

## **FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON**

**March 2010**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 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, SEO Travis Smith, Treasurer Dan Watson, Secretary Penny Woodall, VSC Burke Critchfield, Safety Officer Ed Ferro, Public Boating Chair Ann Einboden, and AO elect Gary Parker. A Quorum was present.

Cdr. Bowen welcomed our guest, Power Squadron member Bill Cannam.

The Minutes of the Ex/Com Meeting for February 2, 2010 were approved as presented.

### **Squadron Officer's Report:**

#### **XO – Marc Forlenza**

- A follow-up was conducted by P/C Marc Forlenza regarding the grading of websites. It was acknowledged that Webmaster David Good's website was excellent (grade of 100), however they did not feel they could go back & re-evaluate all the websites, which would only be fair. They will change the procedure for judging websites in the future.

#### **SEO – Travis Smith**

- The Spring Course Schedule:
  - \* ABC, now in progress
  - \* Seamanship, April 6<sup>th</sup> with 11 signed up so far.
  - \* Operations Training, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - \* Marine Electrical Systems, June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Spring Seminar Schedule:
  - \* Using GPS, April 12.
  - \* Coastal Navigation, April 26.
  - \* More to be announced.

All courses & seminars will be posted in Harbor Lights, so please check for updates, additions & locations.

#### **AO – Cdr. Carolyn Bowen for Mike Griffin**

- Speaker for the meeting Thursday is CBPO, Kevin D. Holmes.  
Refer to flyer for more details.

#### **Treasurer – Dan Watson**

- Checking account balance \$6,177.23.
- Business Certificate \$2,605.40.
- Bills should be paid within 48 hours of receiving them.
- A recap (profit & loss) of the past few events, dues received, etc. was given.
- Co-Op Advertising - we are allotted \$308 this year, \$129 has been spent.

### **Secretary – Penny Woodall**

- Assistant Secretary Jan Ferro AP has agreed to take the minutes at our next Ex/Com. Meeting as I will be out of town.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Membership Chair – Cdr. Carolyn Bowen for John Towson**

- We have one new member, but have lost 4 this year.

#### **Membership Involvement – Cdr. Carolyn Bowen for Steve Percer**

- Spring picnic General Meeting will be **Saturday, May 8.** Pintail has been confirmed & will pick us up at Shipyard Cove taking us to Turn Island (& back). Bring your own life jacket. More info to come.

#### **VSC – Burke Critchfield**

- We just received the new 2010 decals. Ed Ferro & I have done 2 each. Goal is set for 160 vessel inspections this year.
- We only have 3 active inspectors at this time & really need more.

#### **Safety Officer – Ed Ferro**

- Reiterating VSC Burke's report, we need more inspectors.
- If you could notify people at the marina where your boat is docked that we'll be inspecting your vessel & would like to do theirs that day as well, it would be time & cost savings for us.

#### **PBC – Ann Einboden**

- ABC class is in progress & we have 35 attendees; a few are just reviewing. Thank you to the volunteers for the March 16<sup>th</sup> Exam Night: P/C Travis Smith, JN *Teach & give exam; Assist & Proctor* P/C Fred Bowen, AP & Lt. Ed Ferro, P; *Grade Exams* Jan Ferro, AP & David Good AP; *Pass out Certificates* Cdr. Carolyn Bowen, P; *Cookie Detail* Lt/C Mike Griffin, P & Lt/C Penny Woodall. Cdr. Carolyn Bowen will bring *drinks & napkins*. Lastly & extremely important, - *Congratulate students & encourage them to join* the Power Squadron P/C Fred Bowen, AP; Lt/C Mike Griffin, P; Lt John Towson. "Since I'm unable to attend March 16<sup>th</sup>, I want to express my appreciation to each of you for volunteering your time & dedication."
  - It was suggested we invite the class to this Thursday's General Meeting at the Grange as well as the Change of Watch dinner/meeting April 8 at the SJIYC.

