

Minutes  
Member Meeting  
Beverly – Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron  
October 4, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Commander Pszenny at 1945, following a presentation by District Commander Rich Terry about a trip bringing a vessel back from North Carolina.

The commander declared that a quorum (22 members) was present. Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops in Harm's Way.

The commander announced the awarding of 25-year pins to Louis Schoenthal, Brian Schanning, Rodman Forter and Frances Ciesinski.

Jack Reed announced that there would be a meeting of the executive committee in mid-October to decide on squadron merit marks for 2017.

The Commander introduced Ken Panciocco, director of communications for Boston Med Flight, who gave a short briefing on the capabilities of his organization.

Commander Terry gave a brief synopsis of the Board of Governors' meeting in Dallas:

- This last year over 500,000 vessel safety checks were given by USPS. The VSC program was started over 40 years ago by the current USPS Chief Commander Ojeda.
- USPS finished the latest fiscal year in the black.
- This year, USPS has gained more members than it has lost.
- "America's Boating Club" is a second branding logo.

The D 12/14/19 Fall Conference is in North Conway, NH.

Squadron membership is down to 158 members but appears to have stabilized.

Squadron Administrative Officer Tilton announced the following:

- We need volunteers to prepare our dinner for the December member meeting.
- Our meeting schedule at JYC for 2018 has been confirmed.
- We are looking for a volunteer to become HB Lite editor and/or mailer
- Our speaker at our December meeting will be Bill McHugh, Salem Harbormaster.

Squadron Education Officer Riley reported:

- Still hoping to equal the number of VSC inspections that we did last year.
- Conducting an ABC class for five students at the Salem Police Station.
- Have 15 students enrolled in the Advanced Piloting Course.

- Has not yet decided on advance courses for 2018.

Squadron Treasurer's report was presented by Jack Reed. We have \$54,585 divided between our checking account and our investments.

There being no further business, the Squadron adjourned at 2043.

Lt/C Jack Reed, AD  
Secretary