

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON
October Executive Committee Meeting
MINUTES
Tuesday, September 30, 2008

The Friday Harbor Power Squadron Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 1300 by Commander Fred Bowen in the Friday Harbor Library, Conference Room.

Those in attendance were: Cdr. Fred Bowen, 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, P/C Marc Forlenza, Asst. SEO P/C Ron Crenshaw and Webmaster Dave Good.. Fred confirmed that a quorum was present.

The Minutes of the Bridge and Ex/Com Meeting of September 2, 2008 were approved as submitted.

Squadron Officer's Reports:

XO Carolyn Bowen deferred her report until later.

SEO Travis Smith outlined the courses being offered through Spring, with Seamanship which began September 17th with 12 students, to be followed by Piloting in November, Advanced Piloting in January and then Sail in February if he can get those proficient in that area to teach it. Junior Navigation may be offered in late spring. Ann Einboden reported on the Public Boating Course, which began September 23rd at the Middle School with 16 students. She has also placed the squadron software order with TechSoup for Visio, a drawing program, Encarta, and Streets & Maps. Recent accidents were discussed as to how they might be used to promote the class offerings with the need for operators to have the Washington Boaters Card.

AO Mike Griffin, announced that for October, Mac & Patti Douglas will be sharing their experiences from their first trip up the Inside Passage to Alaska with Fred hoping they comment on how their learning from our courses help them. For November Barry Boyce will share his knowledge of astronomy. The December Christmas party planning is underway and we will need a decorating committee.

Treasurer Dan Watson reported that we have \$2,381.09 in checking and \$2,526.01 in the Business account.

Secretary Jan Ferro, Announced a book signing, to be held at West Marine, Sunday, Oct 5th at 10 AM with Lorena Landon introducing her new book "Cleats and Eats" covering Seattle, Puget Sound, San Juan Islands and the Gulf Islands about where to tie up and find a good restaurant.

Fred continued with saying the September Harbor Lights has been posted. He was particularly pleased with the award we have earned through membership growth as 8th in the nation and the only one from this district. John Towson has been instrumental in making this happen.

Committee Reports:

- Membership Committee – John Towson added that the growth in membership has been due to our members' salesmanship that has brought people into the Squadron. Jan Ferro gave a list to John of those new members who have not yet been inducted, so they can be contacted about the Thursday meeting.
- Membership Involvement – Dave Cable is working on a Pocket Cruise. Discussion turned to the idea of hiring the Pintail to take the group to Turn Island for a picnic meeting in the Spring.

- VSC – Burke Critchfield reported that we have 109 VSCs. He noted we have a much higher percentage of passing, at 96%, than squadrons with many more at about 75%. He was pleased to report that Andrea Douglas is now a VSE and we have provided her a red hat and VSE shirt.
- Safety Officer Ed Ferro reported that the Life Jacket Loaner Board at the Port will be taken down for refinishing, and life jackets will be available in the Port office for the duration.

Old Business

None was listed but P/C Ron Crenshaw brought up deadlines coming for submission of Merit Marks and also the need for the Nominating Committee to complete their work by the December meeting.

New Business

- Ron continued with an explanation of what we could be doing in Cooperative Charting, with Friday Harbor Power Squadron suggested as being responsible for the San Juan Channel. We need to better understand what is involved. P/C Smith suggested Inez Swartz of North Olympic as a potential speaker to talk with the Squadron about this. Ron is gone from October through May so we would need someone to follow up on this.
- Harbor Lights was sent out today, Sept. 30th.
- Dave Good gave a report on usage of our website from a 40 page access/use report. He also noted that he and Ron Crenshaw are each evaluating 8 other sites as well. Dave is interested in making better use of our website as a communications tool. Carolyn has discovered that in sending out large files many times they come back when member mailboxes are full. Much of that material can be accessed through the web site so people don't have the down loads filling up their hard drives. He also proposed using specific individual squadron member's email addresses that will forward messages to our personal addresses.
- D/16 Fall Conference, October 10-11, Bellingham will be attended by Cdr. Fred and XO Carolyn Bowen, P/C Travis and Lizz Smith, and P/C Crenshaw, and P/C Forlenza and Denece.
- Order of business for monthly potluck meetings will test having the social hour and dinner prior to a the business meeting and the evening speaker to provide a smoother way to set out food, particularly hot dishes.
- The FHPS Holiday Party will be December 4th with Carolyn Bowen and Mike Griffin working out the details. It will be similar to last year and we will have to find substitutes for Dan and Pat Wittkopp. Laura Long, Sharon Towson and Penny Woodall were suggested as people for the decorating committee. Fred would like to continue the toast to the newly elected Bridge. Reservation of the San Juan Island Yacht Club and securing a banquet license was also discussed. Marc Forlenza will be in charge of securing auction items.

The USPS National Cruise in the Pacific Northwest is planned for 2010. This will include up to 60 boats and will use the Fair Grounds for the stop here. We are considering operating the bar activities and there is a tee shirt design contest. For information see: www.bellevuepowersquadron.org/natcruise2010/

Other Items: Next Ex/Com Meeting, Tuesday, November 4th, 2008.
Adjournment was at 1450.

Respectfully submitted
Jan Ferro, Secretary