Beverly Sail and Power Squadron – December 2009 E-Board Meeting

MINUTES OF E-Board MEETING

03 December 2009

Earn your Merit Mark by helping to run your Squadron!

PRESENT:

Commander:

Executive Officer:

Administrative Officer:

Educational Officer:

Secretary:

Cmdr Raymond W. Tilton, AP

Lt/C Carol A. Quinn-LeBrun, S

Lt/C Robert C. Sant Fournier, P

Lt/C Edward G. Walsh, SN

Lt/C Edward S. Bell, S

L/C John A. Hagar, AP

Lt/C Alex Arcisz, District 18 Administration Officer Lt/C Dick Winskowicz, SN Operations Training Chair 1st/L Miriam Shafner John F. Reed, Jr., P Dick Salter, SN Jim Curran Ronald Mason

Meeting in the Ward Room of Jubilee Yacht Club called to order by **Commander Tilton** at 1901.

No Roll Call; attendance recorded by **Secretary Ed Bell**; 13 members; quorum of the Executive Committee achieved.

Moment of Silence to honor our men and women in uniform.

Reading of the Minutes waived, as they have been posted on the website.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Treasurer Lt/C John Hagar, AP:

- o Financial statement from checking account totaled: \$4,407
- Fidelity account has approximately \$20,000. Extensive discussion on minimizing future risk with this account and a motion was raised, and accepted, to invest \$10,000 in a money market of bond with a guaranteed investment return.
- A motion was raise, and accepted, that designated Lt/C Edward Bell as a cosigner for the financial accounts.

Education Officer Ed Walsh, SN:

- Courses starting in January are Seamanship, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics and Weather at the Jubilee Yacht Club
- America's Boating Courses are scheduled to start in February
- Upcoming seminars are Partner In Command and Rules of the Road. Dates are to be determined

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- Concern addressed on the potential future cost of classrooms if or when we exhaust Jubilee Yacht Club capacity
- Discussion centered on how to inform more people of the classes we're offering. Lt/C Robert C. Sant Fournier volunteered to write articles and Lt/C Edward Bell will take pictures for local newspapers.
- Cooperative Advertising is a benefit of the National US Power Squadron. We can claim up to 10 percent of net course material purchases and 50 percent of the approved advertising. Lt/C Edward Walsh to explore further.

Administrative Officer Lt/C Robert C. Sant Fournier, P:

- Speaker for the January 7th General meeting will be **John Newman** from the Park Services in Salem. He'll complement a slide show of his involvement with USCG Eagle (America's Tall Ship) with the stories from his San Diego to the Galapagos Islands trip.
- o March's General Meeting speaker will be **Peter Souza**, and his crew, as he'll engage the entire room with songs of the sea.
- o May's General Meeting will be **Robert Scanlan**, a third generation marine professional. Robert will address the importance of retaining a good marine survey.
- Volunteers for coordinating the General Meeting meals are more difficult to find. Anyone interested in helping can contact **Robert C. Sant Fournier**.

Membership Chair 1st/L Miriam Shafner, P:

Several other ideas were discussed on increasing the public awareness of our benefits.
 1st/L Miriam Shafner suggested a public event with contestants building a boat from cardboard and tape. Certainly a great family opportunity. Thanks Miriam!

Other Topics:

- Merit Marks for 2009 were completed by **Karen Arcisz, JN**. The time required to identify, document and obtain approval on the many Merit Marks that were awarded was extensive and generally goes unnoticed. Thanks Karen!
- The District report will be due on January 20th, which **Commander Tilton** took responsibility to write and submit.
- o *Lt/C John Hager* was authorized to purchase name tags for all requests by existing members attending our January General Meeting.
- SeaScouts were discussed, mostly centering on how we can get engaged and what's required. The two key roles we need volunteers for are the Skipper and Chairperson. Anyone interested, please see Commander Tilton.
- The Beverly Chapter's participation at the annual Boat Show in Boston will be on February 28th. All people interested in volunteering should see **Jack Reed**.

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Meeting adjourned at 2045.

Respectfully Submitted, Edward Bell Secretary, Beverly Sail & Power Squadron