$ 3205.00 in our account. Paul Seeberg affirmed that there are 69 paid up members. It was moved (Barbara Garland), seconded (Millie Seeberg) and passed that the official reading be waived.

Since membership is down, Barbara suggested that we might email members who failed to renew to remind them. Paul said he could mail reminders or actual bills. It was noted that there is a half-year membership option (July 1 – Dec 31) for half-price. Also, membership is payable by cash, check or Pay-pal, so it is easy.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Karen Hill reports that we received a "Thank You" note from the Satuit Boat Club.

The Holiday Party will again be held at the home of Pam & Bruce Forshay on December 4, 2010. As last year's experiment to have the Forshays buy meat at the club's expense worked out well, we will do this again. We believe this is a strategy that we will continue for future parties, but it should be reviewed each year.

The Dobbins suggested that we should do something to thank the Forshay's for their excellent hospitality. During discussion, Karen Hill suggested an American Express gift card. Barbara Garland moved and Nancy Sechman seconded a motion to get a \$100 American Express gift card to be purchased by the treasurer and presented to the Forshays. The motion passed unanimously.

During the luncheon recess, there was talk about producing a NE-TS calendar for 2012, tentatively entitled "Bow Babes". Several members have photos taken at the Lake Champlain rendezvous which could be used. Other women members are encouraged to participate.

The Meeting resumed in earnest with discussion of the rendezvous schedule. Points of discussion:

- debate over the timing of the Champlain rendezvous. Some attendees believe that including the 4th of July is a good tradition. It also enables people to get more bang for their vacation buck. And now, with Shelburne, Vt. available as a multi-day parking area even during the holiday period, we can park again. Those who prefer not including the holiday noted that they like to spend the holiday with family and some consider the weather to be better a bit later in the summer. A vote will be taken at the Holiday meeting by the members in attendance to finalize the matter.
  
- Several participants at the Lake Champlain rendezvous expressed a desire to head south on the lake, which hasn't been attempted in many years. Frank Gibney and Diane have said that they would be willing to put together a southern itinerary. It was noted that not all participants need to travel the same routes.
  
- Members expressed a desire to sail to additional anchorages in Narragansett Bay. The Kikamet River, Greenwich (which is shallow), Dutch Harbor, and Jamestown were mentioned. Harry Sechman volunteered to research the renting of a shallow water dock at Fort Adams for staying over at the Newport Jazz Festival (during Allen Harbor 2)

The resulting tentative 2011 Rendezvous Schedule (and tentative leader) is:

Lake Winnepesaukee	May 20-22	by Chuck Healey?
Allen Harbor 1	June 10-12	by Dan & Nancy Dobbins
Summer Sailstice	June 17-19 from Hingham (extending June 20-21)	by Paul & Millie Seeberg
Lake Champlain	July 1-10 or	
	July 8-17	by Frank Gibney?
Casco Bay	July 22-24	by Andy Found?
Cuttyhunk	July 29-31	by Paul & Millie Seeberg
Allen Harbor 2	August 5-7	? extension
		by Al Hill & Harry Sechman
Penobscott Bay	August 12-14	by Andy Found?
Boston- North Shore	August 27-28	?
Penobscott Bay	Sept 1-5	by Barbara Garland & Loyd Dussalt
Buzzards Bay	Sept 9-11	extension Sept 11-13 to Nantucket? by Ken Levitt & Steve Silva?

Paul Seeberg reported on the story and photo contest. Participation was not as robust as we had hoped. The voting period is open now. Prizes will be awarded at the Holiday Party.

## NEW BUSINESS

Members Paul & Millie Seeberg had their beautiful boat "Mildred Rose" pictured in the October issue

of Boat US magazine.

We decided to add the position of assistant webmaster to the Officers of the club. The membership will be asked to vote to amend the by-laws to add the position of Assistant Webmaster/Historian with the job description:

It shall be the responsibility of the Assistant Webmaster/Historian to assist the Webmaster/Historian in all official duties as needed and to officiate over Webmaster/Historian duties in the absence of the Webmaster/Historian. The Assistant Webmaster/Historian shall be entitled to fly the appropriate burgee while in office.

Al mentions that the by-laws have not been changed to reflect voted changes since December, 2005. Judy Gould volunteered to review the minutes and to submit those changes to the Webmaster.

Al suggests that we set up a forum for people to use to suggest presentation topics, resources, etc. Barbara Garland moves to have Paul set up this facility. This motion is seconded and passed.

There is more discussion about the fall-off of membership. Overall, with the economy as it is, we are not concerned. We would like to encourage story and photo submissions and, of course, actual participation in our events.

Elections will be held at the Holiday Meeting. Tony DiStefano, who has ably served as our treasurer for many years, will not serve again. All other officers (in attendance) are willing to stand for reelection. (Rani needs to be asked if she is willing to serve again as rear-commadore.) Al should notify the membership that we are soliciting volunteers and additional nominations.

The proposed slate of Officers for 2011 is:

Commodore- Allen Hill

Vice Commodore- Harry Sechman

Rear Commodore- Rani Chadowitz

Secretary- Judy Gould

Treasurer- ???

Cruise Director-Karen Hill

Webmaster-Paul Seeberg

Assistant Webmaster-

Members-at-Large-Dan Dobbins, Ken Levitt, Barbara Garland, Andrew Found, Millie Seeberg

Additional nominations will be solicited at the meeting before the election. Cheni Chadowitz will be nominated at the meeting for assistant webmaster as he has already volunteered.