Beverly Sail and Power Squadron - February 2010 E-Board Meeting

MINUTES OF E-Board MEETING

04 February 2010

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PRESENT:

Commander: Cmdr Raymond W. Tilton, AP Executive Officer: Lt/C Carol Quinn-LeBrun, S Administrative Officer: Lt/C Robert C. Sant Fournier, P Educational Officer: Lt/C Edward G. Walsh, SN Secretary: Lt/C Edward S. Bell, S Treasurer: Lt/C John A. Hagar, AP **Asst Education Officer** Walter Riley, III JN District 18 Officer Lt/C Alex Arcisz, JN

Karen Arcisz 1st/L Miriam Shafner John F. Reed, Jr., P Jim Curran Ronald Mason Bill Ghen

Meeting in the Ward Room of Jubilee Yacht Club called to order by **Commander Tilton** at 1900.

No Roll Call; attendance recorded by **Secretary Ed Bell**; 14 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: \$5,006 yet approximately \$4,400 in upcoming expenses.
- o Fidelity account has approximately \$20,000. Extensive discussion on minimizing future risk with this account and a motion was raised to invest \$10,000 in a money market bond with a guaranteed investment return. A decision to delay this transaction until further discussion at the April E-Board meeting was approved.
- o The Annual Dues were discussed accounting for the reduction of new and existing members. A motion was made, and approved, that the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron would cover the \$25 initiation fee for 2010. A motion was made, and approved, that the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron will absorb any National rate increases and not raise annual membership dues for 2010.
- o Name tag will be provided by the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron for all members requesting them at the next General Session.

Education Officer Ed Walsh, SN:

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- Courses starting in January are Seamanship (5 students), Engine Maintenance (3 students), Marine Electronics (12 students) and Weather (3 students) at the Jubilee Yacht Club.
- o John Graves has accepted to teach the remainder of the Marine Electronics course.
- o Discussion on how we can increase the engagement of the people of Salem concluded with the potential of a future event in Salem. More to follow on this topic.
- O 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, up to a maximum of \$300 of total cost. **Lt/C Edward Walsh** will look to leverage this benefit.

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

- o March's General Meeting speaker will be **Peter Souza**, and his Merry Musician Crew, as they'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.
- O Volunteers for coordinating the General Meeting meals are more difficult to find. Anyone interested in helping can contact **Robert C. Sant Fournier**.
- o The Maine Boat Builders Show will be held March 19-21 in Portland.

Other Topics:

- o Lt/C Alex Arcisz addressed the District's upcoming Blue Water Event and the District 18 meeting to be held at the Lynn Yacht Club on March 18th. The next District meeting will be held in the fall.
- o The Beverly Chapter's participation was well received at the annual Boat Show in Boston on February 28th. **Jack Reed** did a terrific job coordinating the volunteers.
- o 1st/L Walter Riley has offered the Marblehead chapter use of our Safety Check personnel.

Meeting adjourned at 2045.

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