

Beverly-Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron
Minutes of the General Meeting and Change of Watch

March 5, 2015

Jubilee Yacht Club

30 members and 1 guest attended

Supper by Ray & Sally Tilton and Dave Delorey – pizza and salad

First meeting of the newly merged Beverly and Marblehead Power Squadrons

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM by Commander Jack Reed

Secretary reported quorum was met

Linda Seal led the pledge of allegiance

Moment of silence for troops

Meeting was turned over to Past District 18 Commander John Bedrossian.

Linda Seal read the slate of officer nominees. A motion was made to accept the report, seconded and approved by a majority of members.

John Bedrossian inducted Jack Reed as Commander.

John inducted officers:

- Executive Officer – David Graham
- Administrative Officer – Edward Myers
- Squadron Educational Officer – Walter Riley III
- Treasurer – Dale M. Smith
- Secretary – Ray Tilton

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David Graham told the members that he was pleased with the merger and looks forward to a stronger squadron in the future.

Secretary read minutes of January, 2015 meeting. Motion to accept minutes was approved.

SEO Report: Walter Riley reported that Jack Reed has been teaching an ABC course in Rockport this winter. All ten students that took the Marine Electronics course passed the final exam. Ten of the twelve students that took Seamanship passed. ABC courses will start in Hamilton and Beverly this month and in Marblehead in May. The squadron hopes to start a Piloting course in the spring.

Administrative Officer's Report: Ed Myers stressed the need for suggestions for guest speakers.

Ed also recommended accepting ads from local businesses such as marinas for Hannah's Banner. A discussion was held and John Graves questioned the legality. Dan Shea recommended a disclosure that the squadron does not endorse the businesses and that we do not charge a fee for ads. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the ads or business cards with no fees.

Treasurer's Report : John Hagar gave his final report as treasurer. His report coincides and agrees with the Auditors' report, which follows. Walter Riley made a motion that the new treasurer, Dale Smith, open a new bank account for the merged squadron and also put the Fidelity account in the name "Beverly-Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron. The motion carried with one opposed and one abstention.

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Auditors' Report: Charles Souza reported that everything is in order with the finances. On 2 March 2015 the checking account had \$2602.47 and on 4 December 2014, the Fidelity balance was \$26,558.38. Those balances were pre-merger. A motion was made to accept the report, seconded and approved.

Theo Kuliopulos praised John Hagar for his work as treasurer and all agreed that he did a great job.

Commander Reed presented Past Commanders Pennants to P/C Robert Sant Fournier and P/C Ray Tilton.

Jack announced that the District 12 Conference will be held at the Jubilee Yacht Club March 21st.

Jack announced the author of "The Rescue of the Bounty", Michael Tougias, will speak at the Jubilee on March 31st at 7:00 PM. For reservations, call Ray Tilton.

A presentation on Cruise Planning and Cruising the Inside Passage in Alaska by Ray Tilton followed the business meeting tonight.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.