

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON
Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, November 4, 2008

MINUTES

In the absence of Cdr. Fred Bowen, the meeting was called to order at 1305 by XO Carolyn Bowen in the Friday Harbor Library Conference Room.

In attendance were XO Carolyn Bowen, SEO Travis Smith, Ann Einboden Public Boating Chairman, AO Mike Griffin, Treasurer Dan Watson, Secretary Jan Ferro, Membership Chairman John Towson, Member Involvement Chairman Dave Cable, VSC Chairman Burke Critchfield, Safety Officer Ed Ferro, and P/C Marc Forlenza. It was confirmed that a quorum was present.

The Minutes of the Bridge and Ex/Com Meeting of Sept. 30, 2008 were approved as presented.

Squadron Officer's Reports:

XO Carolyn Bowen reported that while Fred is currently traveling, he will be here for the Thursday meeting. The web site calendar is now current with dates through December 2009. Some of these may be adjusted as needed, i.e. Flare Shoot and Pig War. In order to promote the use of our web site for distributing information, it was proposed that a demonstration be presented at a meeting using the projector and a Marine Broadband connection from the port.

SEO Travis Smith reported that the Seamanship class finished last Wednesday with 11 of the 13 students completing the exam. So far only 2 have signed up for Piloting to begin Nov. 18th. Ann Einboden reported that the public boating class also finished last week with 15 of the 17 students taking and passing the exam. A makeup exam has been scheduled for the remaining two students. The Sail course is still tentative for January.

AO Mike Griffin announced that the Thursday meeting notice was e-mailed last week with a link currently listing the information on the web site. He is making contacts for potential speakers for next year to include Richard Rodrigues of Vessel Assist and possibly Inez Schwartz of Agate Pass who would inform us of what is involved in Cooperative Charting.

Treasurer Dan Watson reported that we have \$2,513.26 in checking and \$2,531.14 in the Business Certificate.

Secretary Jan Ferro requested that those needing reimbursement for expenses or to forward bills for payment to do so by sending directly to Dan Watson at 474 Eagle Cove Dr. Friday Harbor. She also questions using DB2000 as a source of member information due to lack of an update since February. The Squadron Roster available on the web site is the most accurate.

Committee Reports:

Membership Chairman – John Towson went over a list of non-renewal members he has called to ascertain if they might be encouraged to continue their membership. He is contacting members of the boating class to invite them to the Thursday Meeting and checking his list for those who might need to be inducted.

Membership Involvement – Dave Cable reported his work on the May 7th, 2009 Spring Picnic involving taking the Pintail to Turn Island. He mentioned a number of awards coming to recognize individual accomplishments.

VSC – Burke Critchfield reported that we have 119 VSCs on record, with 5 more coming from Andrea Douglas, and others that should put us at our goal of matching VSCs with the number of members.

Safety Officer Ed Ferro reported that the Life Jacket Loaner Station at the port has received a facelift with lettering redone and the wood refinished where it had weathered. The Roche Harbor station is in good condition and the Harbormasters are very happy with it. He also submitted the annual report to District Safety Officer, Steppe Williford, of our activities toward promoting boating safety.

Old Business

FHPS Holiday Event, December 4—Mike Griffin: The food is lined up with Travis doing the ham, Marc the shrimp, Mike will smoke the turkey and the salmon will depend on availability. The appetizers will be from Costco with the Bridge supplying desserts. The decorating committee includes Sharon T, Lizz, Carolyn and Toni with battery candles and greens used on tables. Marc is collecting auction items and would like them in advance to prepare cards for Fred as Auctioneer. A dishwasher and server will be hired through Gayle. The food committee will meet at the Yacht club at 3:30 for set up and food prep. The price of the dinner will be \$20 with auction receipts to cover any overage. The auction may benefit travel to district functions and to continue funding education and safety activities.

New Business

November Harbor Lights inputs are due to Lizz by 11/14 for the November issue.

Carolyn Bowen reported on the D/16 Fall Conference, October 10-11, Bellingham. Those attending were Fred and Carolyn Bowen, Marc Forlenza and Denece Kost, Lizz and Travis Smith, and Ron and Patti Crenshaw. An award was presented to FHPS for placing 8th in the nation for growth in membership. Fred was praised for his presentation on how it was accomplished. The question of uniforms was discussed and for the most part that requirement is becoming more relaxed. It should be noted that the Friday Harbor group did stand out as well dressed for the Saturday evening event. The merit mark system may be revised. Our use of the Commander's Coins for more immediate recognition for specific contributions was seen as an excellent idea. Publishing a hard copy district roster in conjunction with *Pacific Yachting* is under review. Carolyn showed the Tee-shirt logo designed by Lizz for the National Cruise, Nor'Westing 2010. Comments were welcomed.

Nominating Committee Report—Marc Forlenza submitted the list of nominees for 2009-2010 with the Executive Officer position still open as well as Membership Involvement to replace Dave Cable.

Other Items: Next Ex/Com Meeting, Tuesday, December 2, 2008.

Adjournment was at 1450.

Respectfully submitted
Jan Ferro, Secretary