

Beverly Sail and Power Squadron – June 2009 E-Board Meeting

MINUTES OF E-Board MEETING

April 7, 2010

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PRESENT:

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| Commander: | Cmdr Raymond W. Tilton, AP |
| Executive Officer: | Lt/C Carol Quinn-LeBrun, S |
| Administrative Officer: | Lt/C Robert C. Sant Fournier, P |
| Educational Officer: | Lt/C Edward G. Walsh, SN (unable to attend) |
| Secretary: | Lt/C Edward S. Bell, S |
| Treasurer: | Lt/C John A. Hagar, AP |
| District 18 Officer | P/C Alex Arcisz, JN |

Karen Arcisz

Jim Curran

Bill Ghen

John F. Reed, Jr., P

Meeting in the Ward Room of Jubilee Yacht Club called to order by **Commander Tilton** at 1900.

No Roll Call; attendance recorded by Secretary Ed Bell; 10 members; quorum of the Executive Committee achieved.

Moment of Silence was conducted to honor our men and women in uniform.

Reading of the Minutes was conducted by Secretary Ed Bell and have been posted on the website.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Treasurer Lt/C John Hagar, AP:

- Financial statement from checking account totaled around \$1,900 with most expenses related to educational material.

Education Officer Ed Walsh, SN:

- Reported by Jim Curran, the Boating Safety course had five people attend, down from the 19-20 people originally scheduled.
- To expand the awareness of the Power Squadron, it is felt that further information is needed that comprises our continual education approach yet increasing their comprehension on the safety aspect of boating. A pyramid of courses was identified as a simplified communication document and will be developed by Secretary Ed Bell. Dex Hyland has a lot of good information and Ed Bell will reach out to him.
- Any boat used by the US Power Squadron or US Coast Guard has to be for training purposes and the instructor needs to be certified as a trainer.

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- Various ideas were identified on how we can increase membership. Offering classes on Saturday mornings and having classes in different towns will be addressed for potential start-up in fall, 2010. Little items like bringing applications to the classes and allowing credit card payments were also discussed.

Administrative Officer Lt/C Robert C. Sant Fournier, P:

- Speaker for the April General meeting will be **Bob Scanlan**, a third generation marine professional. Bob will address the importance of retaining a good marine survey.
- Potential future speakers for General meetings include **Mr. Jimmy McCallister**, who writes a weekly column in the Salem News related to Salem's history. Robert is also attempting to contact the **Trustee's of Misery Island** as this area is very active for our boaters and understanding their unique history and environments could be beneficial for all.
- Volunteers for coordinating the General Meeting meals are more difficult to find. Anyone interested in helping can contact Robert. The dinner for May's General Meeting will be provided and managed by **Karen & Alex Ascisz**. Thanks Karen & Alex!!
- The annual picnic will be addressed in the May E-Board meeting.
- Preparations for the upcoming Vessel Safety Checks are in good order. We could always use more inspectors and can easily be obtained via online testing and five (5) supervised inspections.

Membership:

- Three (3) new members applied online. Hurrah!
- Social activities were addressed as another method to advertise and increase our membership. Thoughts were discussed of facilitating a rendezvous in Hingham, Provincetown, Boston Harbor Island, Kettle Cove or on the Annisquam River. More details will be addressed in the June E-Board meeting.
- District Meeting updates were provided by **P/C Alex Arcisz, JN:**
 - Education is key to our success and new courses are forthcoming. Also the potential to start seminars every Saturday morning in the fall is being addressed.
 - A Facebook-like website for boaters is now available. SailAngle.com, accessible off the National site, is comprised into groups and sub-groups. In the future, all communications will come from SailAngle.com and each Power Squadron member will be automatically enrolled on this site.

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- The next District Council will be held on June 16th and all reports are due at that time. Next District meeting will be held on October 23rd and will be hosted by Marblehead.

Other Topics:

- The need for volunteers for **Sea Scouts**, affiliated with the Boy Scouts, continues to be an issue. The initial commitment would only be a year and could potentially be a parent/son combination with the son being at least 18 years old. Anyone interested should contact any member of the E-Board.
- All upcoming E-Board and General Meetings will be held on Wednesdays.
- Annual dues will remain the same as last year and members can make their payments online via the National site.

Meeting adjourned at 20:33.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edward Bell
Secretary, Beverly Sail & Power Squadron

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