



BEVERLY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

MINUTES OF E Board MEETING

03 April 2008



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BRIDGE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commander Alex C. Arcisz, JN	ExO Lt/C Ray Tilton, P
Treasurer Lt/C John Hagar, AP	Secretary Lt/C Karen Arcisz, JN
SEO Ed Walsh, SN	P/C Dex Wheeler, SN
Asst Education Officer Walter Riley, III, JN	P/R/C Dick Winskowitz, SN
Coop Chart/VSC Chair, P/D/C James Curran, AP	Exec and Audit Cmtee Member, 1/Lt Dick Salter, SN
Nominating Cmtee Chair, P/C Bob Mazzarino, SN	

Meeting in Sandy Point Room of Jubilee Yacht Club called to order by Commander Arcisz at 1902.

No Roll Call; attendance recorded by Secretary Karen Arcisz; 11 members.

Moment of Silence to honor our men and women in uniform, and to support our leaders and the upcoming election.

Reading of the Minutes were waived, as they have been posted on the website. No changes noted; motion to except as posted and second; voted and passed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Treasurer Lt/C John Hagar, AP: \$1800 in checking; Fidelity at about \$20,000 despite the market problems.

ExO Lt/C Ray Tilton, P: Boat Operator's Certification is still in development. Before Certifiers can be certified, they need to pass an on-the-water exam (docking, mooring, maneuvering), a firefighting exam, and a flares exercise. National is also working out the insurance aspects. Report will be made as phases come on line. Commander offered to speak with a friend who works at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy about possibly arranging testing there.

Education Officer Ed Walsh, SN: Some discussion about the presentation at the D18 Conference on March 29. Commander will forward the Education presentation to Ed. Exception was taken by John Hagar about a comment made regarding the simplicity of teaching the Seminars, noting the importance of an informed instructor with local knowledge and experience. Those attending agreed.

There are 9 students in the current Piloting course. 43 postcards and 20 emails went out to eligible people to promote it. Operations Training cancelled; only one sign up. Those interested may contact Dick Winskowitz.

Discussion about upcoming classes, possible USPS University Sail Trim Seminar or USPS University Boat Handling Under Power Seminar in Summer.

Dick Salter said he sees more about the USPS University in magazines than through the Squadron. He feels the Squadron members don't know enough about USPS University. This is perhaps because for the last year we've been using the shorthand '**seminars**' for these classes to distinguish them from the elective advanced classes - referred to as '**courses**'. We perhaps need to call the seminars by their correct names: i.e.: USPS University GPS Seminar/ USPS University Weather Seminar/ USPS University Sail Trim Seminar. The Secretary and Hannah's Banner Editor will commence to do so.

Administrative Officer Lt/C Carol Quinn-LeBrun, S:

Carol is away, cruising the Amazon; May 1 general Meeting speaker is John Bedrossian from Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron, presenting the USPS University Weather Seminar.

The Commander reported on the West Marine USPS Days at the Endicott St, Danvers location. It ran two days, with Dick Winskowitz giving the USPS University GPS Seminar twice; a total of four people watched the presentation, two were from Marblehead, all were members. Most likely didn't go well because of the timing (lack of advertising lead time) and change of manager (disorganized effort) at the store. We have a date of

September 13 & 14, 2008 for a Fall USPS Days. **We need volunteers for table duty in September;** we'll be sending out info as soon as we have it..

Vessel Safety Chair, Jim Curran, SN: the current VEs are Jim, Dick Salter, Karen Arcisz and Herb Ryan. Ray Tilton, Walter Riley and Bill Ghen are studying. At the last committee meeting, it was decided that the rest of our work can be done by email. Jim will schedule Popes Landing for May 31 rather than the 17th. John agreed to work toward June 7 for Gloucester Marina. **Still would like more VEs.**

Coop Charting Chairman Jim Curran, SN: **We need people to help update Marina/boat services locally. Call Jim.** Jim will send an article to Karen for the Hannah's Banner. He has also agreed to work at the District level as Coop Charting Chair, with Ginny Osman.

Secretary Lt/C Karen Arcisz, AP:
No report.

OLD BUSINESS/ GENERAL DISCUSSIONS

As discussed in February, the Education committee has begun signing Public Boating people directly into Piloting as they join USPS. We've had some limited success. This may be helpful in the future.

We had been working to get a USPS University Weather Seminar at Danversport. John Hagar thinks that Andrew and Tara Taylor might not be back. It was noted that their membership has lapsed.

A list of Public Relations materials that is at the Commander's home was passed around; we need to get this material out to the public. The PR Chair, Dave Delorey, wasn't there, it was agreed that he mostly is doing photos at meetings and newspapers. He needs **someone to store and distribute PR materials. Volunteers?**

The water pollution bill was briefly discussed. It is still in committee.

Silent Auction has not been very active. We will try having it only at the May and November General Meetings.

PSAs were done and published to 3 radio station web sites. More needs to be done.

Paddling committee presentation went well at D18 Conference, will be tested this spring.

NEW BUSINESS

A round of applause for the three new JNs; Alex Karen and Walter, and for their instructor Dex.

Dick Salter was asked to come up with one real boating/social activity for the summer and submit info to Hannah's Banner as well as to present some ideas at May 1 meeting for members to consider. A low-key local social event and/or short rendezvous is needed. Should be entertaining and possibly include food.

National dues are increasing in June. We should adjust our dues to come out to an even dollar amount.

Some discussion about the presentation at D18 Conference about a national 'unified first years dues'. Most members of the Board did not think this was a good idea and that \$90 was too much for a single member. While it makes the bookkeeping and gathering of new member info by internet/ boat show easier, it doesn't entice new people to join the way 'First Year Free' might. Our boating season is shorter than the high priced-warm climate Squadrons and our local dues are much lower than the national average. Board members are encouraged to express their opinion to Alex Falk.

Auditing Committee is meeting April 21

HB deadline is April 16; send any article, ad, info to Karen.

Next General Meeting is May 1, 2008 at 1830 at JYC; **We need a Dinner Leader - contact Karen**

Next E-Board is Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at 1900 at JYC

Meeting adjourned at 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lt/C Karen Arcisz, JN
Secretary, Beverly Sail & Power Squadron