

Beverly Sail and Power Squadron

Beverly, Massachusetts 01915

A Unit of the United States Power Squadron

Minutes of the Member's General Meeting 5 January 2012.

Bridge Members Present:

Commander: Cmdr. Raymond W. Tilton, AP
Executive Officer: Lt/C Robert C. Saint Fournier, P
Administrative Officer: Lt/C Jack Reed, P
Education Officer: Lt/C Edward G. Walsh, SN
Secretary: Lt/C Michael J. Madison, AP
Treasurer: Lt/C John A. Hagar, AP
District 18 Commander: P/C Alex Arcisz, JN (Absent)

Commander's Comments, Raymond Tilton, AP

- Meeting called to order at 2045 hours.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and there was a moment of silence was for our brave service members.
- Minutes were approved
- The Commander thanked Clare and Clint Geerish and Jack Reed for preparing a terrific dinner.
- The Commander also thanked our guest speaker, Story Reed (Statistics Coordinator for the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries) for his excellent and informative presentation.
- Ron Mason (Nominating Committee) then read the complete list of candidates for the incoming officers and committee positions. (See the latest *Hanna's Banner* for a complete list.) The entire list of candidates was approved by the membership.

- Lastly, the commander noted that we are now advertising for the ABC Course.

Executive Officer's Report, Lt/C Robere C. Saint Fournier, P

- The XO called on Jack Reed who gave an initial update of the Squadron's new Facebook Page. Jack encouraged all members to add information and pictures to the Page.

Treasurer's Report, Lt/C John Hagar, AP

- Check book has \$ 2,808.69
- Fidelity Account is at approximately \$ 22,138.00.
- Dinner donations: \$51.00.
- John suggested to the membership that we should consider spending part of the money in the Fidelity account to support the Squadron's mission. Members are encouraged to make recommendations to the E-Board.

Education Officer, Lt/C Edward Walsh, SN

- The new Advanced Piloting Class (6 students) is almost complete. Ed encouraged the members to take this newly updated course – even if they had taken the old AP. It contains many new and important updates.
- He noted that it is very helpful to have two instructors per class, and he specifically thanked Jim Curran and Walter Riley for their support.
- We now have access to the Base Haven Yacht Club for classes.
- The next ABC Course will take place at Base Haven starting Wednesday, 8 February.

Administrative Officer, Lt/C Jack Reed, P

- Jack called on Miriam Shafner for a report on new members. Fourteen perspective members have emailed the Squadron for information. To date none of them have expressed an interest in joining the Squadron.
- It was noted that Linda Seal will conduct an instructor certification course in the fall.

- We are looking for a speaker for the next General Meeting (1 Mar).

Vessel Safety Checks (VSC), Walter Riley, JN

- No Report.

Secretary, Lt/C Michael Madison, AP

- Karen Arcisz was recognizes for her excellent and continued publication of *Hanna's Banner*.

District Commander's Comments, Alex Arcisz, and JN

- No Report.

The next E-Board Meeting is Thursday, 2 February (7 PM).

The next General Meeting is Thursday, 1 March (6:30 PM)

Meeting was adjourned at 2015 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lt/C Michael Madison, AP

Secretary, Beverly Sail and Power Squadron