

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON
December 2008 Executive Committee
MINUTES
Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2008

Cdr. Fred Bowen called the meeting to order at 1304 in the Friday Harbor Library, Conference Room.

In attendance were: Cdr. Fred Bowen, XO Carolyn Bowen, SEO Travis Smith, AO Mike Griffin, Treasurer Dan Watson, Secretary Jan Ferro, Member Involvement Chairman Dave Cable, Safety Officer Ed Ferro.

The Minutes of the Bridge and Ex/Com Meeting of Nov. 2, 2008 were approved as distributed with a correction made by Carolyn Bowen.

Squadron Officer's Reports:

XO Carolyn Bowen – Deferred her report to wait for the Holiday Topic to come up on the agenda.

SEO Travis Smith reported that the Piloting course started last Tuesday with 7 students. The end date is Feb. 10. Advanced Piloting will be moved to later in February to provide a brief break for Travis. He requested help in teaching some sessions. He plans to teach Sail if there is sufficient interest. Other candidates are Weather and the Radar short course. Ann Einboden will teach another Public Boating Course in the spring.

AO Mike Griffin announced that Capt. Richard Rodriguez, of Vessel Assist, is on the schedule for the January meeting to speak on Safety and Sea Tales. A later option is to have a presentation on the restoration of the light house station on Patos Island. The State Parks might also be able to present information on the Marine Parks in the San Juan Islands.

Treasurer Dan Watson reported that with his pending deposit we will have \$2,701.24 in checking and \$2,536.46 in the Business account.

Secretary Jan Ferro let the group know that she was mistaken on the lack updating of DB2000 and with the help of Ron Crenshaw now understands how to access current information. Maintenance of DB2000 is done by Ron even though the Operations Manual specifies that it is the Secretaries responsibility. She also pointed out another problem with using Vista and Office 2007 when sharing with others using older versions. These pieces of software have new fonts, which are designated as defaults. When sending documents to others it is best to make the default font Times New Roman or set the Style Sheets to "Classic Office."

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee – John Towson was busy working with the Leos and Carolyn filled in for him on new members who may be inducted Thursday. Two of them have joined through the Piloting class.

Membership Involvement – The committee is working to define their objectives. Dave Cable sent around a sign-up sheet he hopes to use to invite members to become involved on committees for future events. The spring pocket cruise has flexible plans depending on availability of Turn Island Park and a possible use of the Seattle Yacht Club facility on Henry Island. Another possible activity for those without boats is to act as observers for the International Power Boating Association Predicted Log to be held here in July. Dave submitted the FHPS report for the Civic Service Award and reported we have 947 points.

VSC – Burke Critchfield was not available, so Ed Ferro filled in to say we are very close to reaching our goal for VSCs. Andrea Douglas needs a couple more before the end of the year to fulfill the requirement of 5. Some in attendance volunteered their kayaks for additional inspections. Ed had no report as Safety Officer.

Old Business:

- 1.) FHPS Holiday Function, December 4 - AO Mike Griffin – Mike reported that plans and efforts are proceeding well. The food preparation crew will meet at the Yacht Club at 1530 on December 4 to heat items and set up trays. He currently has 57 RSVPs, and most have already paid. Carolyn has picked up the linens and the decorations are ready. Dan Watson will be the greeter and Ed Ferro offered to assist. We will be ready 1730 for early arrivals. The start time is 1800. XO Carolyn will deliver additional auction items to P/C Forlenza tomorrow.
- 2.) Nominating Committee Report – We still have two open positions, but P/C Marc Forlenza may fill in as XO until a qualified candidate is found. Dave Cable will continue with the Membership Involvement “pocket cruise” scheduled for May
- 3.) Repair of the Kids PFD Display at Port of Friday Harbor, has been completed by Ed/Jan Ferro

New Business:

- 1.) The International Power Boat Association Predicted Log event, July 18, 2009 was covered in Membership involvement.
- 2.) The use of FHPS Funds for Educational Activities for 2009 was discussed again. Suggestions include starting a unit of SeaScouts and also providing support for maintaining marine parks due to County cutbacks. More funds are needed for Officers to attend District and other UPSP events. One of the auction donations needs to have a specific use of the funds.
- 3.) Merit Mark submittal was in early and most nominees received the certificates over a week ago
- 4.) The Website Award of Excellence has been announced. The FHPS website was given the amazing score of 98. Friday Harbor is listed first in District 16. Congratulations were given to Dave Good for a job well done.
- 5.) Beginning in May, Dave Good also has agreed to publish the newsletter “Harbor Lights”, but in a simplified format.

Other Items: Next Ex/Com Meeting, Tuesday, January 6, 2009

Adjournment was at 1435

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Ferro, Secretary.