

Minutes  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Beverly – Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron  
October 14, 2020

NOTE: This meeting was conducted with committee members isolated from each other using Zoom video conferencing software.

1. Commander Sant Fournier called the meeting to order at 1905 and declared that we had a quorum. He let the committee members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Attendees included Commander Sant Fournier; Lt/C Alan Trebat, SAO; P/C Alex Pszenny; Lt/C Lou Schoenthal, Treasurer; Lt/C Walter Riley, SOE; P/D/C John Bedrossian; Lt/C Jack Reed, Secretary.
3. The minutes of the May 6, 2020 Executive Committee minutes were read and approved.
4. Lt/C Schoenthal presented the financial reports which were approved. Checking account balance: \$1,212; Fidelity \$64,556; PayPal \$37.50
5. Lt/C Riley presented the SEO report:
  - a. Courses. Four students successfully completed the weather course. Eight students successfully completed the Boat Handling course. Four students successfully completed the Junior Navigation course. Currently, five students are taking the Navigation course and classes should be completed by Christmas. There are nineteen students in the Gloucester ABC course which was halted by the pandemic. The question is whether to complete via Zoom or wait until spring. However National only allows proctored final exams for the ABC course, so things are still up in the air.
  - b. Non-squadron instruction activity. National is requiring that all new course materials be available only online. And that during the pandemic, courses are taught on line or through virtual seminars. USCG Aux is conducting no boating classes but they are holding Seamanship classes in four locations. Mass Environmental Police will not be holding any boating safety classes until next year. One is scheduled for Manchester High School in the spring.
  - c. Alex Pszenny has been designated a Senior Navigator, having passed all courses.
6. Membership stands at 131 members, down 7.7%
7. Vessel Safety Checks. National says that due to the pandemic, checkers do not have to complete five VSCs to maintain certification. Dick Salter did 13 virtual VSCs.
8. Web Site update. Dale Smith said that a very desirable feature Word Press software was that software expertise in not needed to maintain the web site. However, he was more inclined to go with Square Space which he has been using for a month. He gave us a demonstration of the

software's capabilities and noted that the cost was about half that of Dreamweaver. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to migrate our web site to Square Space at \$216 per year.

9. Robere needs to appoint a Merit Mark Committee. It was suggested that the committee meet via Zoom on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
  
10. Lt/C Trebat recommended that we have a Zoom member meeting. It was agreed that the member meeting would occur on November 18<sup>th</sup> and that we hold a planning meeting of the Executive Committee on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 2015.

John F. Reed, AP  
Squadron Secretary