Beverly-Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron

Minutes of the General Meeting

May 6, 2015

Jubilee Yacht Club

28 members attended

Supper by Ed &b Linda Myers – sub sandwich, lasagna, salad

Speaker was Lee Spence, President of Essex Shipbuilding Museum and Essex Historical Society. Lee talked about the history of shipbuilding in Essex.

Linda Seal led the pledge of allegiance

Moment of silence for the troops of the US Military.

Meeting called to order at 8:15 PM by Commander Jack Reed.

Jack reported quorum was met.

Jack reviewed minutes of March meeting and they were approved unanimously.

Jack reviewed the election results and the past few months' events.

Jack announced that John Graves has attained Life Membership; John was not in attendance.

SEO Report – Walter Riley said 8 students passed the Rockport ABC course, 6 passed the Hamilton-Wenham ABC, 11 passed the Beverly ABC, although 10 still need to take the state exam next week. Marblehead started their ABC tonight with about 60 students. Piloting was scheduled to start next week but not enough students signed up, so it will be rescheduled in the fall.

Administrative Officer Report – Ed Myers suggested an "Angie" type resource of local boating activity related businesses for publication in Hannah's Banner. Consensus was that it is a good idea.

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Treasurer's Report – Dale Smith reported that the Beverly Fidelity account has about \$28,500, Paypal has about \$2000 (Marblehead ABC registrants), and the Marblehead account has about \$25,000. Dale is working on consolidating the accounts.

Jack announced there will be a dinner for B-M S&P S members and guests at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead on May 29th. The speaker will be Ray Bates, talking about shipwrecks on the North Shore. The cost of the dinner, \$40 inclusive, will be subsidized by the squadron at \$20 per person.

Walter Riley, VSC chairman, reported that the squadron is always in need of more vessel safety examiners.

Jack Reed stressed the need for more course instructors.

Bill Ghen, Safety Officer, reported that boaters need to be aware that work will be done this summer on the Beverly-Salem railroad bridge.

Dale Smith reported that \$56 was donated for the evening supper.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.