Beverly Sail and Power Squadron February 7, 2013

The Executive Board of the Beverly Sail and Power Squadron was called to order by the commander at 1900.

Present:

Commander: Robert Sant Fournier, AP Executive Officer: Lt/C Jack Reed, AP Administrative Officer: Lt/C Aan Therrien, JN Educational Officer: Lt/C Edward Walsh, SN Treasurer: Lt/C John Hagar, AP P/D/C Ronald Mason, S/N P/C Ray Tilton, AP Walter Riley, JN Suzanne Therrien, AP

A moment of silence was held to recognize our men and women in uniform.

A reading of the Minutes of the previous Executive Board Meeting was waived and the minutes were accepted by the Board. The Minutes of the last Executive Board Meeting are posted on the squadron web site.

Commander's Remarks: Commander Sant Fournier expressed the squadron's need to determine what working committees exist and are active, as well as, the need to fill vacant positions in critical committee and bridge positions. The Secretary position is still vacant, as are numerous other positions. The rules committee still needs to update the squadron rules to be in agreement with the national rules.

After lengthy discussion, a Nominating Committee was formed of Commander Sant Fournier, PC Ray Tilton, and Treasurer John Hagar. They will divide the squadron roster among themselves, and contact each member, requesting they consider participating in the squadron affairs.

Commander Sant Fournier stated that he has not heard further from Mr. Connally regarding his desire to address the membership on instituting a Sea Scout "ship".

Ray Tilton provided an overview of the Sea Scout Program, and what it would take to establish a "ship" under the sponsorship of the Beverly Sail & Power Squadron.

Jack Reed was contacted by National to request his authorization to publish an article Jack wrote for Hannah's Banner in an upcoming issue of the Ensign.

Ray Tilton is preparing the next Hannah's Banner, and would appreciate receiving reports, articles, photos, or other items of interest for publishing by February 11th.

Executive Officer Report: Lt/C Jack Reed reported that he received sufficient volunteers to cover the Power Squadron booth at the Boston Boat Show on Feb 24. There will be two members to cover each 2 hour session at the booth from 11 am to 5:30 pm. Jack volunteered to prepare a handout sheet for District 18, listing course offerings, etc.

Jack recently held a successful meeting with State Senator Bruce Tarr to discuss the squadron's access to MA state boat registration database information. A future meeting with Tarr, the MA Environmental Police and the

squadron will determine the outcome of the squadron's request.

Walter Riley was in contact with the USCG Auxiliary, and determined the dates for this year's National Safe Boating Week activities in Gloucester. The squadron has been invited to man a booth on May 3, 2013. We will be contacted for the "pre-event meeting". Walter has the necessary hand out materials for this event.

Education Officer Report: Ed Walsh stated the ABC course will be concluding soon. He would like to present a Piloting Course in an effort to attract new members to the squadron. There are three students in the current Piloting Course. The Sail course will be starting March 4, 2013, with four members currently signed up to take the course.

A suggestion was made to hand out a copy of Hannah's Banner to all ABC students, so they might become more familiar with the Beverly Squadron and its many activities.

It was noted that Beverly has been receiving student referrals from the Marblehead squadron. Students are also contacting the squadron to schedule testing upon completion of the online courses. Upon registration for their test, the online students are being reported as Beverly Squadron members.

Administrative Officer Report: Lt/C Alan Therrien reported that Gary Williams, Director of Port Operations, GDF Suez NA will be the guest speaker at the March 7, 2013 General Meeting. Mr. Williams will speak about the Deep Water Port off Gloucester/Marblehead, its present and future use. He will also address the port operations in Everett, including the precautions taken for LNG deliveries through the port of Boston. Ed Meyers will be preparing the meal for this meeting. Please welcome him to the squadron, if you have not already met.

Commander Sant Fournier has a guest speaker in mind for the Wednesday, May 8, 2013 General Meeting. Announcement of the speaker for this meeting will be publicized upon securing a commitment from the invited speaker.

The next E-Board Meeting will be held at the usual time and place on Thursday, April 4, 2013. All active members are invited to attend.

Treasurer's Report: Lt/C John Hager reported the squadron checking account balance is currently \$3,596. He further reported there is a pending bill of approximately \$1200 for educational materials.

There was no old business to discuss.

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The meeting adjourned at 2045.

Respectfully submitted, Lt/C Alan Therrien, JN Administrative Officer