

Minutes
General Membership Meeting
Beverly – Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron

March 1, 2017

Attendance: 35

Supper prepared by: Joan Curran, Joan Mason and Joan Bonner

1. In memory of P/C Ron Taylor. John Hagar gave a touching tribute.
2. **Commander's Report.** CDR Dave Graham thanked everyone for their support during this past year and warned everyone not to ignore symptoms of serious illness, using himself and his recent hospitalization as a prime example.
3. **Approval of the minutes of the January 4, 2017 member meeting.** A motion was made, seconded and approved to waive the reading of the minutes which are posted on the Squadron web site. The minutes were unanimously approved.
4. **SXO Report.** Lt/C Pszenny distributed a draft recruiting flyer which is going to be distributed to harbormasters, marinas, etc. He welcomed comments and stated that the flyer would be printed in bulk next week. He asked for suggestions on where to distribute the flyers. He stated that the Executive Committee would like to include PR/Marketing into the scope of our membership committee and asked for volunteers.
5. **SAO Report.** Lt/C Tilton thanked the "three Joans" for the great meal.
6. **SEO report.** Lt/C Riley stated that the ABC Course started at Gloucester High School tonight and would start at the Hamilton/Wenham Library on March 14th. It will start on April 6th at the Bass Haven Yacht Club and in May in Marblehead. A Piloting course will start at Jubilee Yacht Club on April 3rd and at Sandy Bay yacht Club on May 2nd.
7. **Treasurer's Report.** Lt/C Smith distributed a financial update with the comment that the recent uptick in the stock market had increased the overall value of our investments in spite of a recent drawdown for expected expenses.

8. **Nominating Committee Report.** Bill Ghen read the names of the people nominated for Squadron Bridge, executive committee, auditing committee, and nominating committee for the year 2017 – 18. He asked for nominations from the floor and there were none. A motion was made and seconded to close nominations and to approve the slate of officers which was unanimously passed.
9. D/C Barbara Herrmann asked for a vote to be cast by the secretary approving the slate of officers. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved. D/C Herrmann then administered the oath of office to the assembled officers.
10. P/C Graham presented CDR Graham with a gift.
11. Cdr Pszeny presented P/C Graham with a Past commander's Flag and a plaque on behalf on the squadron for the fine job P/C Graham did during his year as commander.
12. The meeting adjourned at 2055.

John F. Reed, Lt/C, AP
Secretary