

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON
October General Meeting
The Grange

MINUTES
Thursday, October 2, 2008

The Friday Harbor Power Squadron general meeting was called to order at 1820, by Commander Fred Bowen. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lizz Divers-Smith followed by a moment of silence with the suggestion we reflect of the challenges facing our nation. Members then proceeded directly to dinner.

The brief meeting began with the approval of the Minutes from the September 4, General meeting at Lakedale Resort. There were 37 members in attendance even with the competition of the TV debate between the Vice-Presidential candidates.

Mary WillAllen introduced her guest Patty Francisco, Friday Harbor resident and owner of a 31-foot Camano trawler.

The reports of the Squadron Officer's began with XO Carolyn Bowen deferring her report.

SEO Travis Smith reported that the Seamanship class has started on an accelerated schedule and will be followed by Piloting, with Advanced Piloting being offered after the first of the year and hopefully Junior Navigation in late spring. Ann Einboden reported on the Public Boating class. Travis was asked if the Boat Operator Certification would be offered, but at this time there are no certified instructors. Travis discussed the possibility of a 12 week weather class offering and also sail.

AO Mike Griffin reported on our fall picnic and noted the Alaska Cruise presentation as the evening program. The topic for November will be using astronomy for navigation.

Treasurer Dan Watson reported that we have \$2,381.09 in the bank account and \$2,526.01 in the money market account.

Secretary Jan Ferro mentioned that most seemed to have used the new sign-in sheet in the entry.

Fred announced that the Friday Harbor Power Squadron was eighth in the nation in membership growth. He will make a presentation on our membership growth efforts at the District 16 Conference in October. He gave credit for this growth to John Towson.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee – John Towson called on Carolyn Haugen and Skip Foss to be sworn in by Cdr. Fred Bowen as UPSP members.

Membership Involvement – Dave Cable was unable to be present, so Fred advised that we are looking into a Spring Picnic/Pocket Cruise.

VSC – Burke Critchfield reported we have 110 VSCs to date. With 131 active members, we need 21 more to meet our goal for the year. He passed around a sign up sheet for those who still need a safety check on their vessel. He also reminded the membership that Mac Douglas has returned from a long cruise and needs to do 5 VSCs as does Andrea Douglas, the newest of our Vessel Examiners.

Safety Officer – Ed Ferro reminded the group that the life jacket loaner station at the Port will be taken down for paint touchup and the jackets will be available in the Harbormaster's Office. He also mentioned the 3 recent local boat collisions involving sail and power, night boating, and alcohol with the loss of lives. It is everyone's responsibility to stay safe.

Old Business:

P/C Marc Forlenza reported that the Nominating Committee will have their first meeting in a week or so. He mentioned the need for a new person to produce our newsletter, "Harbor Lights". Lizz Divers-Smith has done a magnificent job over the past 5 years. Also there is a need for an assistant AO.

Toni Bailey reminded everyone that we have new caps in red, denim, and khaki for \$15 and the new larger pennant for \$25.

New Business

D/16 Fall Conference, October 10-11, Bellingham will be attended by the Bowens, the Forlenzas, the Smiths, and the Crenshaws.

Improved communications by utilizing our new web site was covered by Dave Good, webmaster. He encouraged members to use the links on e-mail notices to access documents on the web site rather than saving them on our personal computers.

The FHPS Holiday function, December 4, is in the planning stage with Carolyn Bowen and Mike Griffin. Marc Forlenza will be in charge of securing items for the auction. The Decorating Committee will include Sharon Towson, Carolyn Bowen, Lizz Divers-Smith and Toni Bailey. Mike will be in charge of the food detail. Don Granger has offered his help along with Marc and Travis.

Speakers for the evening on "North to Alaska-The Inaugural Voyage" were Mac and Patti Douglas who were introduced by AO Mike Griffin.

The meeting was adjourned at 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Ferro, Secretary