

**Friday Harbor Power Squadron
December 2009 General Meeting**

MINUTES

Thursday, December 3, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 1900 by **Cdr. Carolyn Bowen** with 57 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by two WWII veterans, Fred Hoepfner & David Woodall followed with the Invocation by Steve Percer. Minutes were approved for the November 5, 2009 General Meeting.

Squadron Officer's Reports:

XO – Marc Forlenza

- . The wonderful attendance tonight shows the strength of our organization. Thanks to each & every one of you for coming and for the delicious food & camaraderie over this Christmas holiday.

SECRETARY – Penny Woodall

- . Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee – John Towson

- . We have 30 new members this year.
- . Present this evening for induction: Dan Paulson & Ruth Fleming.

Membership Involvement – Steve Percer

- . We don't want 10-15% of this club doing 90% of the work, we want to spread it out & "I'm keeping track". If you'd just help on our committees, our cruises – you'd find it a fun thing to do. This is a vibrant club & your participation is needed & you'll find it fun & rewarding.

VSC – Burke Critchfield

- . We surpassed our goal of 150; we are now at 158 & will reach 160. Cdr. Carolyn Bowen pointed out that we have 166 recorded members, so having 160 inspections will put us close to our number of members.

Safety Officer – Ed Ferro

- . Extra precaution should be taken over the holidays with this cold weather.
- . Check all mooring lines frequently, especially when strong winds are predicted.

Public Boating Chair – Cdr. Carolyn Bowen for Ann Einboden

- . The ABC class scheduled for February 23 has 11 signed up to date.

Old Business:

Nominating Committee Chair - P/C Fred Bowen

- . Our By-laws require at the December annual meeting we elect our officers for 2010-2011. Our nominating committee comprised of Sharon Towson, Toni Bailey & P/C Fred Bowen have a proposed slate of officers we would like to present for your consideration.

Squadron Bridge Officers:

Commander: Carolyn Bowen P
Executive Officer: P/C Marc Forlenza, AP
Education Officer: P/C Travis Smith, JN
Administrative Officer: Gary Parker, P
Treasurer: Dan Watson, S
Secretary: Penny Woodall

Executive Committee:

P/C Fred Bowen, AP
John Towson
P/C Ron Crenshaw, AP
Ed Ferro, P
Burke Critchfield, P
Ann Einboden, AP

Elected Committee Chairs:

Nominating Committee: P/C Fred Bowen, AP; Toni Bailey, S; Sharon Towson.
Assistant Secretary: Jan Ferro, AP
Assistant Administrative Officer: Jan Ferro AP
Assistant Treasurer: Joyce Ragsdale
Rules: Ron Einboden, AP

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen asked for any nominations from the floor. A motion was made to elect the officers as presented, seconded & approved by the membership.

New Business:

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen

- . The last month I've been compiling **merit mark** submittals (anyone contributing at least 20 hrs of service towards this organization) to turn in to National and we have 21 people who have qualified.
- . The Commander's Coins were ordered, but have not arrived. She thanked those who helped with this evening's event.
 - * our greeters for tonight, Sue Beauchamp & Joyce Ragsdale
 - * our decorating committee, Sharon Towson & Joyce Ragsdale
 - * kitchen helpers; Marc & Denece Forlenza, Sharon Towson, Carol Good, Penny Woodall, Carolyn Bowen, Kevin & Roger
 - * dessert makers; Steve Percer, Jan Close, Penny Woodall, Jan Ferro, Marc & Denece Forlenza, Fred & Carolyn Bowen
 - * auction items; Marc Forlenza, Steve Percer, Ed & Jan Ferro & Burke Critchfield.
 - * Ron and Ann Einboden for their two platters of smoked salmon

- . FHPS New Member/Member Retention Standing - we're currently tied with No. Olympic. P/C Marc Forlenza recognized our success due to the excellent work of our Commander, Carolyn Bowen.

Business meeting was adjourned at 1930. Next General Meeting will be January 7, 2010.

Live Auction:

- . **P/C Fred Bowen, auctioneer**
- . **Carol Good, assisting**
Approximately 30 items were donated for the auction & the dollar amount raised was \$1,626.

The evening ended at 2050.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Woodall, Secretary