

Executive Meeting
Friday Harbor Power Squadron
02 May 2006

Commander Ron Crenshaw called the meeting to order at 1258. Members present were: P/C Virgil Boyt, XO Marc Forlenza, AO Fred Bowen, Secretary Carolyn Bowen, Treasurer Dan Wittkopp, SEO Ann Einboden, Membership Chair Rich Grant, P/C Travis Smith, Lt Will Gossett, Lt Burke Critchfield and Laura Boyt. Members absent: P/C Sammy Long, 1st/Lt Laura Long, 1st/Lt Joyce Ragsdale, Lt Ron Einboden, and Lt Anita Hayes. A quorum was present.

Minutes from the 4 April 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

Reports

SEO – Ann Einboden. Education Report Available. Ann began with expressing the need to update the course schedule in the May edition of the Harbor Lights. As an addendum to Ann's report given at the Executive Meeting, she would like to add to her "Education Report" that many Kudos should go to Travis Smith for his Charting presentation to the Selene Rendezvous. Travis presented a two hour basic charting class to 50 people at the Rendezvous at Roche Harbor. He spent many hours preparing, in addition to the presentation. He found that many of the attendees did not even know what a compass rose was. Hopefully these people will now be interested in learning something about piloting and navigation. Advanced Piloting will be offered in the Fall and Ann should be contacted before September for sign up.

XO – Marc Forlenza asked to defer comments until "Old Business".

AO – Fred Bowen also asked to defer comments until "Old Business".

Treasurer – Dan Wittkopp. Report Available. We currently have a balance of \$5,099.18 with \$2,672.40 of that amount in a CD. Ensuing discussion was looking at cooperative advertising reimbursement which Ann will follow up on. Ron suggested that we should also look at our Domain name for our website for reimbursement. Marc asked if we were current in payment to the Grange. Payment has not been made due to bills sitting in PO Box. Carolyn to contact Athlene for key to box.

Membership – P/C Smith / XO Forlenza. Travis reported that the most current roster is available now on line. We have 114 members. Easiest access is to go to our website, put in member #, and print out. It was discussed, however, that Sammy and Laura Long will be contacted by Ron to see if they will once again put out a hard copy roster (done in PageMaker) once membership dues are paid (after June). If not, we'll do a "quick and dirty" roster in a different format. Virgil has been instrumental in getting name badges to new members but we need to resolve exactly when name badges need to be ordered (due to their cost and folks dropping after joining). Chuck Rust, Bruce and Dianne Hall, David and Joan Kinderfather, Bonnie Gilmore and Nancy Stark all need to be inducted and with the exception of Halls, the others need name badges as well. Virgil will pass this responsibility to our new Membership Chair, Rich Grant. At this time, Rich was introduced. Rich deferred further comment until "New Business".

VSC – P/C Virgil Boyt. Reported that we should have same number of VSCs as members in Squadron (or 114). We are currently at 53 so well on our way for 2006. Twenty-four VSCs were performed at the recent Selene Rendezvous at Roche Harbor. Several members are currently studying for the written test to qualify as VSC examiner and to replace Virgil.

Under Old Business

Spring BBQ: Marc and Fred working jointly on activities with Marc securing site and Fred organizing food. John Towson to make presentation on "File of Life" geared towards Boaters. Marc paid \$100 to the County Park Service to reserve covered area for us and additional tables and sought reassurance that we are covered by insurance. This will be a general meeting.

Phone Committee: Committee members are Toni Bailey, Connie Grant, Denece Kost, Jackie Scherer and two new volunteers, Peg Hoepfner and Athlene Schneider. Will check with Georgia Paden to see if she will replace Denece Kost. Carolyn has agreed (with training from Travis) to chair the phone committee.

Roster revision plans and on-line availability covered above.

National Safe Boating Week (May 20-26): Squadron will have manned table outside of West Marine. Virgil will have literature packets and promote importance of VSC and John Towson will be asked to help with table and promote "File of Life". Marc has talked with Richard Walker, Editor of Journal, to promote article for Journal and possibility of the "Sounder" as well. Marc currently is in charge of Press Kit. For the Flair Shoot, the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be helping us.

Pig War Rendezvous: Fred reported that plans are in place to have the Annual Pig War Rendezvous at Port Browning (South Pender Island) on July 7 and 8. Fred was to confirm with the Canadians that this would meet with the approval of the Friday Harbor Power Squadron (done). Fred further reported that for those with a Canpass for all on board, that clearance can take place right at Port Browning--otherwise, clearance will be at Bedwell. We were encouraged to ask other members (without boats) to join those with boats.

Other Upcoming events

- D/16 Educational Seminar May 13, Bellevue Host—Ron, Travis and Ann are going.
- USPS/UGCG Appreciation Day, June 17 at Deer Harbor Marina. We've been offered good rates at the marina. We will be able to tour two 70' cutters, a helicopter and a lifeboat.
- D/16 Rendezvous June 23-25 in Poulsbo will be a Viking Theme with a lot of activities planned.
- Opening Day Parade & BBQ May 7. Open to public. SJIYC event.
- 19th Annual Predicted Log Contest and BBQ, June 10. SJIYC. Ron suggested obtaining a list of those people interested in participating. Burke stated he needs observers.

Under New Business

- Organization Discussion: Commander Ron is into first 30 days of current organization. Generally he will follow Bylaws. Ron also announced that Marc will be his "heir apparent" and can capably handle any business in Commander Ron's absence. The position of Membership Chair (Rich Grant) is under the AO but all Bridge officers will willingly assist.
- Commanders Challenge. Ron handed out "Program" to those in attendance. Travis said he would like to "bird-dog" the program to make sure we are actively meeting the criteria and tracking activities and points earned. Ron also handed out a "Draft" of his Goals Statements for FY 06-07 to state: 1) Continue "EXCELLENCE" in what we have done well in the past; 2) Increase visibility of USPS in the Community; 3) Strengthen member recruitment and retention; and 4) Score in top 80% of the Commander's Challenge Program.
- Ron presented the proposed budget for FY 06-07 and explained that some expenses/income are recorded in years different from when they occurred. Ron further stated that we may need to tighten our belts just a little this year. The proposed budget was unanimously approved.
- Harbor Lights preparation schedule and responsibilities: Ron handed out a list of who is responsible for what information which is to be given to Lizz by the 15th of each month to go out prior to the next month's meeting. With the next meeting/issue being September, all information will need to be to Lizz by August 15th. Virgil requested that the Harbor Lights be put on disk for historical records. Virgil is currently Historian but a new Historian will be required to replace him. Perhaps Athlene Schneider?
- Membership Committee Objectives/Membership Involvement Committee: Welcome Rich! At this time Rich gave us his personal background and then commended Ann for sending him the best "recruiting letter" ever. Rich handed out his drafted report/ideas on how he plans to achieve the goals identified under the three major categories: 1) Squadron Membership Committee Objectives (per National); 2) National Requirements; and 3) Squadron Process/Procedure.

Next Ex/Com Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2006. Have a great summer!

With no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 1512.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Bowen Secretary