

**FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON**  
**February 2009 Executive Committee Meeting**  
**MINUTES Tuesday, February 3, 2009**

Executive Officer, Carolyn Bowen, called the meeting to order @ 1302 in the Conference Room of the Friday Harbor Library.

In attendance were: XO Carolyn Bowen, SEO Travis Smith, Public Boating Chair Ann Einboden, Treasurer Dan Watson, Secretary Jan Ferro, Safety Officer Ed Ferro, P/C Marc Forlenza, Member Involvement Chair Dave Cable and AO Mike Griffin.

The Minutes of the Bridge and Ex/Com Meeting for January 6, 2009 were approved as posted.

**Squadron Officer's Reports:**

XO Carolyn Bowen reported that she was standing in for Cdr. Fred who was traveling, but that he would be at the meeting on Thursday. She deferred her report to new business.

SEO Travis Smith brought the certificates for those who had finished the Sea Meds Course with EMS Services, Lainey Volk. Travis reported that there have been seven email responses for those wishing to take AP including Mike Close and Jan Ferro who choose to do it independently. The materials for the Weather Course have been ordered with updated content. The Radar Seminar will be held this spring, and at present there are 4 who are interested in Sail. Those in Piloting are finishing the exam. Ann Einboden reported that she only has 4 signed up for the Public Boating Class, but often times those come in the week before the beginning of the first class, in this case the 24<sup>th</sup>.

AO Mike Griffin reported that Nick Teague will be our presenter for Thursday speaking on the restoration of the Patos Lighthouse. Mike is currently working on making the March meeting a recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town of Friday Harbor, with Nouridine Jensen and Nick Nash jointly speaking on the early history of boating on the island.

Treasurer Dan Watson reported that we have \$5,316.44 in checking and \$2,546.95 in the Business certificate as of Jan 14<sup>th</sup>.

Secretary Jan Ferro reported that there have been 28 Roster changes or checks on personal data since January 1<sup>st</sup>. The e-mail that went out encouraging members to do this seems to be working.

**Committee Reports:**

Membership Committee – In John Towson's absence, Carolyn announced that we have two new members, Steve and Susan Alexander, who completed the fall boating class. Including the Alexanders, we currently have eight new members to be inducted.

Membership Involvement – Dave Cable is continuing to seek approval to use the Seattle Yacht Club's outstation on Henry Island for the Squadron's May Picnic. We will have to shuttle Power Squadron members to the Henry Island site using dinghies. Those PS folks who are members of the Seattle Yacht Club will be able to take their larger boats to tie up to the dock. The use of mooring buoys and anchoring is an option for others. The date is tentatively set for May 9<sup>th</sup>, noon to 3 pm.

VSC Chair Burke Critchfield is in California so Safety Officer, Ed Ferro, gave a combined report. We have the 2009 decals and have begun doing vessel examinations. Ann Einboden suggested setting a day for the Roche Harbor people as a group to have their boats done. Also those at Shipyard Cove

can contact Bill Paden to set a date for a group of boats to get VSCs. He reminded people that SUBs (sport utility boats) can also be given VSCs. For the safety aspect he recommended people lay mounted fire extinguishers down flat when they are unable to check them on a regular basis to prevent caking on the bottom. Mooring lines should be checked for chafing.

### **Old Business**

Nominating Committee Report – P/C Marc Forlenza presented the list of Nominations for 2009-2010 with the XO position remaining open.

### **New Business**

D16 Spring Council Mtg. (2/7), in Poulsbo and the USPS Nat'l Annual Mtg. (2/16-21), in Anaheim. Our Squadron will be well represented with SEO Travis Smith attending both events.

Nor'westing 2010—Travis Smith reported on an organizational meeting at the Fidalgo Yacht Club. The Cruise has a budget of \$45K with entry cost per boat estimated at \$250 - \$270. The final fee will not be established until Sept. 1, 2009. There will be a maximum of 60 boats. Registration began the first of the month and they have 20 registered already. This will be held Sept 5 thru 11<sup>th</sup>, with mooring arranged at the port and Roche Harbor. FHPS will provide the bar at the fairgrounds. We can also sell FHPS caps at this event. The tee shirt design has been submitted by Lizz Divers-Smith. Travis also announced that the national dues will be increased by 5%.

D16 Spring Conference (3/27-29)—Carolyn Bowen

Partial reimbursement for Commander's Conference costs was discussed and with the total cost of a conference close to \$600, Dan Watson moved that we include \$400 each in our budget for the Spring and Fall conferences and \$200 for the Educational conference. This was seconded by Ed Ferro and approved by the Bridge.

Use of other funds included books for the library and Ann will look into a docking simulator and also software to practice navigational skills as possible educational tools. It was decided to donate the old In-Focus X-1 projector to the District, as it is an item listed on the District AOs wish list.

Change of Watch (COW) 4/2/09—Carolyn Bowen/Mike Griffin. Plans for this event are underway. The menu will be the same as last year with prime rib or wild salmon at a cost of \$28 each and will be supplemented by the Bridge providing appetizers and desserts. Carolyn will chair the decorating committee, keeping it simple with battery votives and floral bouquets, white table cloths and colored napkins. Plaques have been ordered.

Ann distributed a few more boating class posters to be put out in the community.

The next Ex/Com Meeting will be Tuesday March 3, 2009.  
Adjournment was at 1417.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Ferro, Secretary.