

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON

February 2010

Executive Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

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, AO Mike Griffin, AO elect Gary Parker, Treasurer Dan Watson, Secretary Penny Woodall, Safety Officer Ed Ferro, Membership Chair John Towson, Membership Involvement Steve Percer, Public Boating Chair Ann Einboden, P/C Fred Bowen. A Quorum was present.

The Minutes of the Ex/Com Meeting for January 5, 2010 were approved as presented; please check Harbor Lights "Archives" to read the minutes.

Squadron Officer's Report:

XO – Marc Forlenza

- . Deferred to later.

AO – Mike Griffin

- . Speaker for the meeting Thursday is Lainey Volk, Director of Outreach. Refer to flyer for more details.
- . Will confirm Customs Director Barry Clement for our March speaker & invite Canadian Customs to participate.
- . Terry Whalen has been recommended to discuss the "abandoned craft issue". Mike will ask him if he'd like to be one of our fall speakers.
- . Gary Parker suggested asking Debbie Fritz (formerly with Vessel Assist) to speak at one of our meetings this fall. She & her husband have formed a new company, Marine Assist Towing & Transportation (Towline).

Treasurer – Dan Watson

- . Checking account balance \$6,302.86
- . Business Certificate \$2,601.02.

Secretary – Penny Woodall

- . Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Membership Chair – John Towson

- . We have one new member, Libby Thompson.
- . Picked up new member badges & certificates; hope to have some new members at our meeting Thursday that haven't been inducted yet.

Membership Involvement – Steve Percer

- . Spring picnic meeting will be **Saturday, May 8, "save the date"**
Pintail has been confirmed & will pick us up at Shipyard Cove taking us

to Turn Island (& back). Bring your own life jacket. Will need a boat & committee ahead of time to bring firewood & get the grills going for the barbeque. You'll need your own "hot dogs, hamburgers, steaks" to throw on the BBQ; more details & flyer forthcoming.

- Nor'westing 2010 National Cruise – "everyone is primed".
September 6, Roche Harbor will be working with National Cruise personnel on docking the incoming boats from Anacortes & we'll be the back-up. Steve Percer will have a „pilot boat“ in Spieden Channel with a huge Power Squadron flag flying to greet & guide boats into Roche Harbor.
Rebbie & Bill Bates have once again agreed to do the "photo snipe hunt".
It was suggested that we host a „docktail party“ and that we might contact the Brentwood Power Squadron to possibly assist when the Nor'westing Cruise goes on to Sidney.
U.S. Customs in Friday Harbor are alerted & will have extra staff to accommodate the boats on their September 10th arrival – 80% on dock G & remainder on the breakwater. We'll need a committee to help dock; P/C Travis Smith & Otto Rasmussen of the Tacoma Squadron will coordinate this as well as the Fairgrounds party. We do have P/C Fred Bowen & our Membership Involvement Chair Steve Percer to bartend, but may need more help here.
Again, more to come when time draws closer.

VSC – Ed Ferro for Burke Critchfield

- We don't have the new 2010 decals yet, but we expect them any day now.

Safety Officer – Ed Ferro

- We won't be doing any vessel inspections until we get the new decals.

PBC – Ann Einboden

- Next ABC class scheduled for February 23 – March 30 with only 4 signed up to date. We're advertising around town with posters, newspaper ads & website information.
- Tech Soup software has been ordered & should be here soon. Windows 7 (upgrade for Windows XP & Vista Professional) & Word 2008 for Mac's.
- Suggestion made that we invite students from last years ABC classes to come & sit in on one or more of our upcoming classes if they feel they'd like a refresher and invite them to come to a Squadron meeting.

Nominating Chair – P/C Fred Bowen

- We need to find new people to take over key positions! The same people continue to „reenlist“ and the time has come to get new volunteers. Each of us should consider asking someone to take over „our“ position (replace ourselves); be their mentor.

Old Business:

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen

- Commander Coins – the „new“ company has resumed with the product & we should be getting the coins we ordered last year any day now.

- The bookmarks have been reprinted at significantly reduced price thanks to Webmaster David Good. Suggested we give everyone that has their vessel inspected a bookmark as well as all students in the FHPS classes & handouts at the Fourth of July Parade. New pictures will be changed periodically; Cdr. Carolyn Bowen will order more as needed.

New Business:

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen

- COW is now on **April 8** at the SJYIC. Volunteers have come forward to bring desserts & decorate. We'd like to charge no more than \$25 per person for the dinner & will discuss the menu this week with SJYIC.

XO – Marc Forlenza

- July 4th Parade. P/C Marc Forlenza to check with P/C Ron Crenshaw about using his boat & trailer as our float. Will want volunteers to help that are proficient in painting posters, carpentry work, & need members to walk behind & in front of our "float" carrying banners & wearing red. Watch for more info!

Treasurer – Dan Watson

- Dues & Budget Update
No increase in the District dues, but National will increase theirs by \$1.80 single & \$2.70 family effective June 1st.
After a lengthy discussion on how we (FHPS) could help curb rising membership fees, it was unanimously agreed that we should subsidize the \$25 "one time only charge" for new members, but only those that **take a Power Squadron Course**. This was tabled awaiting input from P/C Travis Smith who had offered to form an ad hoc committee to look into it.
Discussion was held on ways to get new *young community* members involved & possibly allocate funds for projects with them.
PBC Ann Einboden asked that we might consider buying another video projector to have when there are two classes scheduled the same day.
- Co-op Advertising
Received a new form (MPR102S) to complete & submit for our anticipated costs, along with documentation & photocopies of ads & actual expenses by April 1.

SEO – Cdr. Bowen for Travis Smith

- Co-op Charting
We were the only Squadron that did 3 & recognition was received from the District. Our thanks to: Rebbie & Bill Bates, P/C Marc Forlenza & P/C Travis Smith for a job well done.

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen

- Bilgewater Bash
We're invited to the Annual Vancouver Power & Sail Squadron's

Bilgewater Bash on March 27th at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club. Cost is \$65. per person & the party begins at 1745. Contact Cdr. Bowen for additional details if you'd like to participate in this event.

Other Business:

Next Ex/Com meeting, Tuesday, March 2, 2010.

Meeting adjourned @ 1454.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Woodall, Secretary