

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON

April 2009

Ex/Com Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

Cdr. Fred Bowen called the meeting to Order at 1300 in the Conference Room of the Friday Harbor Library. In attendance were Cdr. Fred Bowen, XO Carolyn Bowen, SEO Travis Smith, AO Mike Griffin, Secretary Jan Ferro, Membership Chair John Towson, Member Involvement Chair Dave Cable, VSC Chair Burke Critchfield, Safety Officer Ed Ferro, and P/C Marc Forlenza. Incoming Secretary, Penny Woodall, was present. A Quorum was present with 10 members.

The Minutes of the ExCom Meeting for March 3, 2009 were approved as posted on the website.

Squadron Officer's Reports:

XO Carolyn Bowen deferred her report until the Change of Watch discussion.

SEO Travis Smith reported that 3 members finished Piloting with good scores. There are 18 students signed up for the Weather Course, starting April 21st for 8 weeks. Sail will begin May 5th and the Radar Seminar will be moved to an evening in May because the SJIYC is booked for Saturdays. Travis moved that we approve the expenditure of \$150 for a Marine Radar Simulator, produced by Starpath. This was seconded by P/C Forlenza with a unanimous approval vote.

AO Mike Griffin reported that the Change of Watch will begin at 1730 on Thursday with 70 planning to attend. In addition, we will induct new member Krissy Haugen.

Treasurer Dan Watson sent in his report. The FHPS Checking account balance on 3/15/09 was \$4,940.28, and our Business Certificate balance as of 3/13/09 (last statement rec'd) was \$2,557.14.

Secretary Jan Ferro thanked Penny Woodall for attending the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee—John Towson reported he has sent in memberships for Tom and Robin Donnelly as well as Jimmy and Joan Gouge of Lopez. He has also talked to those who have not renewed to understand their reasons. Sometimes it is the time requirements and sometimes cost. He also brought up the dues increase and feels that when dues exceed \$100, people think twice about the cost.

Membership Involvement—Dave Cable reported that he has invited several Seattle Yacht Club members to join the May Pocket Cruise to Henry Island as guests so that large boats will be able to dock at the SYC Henry Island Outstation. He has about 40 attendees signed up with a possibility of 5 large boats. A flyer with a clip and mail will be sent out next week. Participants will need to be at Roche Harbor to board at 1100 on May 9th. Each will need to bring their own drink and food, while the Power Squadron may supply an appetizer tray, salad and beans.

VSC Chair—Burke Critchfield reported that with the addition of Jim Hooper we will have 7 VEs. We have completed 18 VSCs for this year. Burke modeled a red jacket that is being purchased by Mac Douglas for each of the Vessel Examiners. This is a great contribution to our outfitting the VEs.

Safety Officer—Ed Ferro reminded members to have spare fuel filters aboard as the boating season begins after winter layup.

Old Business:

- 1.) Change of Watch (COW) 4/2/09—Carolyn Bowen / Mike Griffin. XO Carolyn announced that because District Officers need to catch the 2000 ferry, we need to open at 1715. Appetizers will be available at 1730 and salads served at 1815.
- 2.) District 16 Spring Conference, March 27-29---Cdr. Fred Bowen reported that Friday Harbor was prominent in the awards presentations. The District was pleased with our donation of our spare projector.
- 3.) SEO Travis mentioned that the 2010 Nor'Westing Cruise list is filled with many on the wait list. There will be about 270 people for the event at the Fair Grounds, where we will have a booth for refreshments and souvenir items.

New Business:

- 1.) Offering ABC class to Middle School students—Ann Einboden was not present, so no update.
- 2.) Opening Day Event, May 2nd and 3rd---This will be coordinated with the Yacht Club. FHPS Membership Involvement Chair and Port Captain Steve Percer, along with AO Griffin, will coordinate FHPS involvement. A flyer and registration form will be sent to FHPS members.
- 3.) Safe Boating Week, May 16-22, Flare Shoot, May 17-- This event will be led by P/C Marc Forlenza, with support from Burke, Ed, and Travis. This will be coordinated with Frank Chaffee of the Friday Harbor Fire Department.
- 4.) Predicted Log, June 13th (changed from June 6th) – The Yacht Club's Fleet Captain, Bill Wertz, is organizing this with FHPS members Fred Hoepfner and Burke Critchfield.
- 5.) Pig War, Roche Harbor, July 10-12—XO Carolyn Bowen is in contact with Peter Simpson concerning CPS Brentwood Bay participation. Roche Harbor will provide tents in the lawn area. Ten slips are reserved with additional anchoring space.
- 6.) Cdr. Fred Bowen distributed the draft budget for 2009-10. This will be voted on at the May meeting.

Other Items: Next Ex/Com meeting, Tuesday, May 5, 2009

Adjournment was at 1430.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Ferro, Secretary

