

Minutes
Executive Committee Meeting
Beverly – Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron
May 6, 2020

NOTE: This meeting was conducted with committee members isolated from each other using Zoom video conferencing software.

1. Commander Sant Fournier called the meeting to order at 1905. The committee observed a special Boston Pops You Tube video tribute to healthcare workers and first responders.
2. Attendees” Commander Sant Fournier; P/C Ted Nigro, XO; Alan Trebat, SAO; P/C Jack Reed, secretary; P/C Alex Pszeny; Lt/C Lou Schoenthal, Treasurer; Lt/C Walter Riley, SEO; Lt/C Bob Duncan, ASEO; Michael Connolly
3. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the April 1, 2020 meeting which passed unanimously.
4. Officer Reports:
 - a. The commander announced that USPS headquarters is operating under limited hours and staffing due to the Covid 19 pandemic.
 - b. SEO report: Four of eight students completed the Junior Navigation exam, but grading of the exams is delayed due to the pandemic. Seven take home exams have been ordered for the AP course and will be given out on May 18th. Gloucester High School ABC class (19 students) has been suspended until the fall after two sessions. State (MEP) and national (NASBLA) agencies recommend suspension of the ABC courses for now. The requirement to proctor ABC exams has not been waived and MEP will not certify any ABC completions during this period. ABC courses for Marblehead and Hamilton – Wenham have been suspended indefinitely. Sail and Navigation courses suspended until the fall. The materials warehouse in Raleigh is not currently shipping or receiving educational materials. Raleigh headquarters is working half days with limited staff. ED staff is now accepting orders and evaluating completed exams. Four instructors need recertification this spring. A new on-line procedure has just been published. Walter will follow-up. **We discussed conducting the Weather course using Zoom. Alex will follow up with John Bedrossian and Robere**
 - c. Treasurer’s Report. We were billed for Sail course materials, but no materials were received. All bills have been paid. Commander will notify district that we are unable to comply with our bylaws (budget approval) due to the pandemic.
5. New Business:
 - a. Concerning a suggestion that each squadron/district should give money from their treasuries to support national – it was agreed that we need a formal request from National before contemplating such an action. The commander will ask District to get

clarification from National and to inquire as to whether they have applied for CARES and PPP programs.

- b. We will hold a Zoom membership meeting on June 10th. Jack will notify the membership. Also, he will tell them we are planning on a fall Corinthian dinner to replace the cancelled May dinner.
- c. We need to hold an Executive Committee meeting on June 3rd.
There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 2024.

John F. Reed, AP
Squadron Secretary.