

Minutes

Executive Committee

Beverly-Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron

February 1, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order by the Lt/C Pszenny at 1900 and a quorum was declared. A moment of silence was held for our troops in harm's way and in memory of recently deceased, long-time member and ABC instructor Ron Taylor.
2. Attendance: Alex Pszenny, XO; Walter Riley, SEO; Ray Tilton, SAO; Jack Reed, secretary; Bill Ghen; Robere Sant Fournier; Bob Duncan, ASEO; Ted Nigro; Dan Shea, Robere Sant Fournier.
3. The minutes of the December 7, 2016 Executive Committee were read and approved.
4. New Business:
 - a. Recruitment/retention Strategy. A spirited discussion concerning the best ways to enhance our membership. It was agreed that we needed to have our own brochure that could be pre-positioned with harbormasters, boat dealers, marinas and West Marine. Also that we needed to place more emphasis on our advanced courses.
 - b. Bylaws revisions. It was felt that we did not need any new revisions at this time, but before we do make any changes, we needed to run them by the National Rules Committee. We also agreed to waive the naming of a Rules committee until next year. It was felt we should query the membership on ideas for bylaws changes.
 - c. March 1st Member Meeting and Change of Watch. Lt/C Pszenny will ask Barbara Hermann for a District representative for the Change of Watch. Dinner will be provided by Joan Mason, Joan Curran and Joan Bonner. The speaker will be Captain Conrad Prosniewski of the Salem Police Dive Team.
 - d. Future member engagement and leadership succession/Assistant Webmaster and other assistants/committees. No action was taken.
 - e. Boat Show Booth Staffing. Lt/C Reed was asked to send out another notice to the membership and to place particular emphasis on Tuesday volunteers. It was agreed that the Squadron would reimburse members for parking costs at the boat show.
 - f. Sending names of former members to Last Horizon. Lt/C Pszenny queried Last Horizon on this and was told that, yes, they publish the deaths of former members but that family permission was needed. With regard to Ron Taylor, Lt/C Pszenny will query the family.

5. XO report. Lt/C Pszeny had nothing further to report.
6. SAO. Lt/C Tilton said that we needed to confirm with Commander Graham that Ray Bates had been asked to be our May speaker. Lt/C Tilton will do this. We do not have supper volunteers yet for May. He also asked for Hannah's Banner input by February 20th.
7. SEO
 - a. Lt/C Reed has volunteered to teach the Instructor Recertification class at the March District meeting. We have six members who need recertification: Pearce, Duncan, Riley, Curran, Walsh, and Wolfe.
 - b. Lt/C Reed volunteered to teach a Piloting/Coastal Navigation Course starting the first Monday in April. He will check with Jubilee YC on available rooms.
8. Treasurer's Report. Lt/C Smith was absent, but Lt/C Riley reviewed the performance of our two funds: Fidelity Contra Fund and the Fidelity Strategic Income Fund. It was felt that the performance of both funds was satisfactory and that no changes were necessary.
9. National Processing Fee. National has introduced a new member processing fee. A motion was made to adsorb that fee within the Squadron and not pass this fee on to the new member. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.
10. Lt/C Reed was asked to ensure that name tags were ordered for new members and those who had so requested at the January member meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2047.

Lt/C John F. Reed, AP

Squadron Secretary