

**Beverly Sail and Power Squadron  
October 4, 2012**

The Executive Board of the Beverly Sail and Power Squadron was called to order by the commander at 1904.

Present:

Commander: Robert Sant Fournier, AP

Executive Officer: Lt/C Jack Reed, AP – unable to attend.

Administrative Officer: Lt/C Aan Therrien, JN

Educational Officer: Lt/C Edward Walsh, SN

Treasurer: Lt/C John Hagar, AP - unable to attend.

Membership Chairperson: Miriam Shafner, P

P/C Ray Tilton, AP

P/D/C Linda Seal, SN

Bill Ghen, AP

Bill Bonnel, AP

A reading of the Minutes of the previous Executive Board Meeting were waived by general consensus.

A moment of silence was held to recognize our men and women in uniform.

Commander's Remarks: Commander Sant Fornier initiated discussion about ways to increase the number of new members, indicating that three new members were recently signed up. It was suggested that we draft a questionnaire for new members which would assist in identifying their interests, skills, areas where they might be interested in volunteering, and courses they might be interested in taking. It was also suggested that a current member be assigned to contact each new member and encourage/accompany them to the next available General Meeting.

Ray Tilton is preparing the next Hanna's Banner, and would appreciate receiving reports, articles, photos, or other items of interest for publishing. Discussion ensued regarding the appropriate method for sending Hanna's Banner to those without computer email access, as well as, establishing a phone tree to notify those without email of upcoming meetings. Joan Bonner has offered to assist with the US mail copies to those members without email. Others offered to also assist with the monthly mailings.

X/O Report: Lt/C Jack Reed was teaching the Seamanship Course, and unable to attend this meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Lt/C John Hager was unable to attend.

Educational Officer: Lt/C Ed Walsh reported that his last survey of existing members who had not taken either Seamanship, Piloting or Advanced Piloting, failing to produce any class sign-ups. Ed agreed to develop short course summaries from the existing course Powerpoint slides that could be shown to the membership at our future General Meetings. This may generate more interest in future course offerings. It was noted that the squadron will continue to support the District plan to present courses on a rotational basis at the Topsfield location.

Discussion of the use of Facebook to advertise the squadron's activities and course offerings was initiated. More details of the usefulness of Facebook will be undertaken at the next E-Board Meeting.

Administrative Officer: Lt/C Alan Therrien reported for those not present at the September General Meeting,

that Robin Neil's presentation about model boat building, and the Liberty Ship Program was well received by those few in attendance. The November 1, 2012 General Meeting will feature Capt. Tim Lord, former captain of the Adventure, as our guest speaker (thanks to contact from Ray Tilton). Alan and Sue will prepare the dinner.

The January 2013 General Meeting will feature a speaker from the US Coast Guard, First District, Search and Rescue Center. Joan Bonner offered that she and Linda Seal usually prepare the meal for the January General Meeting. This will need to be confirmed.

New Business:

Miriam Shafner reported that she had recently attended a book signing event for Linda Greenlaw. She suggested that our squadron might consider finding another entity to join us in hosting a similar event in which Ms. Greenlaw would speak and sign books for those interested in purchasing them. Further research will be conducted into the parameters under which Greenlaw would agree to participate with us.

Reminder of the upcoming District Conference. The Board voted to contribute two gift certificates for the Chinese Auction that will take place at the District Conference. Linda Seal volunteered to procure the gift certificates.

A request will be posted in Hanna's Banner to solicit yard sale items for the District Conference. Those items will need to be delivered to Linda Seal in time for her to get them to the conference.

With no additional new business to be addressed, the meeting adjourned at 1829.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lt/C Alan Therrien, JN  
Administrative Officer