

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON

May 2009

Executive Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen called the meeting to Order at 1305 in the Conference Room of the Friday Harbor Library. In attendance were XO Marc Forlenza, SEO Travis Smith, AO Mike Griffin, Treasurer Dan Watson, Secretary Penny Woodall, Membership Involvement Dave Cable, Safety Officer Ed Ferro, Public Boating Chair Ann Einboden, Assistant Secretary Jan Ferro, P/C Fred Bowen. A Quorum was present.

The Minutes of the Ex/Com Meeting for April 2009 were approved as presented.

Squadron Officer's Reports:

XO – Marc Forlenza

Deferred to Flare Shoot discussion under “Old Business”

SEO- Travis Smith

- Weather course is into third week with twenty-seven students enrolled.
- Sail course has seven students enrolled and will begin on May 20. Jack McKenna will be the probable instructor. Class location is yet to be determined. We have acquired new Squadron members, Michael and Betsy Wingren, because of their interest in taking the class.
- Engine Maintenance course with four students currently enrolled, will be offered this fall. Watch the web site for more information.
- Advanced Piloting currently has one student enrolled in home study.
- Marine Electronics will be offered in the spring of 2010. Travis received new radar program this week.
- Travis Smith and Ron Crenshaw will attend the D/16 Educational Seminar on May 9th as our SEO and ASEO respectively.

AO-Mike Griffin

- Deferred upcoming May events (Pocket Cruise and Flare Shoot) to Membership Involvement Chair, David Cable and X/O Marc Forlenza for discussion later in the agenda.
- September meeting sites were discussed for our fall picnic with three good possibilities: taking the Pintail to Turn Island; taking the Humpback from Roche Harbor to Stuart Island; and Lakedale Resort. Mike will check our options for the Pintail and the Humpback.
- Potential speakers were discussed for our fall and spring meetings. Among those suggested were Lainey Volk, Canadian Customs, Richard Rodriguez, Nick Teague, and Mike Kaill.
- Marc Forlenza has booked (but not signed contract) for the Grange for the five meetings in 2010.

Treasurer-Dan Watson

- Checking account balance \$3,996.42.
- Business Certificate, as of April 15th @ \$2,562.51.
- Budget deferred to discuss under New Business.

Secretary-Penny Woodall

- Emphasized need to get correct spelling of names of people to include in Minutes.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee-Cdr. Carolyn Bowen for John Towson

- Application and check received for new members, Michael and Betsy Wingren.
- Jay and Suzy Wakefield have begun process to transfer from Bellevue Squadron to FHPS.
- Applications now will include a self-addressed return envelope to John Towson.

Membership Involvement Committee-Dave Cable

- Pocket Cruise, Saturday, Henry Island, has 42-44 signed up, including nine from the SYC. Four boats will ferry everyone: Aquarius with SYC members Skip and Mildred Foss; Proud Mary with SYC member Larry Shorett; Renaissance with SYC members Jane and David Cable; Rebozo with SYC members Carol Smith and Bette Cantrell. We'll meet at Lime Kiln Café at 1130 for transport and will return to Roche Harbor at 1500.

VSC-Burke Critchfield absent, Safety Officer Ed Ferro gave report

- Fifty vessels inspected to date. Goal is to use up our 150 decals and be able to ask for more.
- Mike Close is to offer free inspections and will have all of his kayaks inspected. Have numerous events coming up whereby inspections will be performed along with many Squadron members' boats still to do.

Safety Officer-Ed Ferro

- Discussed the need to file a "float plan". He will further discuss this at Saturday's meeting.
- "Kids Don't Float PFD Project". Marc will follow-up with requests from Cape San Juan and Shipyard Cove.

PBC-Ann Einboden

- Next ABC is scheduled for 9/22 and will run for six Tuesday evenings at FH Middle School, 7-9 pm.
- Next order date for TechSoup software items will be July 1st. We can only order once a year so let Ann know. Check their stock, website is: www.techsoup.org/stock.

Old Business:

P/C-Fred Bowen

- Opening Day: There were 36 boats. Several FHPS members participated in the parade and were involved with the committees. Squadron members Griffin, Hoepfner, Bates, Close, and Ellen Johnson were awarded prizes for their boat themes/decorations. The event was very successful.

XO-Marc Forlenza

- Flare Shoot. Organizing Committee met on 4/14 with detailed minutes summarizing that meeting. Sheriff and Port Office have been notified by Steve Percer with Mike Griffin to contact media people. Information is on-line; need better and updated advertising including coverage of the event; photo and caption. Posters handed out to post around marinas and businesses. The Flare Shoot is May 17 as part of Safe Boating Week, May 16-22.
- Marc will ask Mayor David Jones to sign a Proclamation declaring National Safe Boating Week. As many of us as possible will attend that particular council meeting wearing our PFDs. Photos will be taken and we can get some good publicity through this. This has been successfully performed by the Bellevue Power Squadron.

VSC-Burke Critchfield

- Predicted Log. A meeting was held on Friday with Bill Wertz chairing this Committee. A report will be given on this at a later date.

Cdr.-Carolyn Bowen

- Pig War, Roche Harbor, July 10-12. Flyer will be sent on 5/10 to Dave Good for inclusion into the May Harbor Lights as well as to the web site. An announcement will also be sent out via email giving the link for the information. This information will also be sent to Peter Simpson, Brentwood Bay Power Squadron, for posting to their web site. Jan Ferro will look into potential quiz questions but any input from others is welcomed.

New Business:

Treasurer-Dan Watson

- New budget, (2009-2010) will be presented and voted on at our Pocket Cruise meeting this Saturday. The increase in new budget (to \$6,000) is due to increased expenses for educational and safety projects, which will be highlighted for the Saturday meeting. Motion to approve budget; Dave Cable, seconded by Marc Forlenza.

P/C-Fred Bowen

- Int'l Cruiser Navigation Contest, July 18. Canadian and American participants (real pros) have requested our help. We currently have 20 signed up from our Squadron. We hope to acquire a "point of contact" from that list of sign-ups.

Cdr.-Carolyn Bowen

Presented points from her discussion with D/16 Commander, Barb Erickson which included:

1. What can District do for the Squadron? *It was suggested that we could pool some of their instructors to help with our classes and seminars.*
2. District would like to do an ice-cream social for us to thank us for our donation of the In-Focus X1 projector we recently donated. *In lieu of the ice cream social, we will invite D/16 Bridge to our Pig War Rendezvous with our sister Canadian Squadron.*
3. Squadron's option to subsidize part of the new membership fee increase from National. *An Ad Hoc Committee (Travis, Dan and Marc) will investigate giving a rebate, on a one-year trial basis, to new members to cover the National's \$25 "initiation fee" in order to help offset recent dues increases by National.*

Other Items:

- Harbor Lights input due May 10 to David Good. The May issue will be published on May 15.

Next Ex/Com meeting, September 1, 2009

Meeting adjourned at 1504.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Woodall, Secretary