

Executive Meeting
Friday Harbor Power Squadron
28 February 2006

Commander Travis Smith called the meeting to order at 1304. Members present were: PC Virgil Boyt, SEO Ann Einboden, XO Sammy Long, AO Mark Forlenza, Treasurer Ron Crenshaw, Lt. Will Gossett, Assistant Secretary Carolyn Bowen, and our honorable Laura Boyt. Members absent were Burke Critchfield and Athlene Schneider.

Minutes for January 31, 2006 Bridge & Ex/Com Meeting were not available.

REPORTS

SEO – Ann Einboden. Report attached. In addition to Ann's report, open discussion included the suggestion of offering a boating class during "Safe Boating Week", May 20 – 26. Ann also spoke of the offering now of the free download of all NOAA charts on the USPS Education Dept. web site: www.usps.org/national/eddept/main.html. While an excellent offering, Travis suggested that the expense of downloading and printing these charts requires significant use of color cartridges weighing the buying of the actual chart vs. printing the downloaded chart. With regard to US Power Squadron classes, Mark commented that classes nationwide are down 33%. Ann said that some classes currently are offered free on line with more offerings in the coming years.

XO – Sammy Long. Sam brought a number of items to turn over to members of the Executive Committee that will be of future use: Past Commander Burgee (Virgil now has possession of); OPS Manual (Mark now has possession of); Maptech CD Cartridge (Ann has possession of). Also discussed was the responsibility of the 2006-2007 Roster. Currently done in PageMaker with no takers to maintain--Sam and Laura will keep for now. Roster can't be updated until May or June when 2006-2007 annual dues are paid.

AO – Mark Forlenza. Mark has received all of Tony Davia's membership files and is actively seeking a new Membership Chair position. Travis and Carolyn offered to help with membership sign-ups on March 14 following the Boat Smart class. Mark also discussed creative ideas to get new members and generate vitality in the Squadron with "special interest groups" to possibly include fishing activities, weekly breakfast group meetings, more organized cruising activities, etc. Mark's near focus is to organize our May picnic.

Treasurer – Ron Crenshaw. Report attached. We discussed whether we should move some monies from our Islanders Bank checking account (\$2,412.42) into a CD account. With cash flow fluctuation, Ron feels it may be difficult at times but will consider all options. Ron suggested that perhaps advertisements could be sold to put into the Harbor Lights to generate another source of income. Mark offered to help with this endeavor.

Membership Chair – Currently vacant. Membership Activities. Sam suggested that Torrey Johnson would like to join the Squadron in the very near future. We currently have two reinstatements: Dave and Carol Good and Bill Cannam.

OLD BUSINESS

The Spring Conference/COW held March 17-19, will be attended by Virgil and Laura Boyt, Travis Smith and Ron Crenshaw.

New volunteers are needed to replace Phone Committee Ladies. Toni Bailey is currently handling two lists. Ann is to contact Georgia Paden to see if she will help here.

Ron Einboden has applied for the Cap'n Ed copyright registration which will take 2-3 months.

2006 – 2007 Roster Revision. Problem exists that the Roster has been done in PageMaker with no one else familiar with that software. Sam agreed that he and Laura will keep for now but revision process will be tentatively on hold until time permits he and Laura to work on it and also until after the annual dues are paid for 2006 – 2007. Sammy Long has the current Roster CD.

National Safe Boating Week (May 20-26). Several plans are in place: A display table will be manned in front of West Marine. Also, plan is to talk to Howard Schonberger (Travis) or the Assistant Editor (Ron) to publish an article in the paper. Ann hopes to run a “boating” class during that week.

Menu for Change of Watch (April 6) was discussed with two possible entrée choices being a stuffed chicken breast and Prime Rib. Each member will bring an appetizer.

Kathy Chadwick's request for the Power Squadron placing a \$30 Ad in the Sailing Club Roster has been agreed to with the hope that the Sailing Club will reciprocate with an Ad in our Roster. Also, Ron suggested that this \$30 should be reimbursable by District.

The Lions Club “File of Life Kit” program will be presented at May's General Meeting. An article will be included in the April Harbor Lights to promote that presentation.

We are still awaiting status with regard to date and place of the Pig War with Brentwood Bay Power Squadron. This was to have been on their Agenda for their February meeting. Fred Bowen to follow-up.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for donation to Grange Hall: The Grange Hall has requested a donation totaling \$2,000 for those groups who consistently use the Grange Hall. While money is to be used for a projection screen, Ron is to research exactly what this request entails. Sam proposed that we table this for now until after the “Change of Watch”.

Harbor Lights: Travis expressed concern as to who will assume responsibility for the tedious tasks of the Harbor Lights (collating, stapling, folding, sealing, stamping, etc.). Sam suggested that perhaps this could fall under the responsibility of XO Mark Forlenza. Travis suggested that he will send a message to all with email addresses, questioning as to whether folks would consider or prefer receiving Harbor Lights on line vs. a mailed copy. Currently all but about 18 have email access. Ann will also circulate a list at our General Meeting on March 2nd. This would save time and money to send Harbor Lights digitally.

Ann noted that for the Change of Watch listing in the March Harbor Lights, that Lt. Will Gossett was erroneously listed as Assistant Educational Officer when in fact, James Spillane is Assistant Educational Officer.

The next Ex/Com Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 4, 2006.

With no further new business, the Meeting was adjourned at 1552.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Bowen, Assistant Secretary