### **Old Business:**

#### **CDR - Carolyn Bowen**

- Commander Coins are due here this Thursday.
- COW on April 8 at the SJIYC. We have volunteers to decorate, bring desserts & a sign up sheet will be circulated Thursday to reconfirm & ask for volunteers to bring an appetizer. Linens, etc. have been ordered & the D/16 Bridge has been invited as well as current & incoming Cdr's. We expect about 65 people.
- Spring Picnic Meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> is on track.
- Flare shoot will be rescheduled from May 16 to Saturday May 22. P/C Marc Forlenza will confirm & it would tie-in with Nat'l Safe Boating Week 5/22-28.

- Predicted Log June 12, need a Chair & Committee. The Brentwood Bay PS & the Skagit Bay Squadron have been invited to join us. The dinner is held & hosted at the SJIYC. P/C Marc Forlenza suggested we consider having a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> prize to encourage participation. This idea was unanimously accepted.

#### **XO – Marc Forlenza**

- July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. Ed & Jan Ferro have „donated“ their boat to be in the parade & P/C Travis Smith has agreed to use his truck. We have 20 volunteers signed up to help with banners on the boat, carry in the parade, etc. The banners will be made so we can use them for future events & advertise our key functions in boating, education & safety. We’d like all participants in the parade to wear red shirts, be uniform & professional looking. Much more info to come.

#### **CDR - Carolyn Bowen**

- Pig War at Port Browning July 9-11 has been confirmed by Brentwood Bay Power Squadron. The marina has been upgraded & ready for us.  
Note: Brentwood Bay PS invited us to join them May 15-16 at Victoria where they’re having their first cruise of the season.

#### **SEO – Travis Smith**

- Nor’westing 2010 has 70 boats (3 on the waiting list) & approximately 280 people signed up. Steve Percer will be the Pilot Boat, guiding & assisting the incoming vessels & he has arranged their arrival procedures with U.S.Customs. Otto Rasmussen of Tacoma PS is in charge with P/C Travis Smith assisting. This event is 9/6 @ Roche Harbor & 9/10 @ Friday Harbor.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Treasurer – Dan Watson**

- A discussion on how we (FHPS) could help curb rising membership fees was once again held with input from P/C Travis Smith. The proposal to subsidize the \$25 “one time only charge” for new members, but only those that **take the ABC Power Squadron Course** was again suggested. This would lower their new membership dues to \$75 for a single & \$97.75 for a family. Ed Ferro moved for a motion:  
“FHPS to discount/subsidize the \$25 one time charge for new members who have completed the ABC course; the \$25 to be deducted up front”.

Dan Watson seconded the motion & it unanimously carried.

##### **SEO – Travis Smith**

- USPS Annual Meeting, Orlando, Fl. Feb. 1-6 was well attended with 707 members. P/C Travis Smith gave a good report with many highlights.
- District 16 Spring Council Meeting, Feb.13 was also reviewed. The Administrative Department is pleased to report two FHPS officers are involved: Boating Activities, P/C Marc Forlenza, AP and Membership Retention, Cdr. Carolyn Bowen, P.
- March 13 the Skagit Bay Squadron will be at Haley’s & FHPS members are invited to attend.
- June 25-27 is the D-16 Rendezvous at Poulsbo. P/C Travis Smith is in charge of this event. Harbor Lights will have more details & a clip n mail.

**CDR - Carolyn Bowen**

- District 16 Incoming Commander's Meeting was held on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. Cdr. Bowen gave us an overview of the meeting.
- Spring Conference will be held March 19-20 in Tacoma. Cdr. Carolyn Bowen, P/C Fred Bowen, P/C Travis Smith, Lizz Smith and P/C Marc Forlenza plan to attend; details in Harbor Lights.

**Other Business:**

- Deadline for Harbor Lights articles to Dave Good is March 10<sup>th</sup> for the 15<sup>th</sup> publication.
- A/O Mike Griffin to get a flyer out for the April 8th COW.
- Next Ex/Com meeting, Tuesday, March 30, 2010.

Meeting adjourned @ 1447.

Respectfully submitted,  
Penny Woodall, Secretary