

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON
September 2009 Executive Committee Meeting
MINUTES
Tuesday, September 1, 2009

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen called the meeting to Order at 1300 in the Conference Room of the Friday Harbor Library. In attendance were Cdr. Carolyn Bowen, XO Marc Forlenza, SEO Travis Smith, AO Mike Griffin, Treasurer Dan Watson, Secretary (Jan Ferro for Penny Woodall), Membership Chair John Towson, Membership Involvement Steve Percer, Vessel Safety Check Chair Burke Critchfield, Safety Officer Ed Ferro, Public Boating Chair Ann Einboden, P/C Fred Bowen, P/C Ron Crenshaw. A Quorum was present.

The Minutes of the Ex/Com meeting for May 5, 2009 were approved.

Squadron Officer's Reports:

XO, Marc Forlenza – Deferred report to later in the meeting.

SEO, Travis Smith had a copy of the Ensign cover just posted on-line showing the Boat Operator Certification from the District 16 Rendezvous on Liberty Bay in Puget Sound. The Sail class has just ended. Five of the twelve students who began the course took the final exam. Seven of the original twelve became new members. The 12 week course taught by Jack McKenna, included a great deal of time with hands on training on the water. The weather course has finished with 20 of the 27 students completing it. Fall courses will be scheduled depending on interest. Engine Maintenance will be offered this fall followed by Marine Electronics in the Spring. Both are 8-week courses. Travis is preparing to order materials for the 20 students signed up for the 2- hour Radar Seminar being offered on September 28. An AP course was considered but because of the large America's Boating Course being offered this month, it seems more feasible to offer Seamanship in hopes to capture some of the ABC folks. Travis will be attending the USPS Governing Board Meeting on September 12th in Kansas City.

AO, Mike Griffin reported that he was successful in reserving Lakedale Resort, #2 group site, for the September Picnic on Thursday, September 10th. The fee is \$50. He has the supplies for table cloths, charcoal and lighter. Lakedale will take care of the trash. We understand that any tables moved together for our meeting must be returned to original location. Marc will bring a grill. For the October potluck dinner meeting on the 1st, our guest speaker will be Mike Kaill, Aquarium Manager for the Port of Friday Harbor.

Treasurer, Dan Watson reported that we have \$3,813.68 in checking and are about \$1,000 ahead of where we were last year at this time. The latest statement for our Business Certificate reflects a balance of \$2,579.52 as of 08/14/09. He went over the status of most budgeted items.

Secretary (Jan Ferro for Penny Woodall) No report other than hoping Penny can find more blueberries than we have here.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee—John Towson reported that we have 19 new members, plus 8 or 9 from the past not yet sworn in. Friday Harbor Power Squadron is first in the District for both membership growth and retention. Promoting membership as part of class sign-up for member only courses has helped. Executive Committee members volunteered to personally invite those new members they have an association with to come to the Fall picnic and meeting.

Membership Involvement—Steve Percer reminded us that in any organization, 10% of the members do 90% of the work. He is proposing that he keep a record of participation, including attendance at meetings, for recognition beyond Merit Marks and Commander's Coins.

VSC Chair—Burke Critchfield reported we have about 140 VSCs and will reach the goal of 150. Andrea and Bill have some still to be recorded. Ed Ferro has the most with 63. Cdr. Carolyn asked what follow-up there is for those that do not pass the initial inspection.

Safety Officer—Ed Ferro commented that VSCs are his primary concern in dealing with safety and the need for every member to get his boat inspected.

Public Boating Chair—Ann Einboden had the posters for the America's Boating Course beginning Sept. 22 which she passed out for posting around town. Some are disappearing from bulletin boards and must be reposted. Currently there are 16 people showing an interest in the class. Ann is adjusting the course outline to fit individual instructor's calendars.

Old Business:

Flare Shoot (June 17)—P/C Marc Forlenza reported that about 40 attended and the number was easier for the fire department to handle. It turned out that the date was in conflict with a memorial service and was on a Sunday. Next year a permit from the County Fire Marshall needs to be secured.

Predicted Log (June 13)— International Cruiser Navigation Contest (July 18)— Burke Critchfield combined his report with the Navigation Contest. There was a low participation rate in our Predicted Log event with only 5 entries. P/C Ron Crenshaw suggested including nearby Power Squadrons in the future. The dinner was a better success. For the International event, the 15 observers who participated, both from Power Squadron and Yacht Club, were very impressed with the participants they met. Their rules are different. There are multiple navigators and the use of radar is allowed.

Pig War (July 11)—P/C Fred Bowen reported that the rendezvous was a big success beginning with the combined dock-tail party, the games led by P/C Ron Crenshaw, and the contributions of the Roche Harbor Resort for raising our ensigns, the tents, tables and chairs.

New Business:

The Squadron's option to subsidize part of the new membership fee increase from National was discussed which led to the idea of rather than approaching it as a subsidy, that it be a refund to those who complete America's Boating Course and join the Power Squadron which currently has an Initial fee of \$120.05. P/C Travis Smith moved that we refund the \$25 Initial Entrance Fee on a trial basis for the upcoming class in order to keep the fee at less than \$100. This was seconded and approved unanimously.

USPS D/16 & CPS-WCID Int'l Fall Conference in Penticton, B.C.—This will take place October 23-25 with the Smiths, Bowens, Allens, Forlenzas, and possibly the Crenshaws attending. There are currently 114 US delegates and 28 from BC signed up.

“Kids Don't Float” PFD Boards were discussed with Cdr. Carolyn expressing concern about the placement of the Roche Harbor board in regard to the new construction near it. Jan explained that this PFD board was paid for by Roche Harbor, set up for them, and they are responsible for the location of their own board. The San Juan EMS services through Lainy Volk supplies the PFDs. Since the boards seem to collect a larger number of jackets at the end of the season we should wait to see how it goes.

December General Meeting/Holiday Party—Cdr. Carolyn Bowen has the Yacht Club reserved for December 3rd. Consensus is that we should follow the plan that has been a great success in the past. Sign up sheets will be passed out for those who will be willing to provide appetizers and desserts.

Commander's Coins—Cdr. Carolyn Bowen has placed an order for 100 coins in antique brass, at \$550. The dies for the coin have been lost by the original manufacturer, so the cost includes that. Coins were not ordered last year under P/C Fred Bowen. This current order should last through 2010.

Co-op Charting/BOC course training for FHPS by Chuck Leavitt—P/C Ron Crenshaw is no longer interested in participating with the way the methods have changed. Most members are too involved with other things.

Co-op Advertising Requests due to P/C Jack Green by Sept. 30 for Oct. 15 deadline. If a bill can be obtained from the Journal for the ABC ad in time, that can be submitted.

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen questioned Ex/Com members about feasibility of purchasing a new PA system. Mike Griffin will investigate what is available, best unit for our needs, wireless capability, and cost.

Other Items:

San Juan Island Quest, September 18th and 19th – A/O Mike Griffin received a request from Paul Hopkins to solicit our help for the portion of the race that takes place on the water. This event involves a 6 hour and a 24 hour race for the kayak portion. The organizers are in need of some volunteer boats to monitor the kayak portion only. While it is not an event that the Power Squadron as a group will take on, P/C Fred Hoepfner has volunteered to assist in a tender.

Harbor Lights input due to Dave Good by September 10th for September 18th publication.

Next Ex/Com meeting, Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 1510.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Ferro for Penny Woodall, Secretary.