

Executive Committee Meeting
Beverly-Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron
February 6, 2019

1. Commander Pszenny called the meeting to order at 1905, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for our troops in Harm's Way.
2. Attendees: Cdr Pszenny; Lt/C Nigro; Lt/C Tilton; P/D/C Farrow; Lt/C Reed; Lt/C Sant Fournier; Joan Thayer; Dale Smith; P/D/C John Bedrossian; Lt/C Walter Riley
3. A motion to accept the minutes of the December 5, 2018 meeting was made, seconded and approved.
4. Commander's report:
 - a. Nigro, Pansovoy, Pszenny, Riley and Thayer have volunteered to help staff the District booth at the boat show.
 - b. JYC has been asked how the squadron might help with a donation. Outside deck lighting may be our contribution.
 - c. USPS Education Fund. It was that Walter would find out more about the Fund before contributing.
 - d. New rack cards were distributed.
5. Proposal on new web site. Lt/C Smith presented three alternatives. It was agreed that we should select one of two alternatives based upon WordPress. He presented some alternatives for a new domain name. Consensus was that abcnorthshore.org should be the name we use going forward. Dale will look into this further and get back to the committee.
6. P/D/C Farrow attended a meeting to discuss the possible merger of Districts 12 and 14. The Cape Cod squadron is in favor of the merger as is District 12, but there is some reluctance on the part of some of the smaller District 14 squadrons. Evaluation continues.
7. Lt/C Nigro presented the results of his member survey. Many responses suggested that the squadron needs more group activities, such as a squadron cruise. Ted will propose some activities. There was discussion about changing the number of meetings per year, but it was felt that this needed to be considered by the rules committee.
8. SAO report.
 - a. Joan and Robere will prepare the supper for the March 6th meeting. Jack will ask the science director of the Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute to speak.
 - b. We need a volunteer to prepare supper for our May 1st meeting. Bob Dugan will be our speaker.
 - c. Since we do not have candidates for the XO and SAO positions, it is not clear who will manage meeting prep (suppers and speakers), and store our dinner and picnic supplies.
9. SEO report:
 - a. Spring courses are all set. Walter will organize a "Crew at the Helm" seminar.
 - b. All materials have been ordered for the spring courses.
 - c. For the fall, Robere will teach ABC at Bass Haven YC, Alex may teach JN, and Jack will teach cruise planning.
10. The Treasurer was unable to attend. Alex noted that the operating budget information Lou provided to him in advance was not in a format amenable to summarizing. In addition, the

information for the Fidelity account was a copy of that Lou reported at the members' meeting in January.

11. The question came up as to whether we should renew our sales tax exemption. Apparently, we have less than \$40 worth of sales tax each year. The decision was made to table a decision.
12. The Treasurer and SEO will investigate a possible imbalance between education income and expenditures.
13. A motion was made, seconded and approved to renew our ad in the NWSA Women's Sailing Conference brochure for their June 1 meeting at Corinthian YC; cost \$125.
14. There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 2055.

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Squadron Secretary.