

Beverly-Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron

E-Board Meeting – Jubilee Yacht Club

September 2, 2015

Attended by Jack Reed, Walter Riley, Ron Mason, Robere Sant Fournier, Bill Ghen, Ray Tilton, Bill Bonner, Dale Smith

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Commander Reed, who declared a quorum was met. Jack also offered a moment of silence for troops in harms way.

David Graham said he received a call from Dan Shea, who said the everything has been received from the State for the completion of the merger of the two squadrons. Dave also said that due to his wife's illness, he will not be able to follow Jack as the next commander, but would be happy to continue as XO. Walter suggested that Dave continue as XO and all agreed.

The minutes of the June 3rd E-Board meeting were read by Ray and approved.

SEO report by Walter: Last month Robere held an accelerated ABC course (3 days, 9AM-noon. M,T,W) at Sail Salem. He said some students didn't study due to school starting but 12 out of 16 passed. What was learned: two instructors needed and Sail Salem at Winter Island is a great spot for an ABC course. 15 of 16 passed the State exam. Need Mass. Rules books.

Raleigh published annual statistics – in our squadron, 63 registered for ABC, 49 passed, but did not include Hamilton-Wenham of Bass Haven. Upcoming courses: Piloting starts Oct 5th, Jack will be instructor, need more instructors. There is a need to run an ABC course this fall. Robere and possibly Jim Curran could run one at Sail Salem.

Harborfest Beverly will be held Sept. 12th, 3-6 PM. Walter and Robere will man the table.

News from National: New ABC manual and exam coming. USPS is collaborating with Marine Learners Systems (MLS) to offer online 6-pack and captains courses with local squadrons serving as proctors for exams. Some states are offering ABC tests online but Mass. Tests need to be proctored.

Admin. Officer Ed Meyers said he can not continue his position due to work requirements. Dan Himes was suggested as a replacement.

Treasurer's report – National Grand Bank account -- \$25, 173, Fidelity -- \$27, 566, National Grand Bank (combined squadrons) -- \$5308. Total -- \$58,038. Consolidation of accounts is still in progress. Request to merge funds approved by SJC of Mass. Dale said Walter did an excellent job getting past records together to meet state requirements for merger.

Vessel Safety Check – Walter reported that we have seven examiners. 82 VSC's done so far; Jerry Clarke will do two more.

Summer picnic review: need to increase prices, need tickets for entry, need to “over-buy” items such as burgers and lobsters.

Name tags: who gets them: bridge members, members that attend meetings, instructors, VSC's, to be paid by squadron.

New website by Dale Smith – up since May or June. Dale will set up members only section.

Dale will also update squadron Facebook page. He needs to take over as administrator. He would like someone in the squadron to take over this job.

Hannah's Banner needs input from members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.