Minutes

General Membership Meeting Beverly-Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron March 6, 2019

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 2003 by Commander Pszenny. A quorum of 32 members was present.
- 2. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a Moment of Silence for our Troops in Harm's Way.
- 3. The minutes of the January 2, 2019 member meeting were read by Lt/C Reed and were approved.
- 4. Commander's Report:
 - a. Membership is holding steady at 143 members.
 - Our participation in the New England Boat Show involved manning the District 12 booth.
 Members who participated included Ted Nigro, Mike Pansovoy, Walter Riley, Joan
 Thayer and Alex Pszenny.
- 5. Remarks by Rich Terry, District 12 commander:
 - a. The Spring Conference will be held here at Jubilee Yacht Club on April 6th.
 - b. National is moving ahead with a significant advertising program for the transition to a new name: **America's Boating Club.**
 - c. We had significant participation at the Newport Boat show with representatives from National, D12 and D14.
 - d. Talks continue for the merger of D12 and D14.
- 6. SXO report. Lt/C Nigro asked the membership for input for the upcoming bylaws review.
- 7. SAO report. Lt/C Tilton thanked Robert and Harriet Sant Fournier and Joan Thayer for the supper. At our May member meeting, Bob Dugan will speak on the subject of cruising. Joan and Robert agreed to provide the supper for the May 1st member meeting. Our annual dinner at Corinthian yacht Club is scheduled for May 24th. The speaker will be Anne Grimes Rand, President of the USS Constitution Museum.
- 8. SEO report. Spring courses consist of the following:
 - a. ABC courses in Gloucester (Feb 28th), Hamilton (Mar 26th), Salem (Mar 26th) and Marblehead (May 1st).
 - b. Piloting starting March 11th.
 - c. Marine Electrical Systems starts March 12th.
 - d. We are looking to do a "Partner in Command" seminar, TBA

9. Treasurer's Report. We have \$57, 387 combined in our National Grand Bank, PayPal and Fidelity accounts.

10. New business:

- a. We will have representatives at West Marine stores in Danvers and Marblehead on March 28th in support of a national West Marine event.
- 11. Change of Watch. Cdr Pszenny turned the meeting over to District Commander Terry who dismissed the Bridge. A motion was made and accepted to approve the new bridge, and Commander Terry directed that the Secretary cast one ballot in favor of the new Bridge. Oaths of office were administered to the new squadron commander, Ted Nigro, and to the new bridge. Commander Nigro presented a plaque to outgoing commander Pszenny for his two years served as squadron commander.

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There being no further business, the commander adjourned the meeting at 2055.

Lt/C John F. Reed, AP Squadron Secretary