

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON
General Meeting, Thursday, November 6, 2008
The Grange

MINUTES

In the absence of Commander Fred Bowen, Executive Officer Carolyn Bowen called the meeting to order at 1830. There were 38 members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by P/C Marc Forlenza.
The Invocation was given by Bruce Hall.

The Minutes from the October 2, 2008, General Meeting were approved as submitted.

Tom and Norma Barrett, who finished the recent Squadron Boating Course, were introduced as our newest members.

Squadron Officer's Reports:

XO Carolyn Bowen reported that Commander Fred Bowen would arrive late to the meeting due to a weather delay with Kenmore Air.

SEO Travis Smith announced that 11 members had completed Seamanship. Three of those students were present at the meeting: Dave Cable, Dan Watson and Skip Foss. The Squadron Boating Course also recently concluded with 15 students, including Tom and Norma Barrett.

AO Mike Griffin announced that the Christmas Holiday Buffet and meeting is on track for December 4th. Reservations are needed by Friday November 28th to facilitate food quantities. The charge of \$20 per person will remain the same as was charged last year.

Treasurer Dan Watson reported that we have \$2,513.26 in checking and \$2,531.14 in the Business Certificate. We have pending receipts for the Holiday dinner and the Piloting class.

Secretary Jan Ferro had no report.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee Chair – John Towson participated in the induction of new members, Tom and Norma Barrett and Peg Gerlock.

Membership Involvement Chair – Dave Cable gave an overview of the activities being planned, beginning with the Holiday Dinner Buffet and auction, the Opening Day activities in conjunction with the yacht Club, a Pocket Cruise on the Pintail to Turn Island for our Spring Picnic meeting on May 7th and the mid-summer Pig War.

VSC – Burke Critchfield was absent so Ed Ferro reported on his behalf. We have 119 VSCs on record, with five more coming from Andrea Douglas and others. We should meet our goal this year of matching VSCs with the number of members.

Safety Officer – Ed Ferro reported the facelift on the Life Jacket Station at the Port is finished.

Old Business:

Website: The demonstration was postponed due to time restraints.

Christmas Party Overview: XO Carolyn Bowen reported that the flyer on the December event would be emailed out shortly. The \$20 per person fee should be included with your mailed-in reservation.

Auction items are the big factor now--we need good items. P/C Marc Forlenza can be contacted to pick up the items between now and the December 4th event. It is desired to receive the donated items prior to that evening so that item "auction" cards can be prepared in advance for the Auctioneer. At least a portion of the proceeds will be used to engage the public. Suggestions include, a donation to the HS Sailing Club, kayak or outrigger groups, Scouts, or an offer of scholarships to students to take our classes.

D16 Conference Summary – XO Carolyn Bowen reported that FHPS was awarded a "Growth Award" for our achievement in membership growth of 28.43%. We were 8th in the Nation! A presentation on why we have been successful was given by Cdr. Fred Bowen at the Conference. Commander Bowen credited our members as the main reason we are attracting new people. FHPS was praised for the use of the Commander's Coin as a special "on the spot recognition". The annual Merit Mark award process is under review.

New Business:

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

Nominating Committee: P/C Marc Forlenza reported that due to everyone's busy schedules, we have not been successful in filling vacancies for Executive Officer and Membership Involvement Chair. We need your help!

AO Mike Griffin introduced our speaker and member, Barry Boyce, who presented "What's Up With the Stars"?

Barry is a naturalist and conducts tours, most recently to the Galápagos Islands. His talk was on astronomy and dealt with the "Big Bang", what we currently see in the night sky, and how it changes. He also explained how spatial measurements were conducted historically.

Commander Fred Bowen, having just arrived from his delayed trip, awarded Barry with a Commander's Coin for his contribution to our continuing education.

Adjournment was at 2040.

The next meeting will be the Holiday event and meeting on December 4th at the San Juan Island Yacht Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Ferro, P
Secretary