

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON
October 2009
Executive Committee Meeting
MINUTES
Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen called the meeting to Order at 1300 in the Conference Room of the Friday Harbor Library. In attendance were XO Marc Forlenza, SEO Travis Smith, Secretary Penny Woodall, Squadron Communications David Good, Safety Officer Ed Ferro, Public Boating Chair Ann Einboden, VSC Burke Critchfield, Cooperative Charting Chair Ron Crenshaw, Membership Involvement Steve Percer, P/C Fred Bowen, Membership Chair John Towson, Assistant Treasurer Joyce Ragsdale. A Quorum was present.

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

Squadron Officer's Reports:

XO - Marc Forlenza deferred.

SEO – Travis Smith

- . Radar Seminar completed with 27 participants
- . Engine Maintenance starting November 2.
- . Seamanship starting November 10.
- . Instructor Development course will be offered in mid January.

AO – Cdr. Carolyn Bowen for Mike Griffin

- . Speaker for our October 1st meeting will be Mike Kaill, Aquarium Manager for the Port of Friday Harbor.

TREASURER – Cdr. Carolyn Bowen for Dan Watson

- . Checking account balance \$3,767.18
- . Business Certificate, as of August statement \$2,579.52
- . Co-op Advertising, mailed to District for reimbursement of \$184. for the ABC course.

SECRETARY – Penny Woodall

- . Thanks to Jan Ferro for taking the May minutes.
- . Ed offered that Jan had made up a “sign in sheet” for Thursday.

Committee Reports:

Membership Involvement: Steve Percer

- . Great turn out for the September Picnic/meeting. We will go to Turn Island in the spring or to the SYC Henry Island out station again.

- . EC members asked to follow-up on contacts so we can get more members involved & participating.
- . The spread sheet provided by Cdr. Bowen will be helpful recording membership participation.
- . Pig War (2nd weekend in July). Probably will be held at Port Browning.

VSC – Burke Critchfield

- . Passed our goal of 150 inspections! We are number two in the District; Bremerton is the only one ahead of us.
- . Thank you to Ed Ferro for his excellent talk at the September BBQ & he is THE most requested inspector.
- . Will add a category of “vessel inspections” to the Membership Involvement spread sheet.

Safety Officer – Ed Ferro

- . Preventative maintenance; cold weather; expired flares as back ups, 7-10 years old take to flares shoot.

PBS – Ann Einboden

- . ABC class last week had 17; this week an additional 6 are supposed to attend.
- . Course can be taken on your own with disk & manual; test given by Ann. 25 years & younger can't operate any vessel without this course. Next year it will be 30 yrs & younger.

Membership Chair – John Towson

- . 19 new members this year.
- . North Olympic Sail & Power Club is *very* close to us, so we need to keep trying.
- . Will use the correct preamble & hopefully some new members will be at the meeting Thursday to be inducted.
- . Phoned people that attended the ABC class to invite to the meeting.

Old Business:

SEO – Travis Smith P/C

- . FHPS Governing Board Meeting (Sept. 12) Kansas City; 403 attended the Saturday Board Meeting. The UPS membership is now at 41,337 active & family members. Travis gave a synopsis on topics discussed; all reports will be on the major website. Next National meeting will be February 2-7 in Orlando.

New Business:

SEO – Travis Smith P/C

- . FHPS to host D16 Spring Council February 12, 2011. Last time we hosted was in 2005. Expect approximately 100 people; possibly use the S.J.I.Y.C. for this event. Commander Carolyn to check with the Club.
- . FHPS to host D16 Spring Conference March 23-25, 2012. Suggestions made to hold it in Yakima at the Clarion Hotel or Lake Chelan, Best Western. (Travis to check out these locations).

P/C – Fred Bowen for AO – Mike Griffin

- . We're continuing to pursue purchasing a lighter weight PA system. Current system works okay but weighs 35 pounds; a 25 pound system would be better.

Squadron Communications – David Good

- . Suggested he combine the Harbor Lights Newsletter (published every 2 months) into the Friday Harbor Power Squadron Website. Data would be updated & searchable; old data would be moved into the archives, so nothing will be lost for future reference. Motion was made & approved. Changes should be seen in the November issue.
- . National has adopted Sail Angle (a for profit company). Sail Angle is cumbersome & difficult to use. Our website already provides most if not all the information we need & use. David has found problems with Sail Angle & has agreed to draft up a letter for Cdr. Bowen's approval & signature & Travis will present to the proper District person to let them know our position.

CDR – Carolyn Bowen

- . Holiday party December 3rd at the S.J.I.Y.C. Menu will be like last year & Steve will have his "involvement" sign up sheet for participation; \$20 per person which includes a dishwasher & server. No champagne toast or ornament exchange; the newly nominated officers will be introduced; Marc will again be the leader for the auction with Fred the auctioneer extraordinaire along with "Vanna White". We had 43 items last year!

P/C - Fred Bowen

- . Nomination Committee has **begun its process, but no new candidates have been recruited so far**. The XO & AO positions are required to be filled.
- . Ann suggested we invite two "Member Representatives" to our Executive Committee meetings. This would give members (old & new) exposure to the board and how things get accomplished. This might encourage new members to volunteer to serve in some capacity. This suggestion was moved & approved.

Other Items:

Charting Chair – Ron Crenshaw P/C

- . Would like to purchase a remote control for computer presentations (\$40). Motion made & approved.

Next Ex/Com Meeting Tuesday November 3, 2009.
Meeting adjourned at 14:52

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Woodall, Secretary