

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON
October 2010 Executive Committee Meeting
MINUTES
Tuesday, October 5, 2010

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, Treasurer Dan Watson, Secretary (Jan Ferro for Penny Woodall), Membership John Towson, Member Involvement Steve Percer, Safety Officer Ed Ferro, Public Boating Chair Ann Einboden, P/C Fred Bowen. A Quorum was present. Also attending were new members Phil Coose and Bruce Galton.

The Minutes of the Ex/Com Meeting for August 31, 2010 were approved with corrections as posted on the website

Squadron Officer's Reports:

- XO, Marc Forlenza – deferred his comments until later.
- SEO, Travis Smith — There are two classes now with Piloting beginning on 10/5 with 9 students and the Marine Electrical Systems is in progress with 8 students enrolled.
- Treasurer, Dan Watson reported that we have \$3,842.50 in checking and \$2,628.48 in the Business Certificate. A number of items covering recent income and expenses was discussed from the Nor'westing 2010 activities, Ships Store, and classes.
- Secretary (Jan Ferro for Penny Woodall) reported that Penny is returning Saturday, Oct. 9th.

Committee Reports:

- Membership Committee—John Towson reported that we have 6 new members: the Galtons, Cooses and Clarks with potential new members, Pat & Lindy Irwin from Orcas. Also recent transfers to FHPS include the Wakefields (from Bellevue), the Vanderveers (from Ventura, CA) and Clare Lynn Welker from Texas. Chris Brown, SN, is a new Associate Member to FHPS with membership in the Bellevue Sail & Power Squadron. John stated the need for additional Education brochures. P/C Travis is working on updating our current brochures and will place an order for 200.
- Membership Involvement—Steve Percer sees this as a continuing challenge and is working to find members willing to get involved on committees and the bridge offices. The best possible approach could be to individually invite members to take a role. Canadian squadrons continue to show success with membership and membership involvement, however, it may be due to the Canadian requirement for Boater Cards and class instruction. We'll see if this success rate continues.
- VSC—Burke Critchfield was absent but Cdr Carolyn announced that we are currently first in the District with 217 VSCs. Bremerton is second with 168. Reinstated member and VE Virgil Boyt, has 109.
- Safety Officer—Ed Ferro reminded us that now is the time to winterize our boats.
- Public Boating Chair—Ann Einboden is pleased with the Community Room at Skagit Valley College equipped with everything we need for classes. The ABC class began Saturday with 16 students and one doing self study. Next Saturday, the four hour session will end with the test and an invitation to join the Power Squadron. P/C Marc Forlenza will present the Certificates of Completion. The final session on the 16th will deal with charting and electronics.

Old Business:

- Nor'Westing 2010—Summary—P/C Travis Smith reported that letters of thank you were received for the hospitality and docking help for the 59 boats in the group with 227 people visiting at Roche Harbor and Friday Harbor. Overall, it was a successful National Cruise for the cruisers and concluded with a surplus of \$3,100. Travis suggested that some monies be returned to each skipper.
- October General Meeting—Cdr Carolyn Bowen – Announced that our speaker for Thursday evening is Terry Whalen presenting on the topic of Derelict Vessels. Bill and Maria Wertz are hosting Terry for the dinner and evening's activities.

New Business:

- Speaker for November Meeting –Ann Einboden agreed that she and Ron will present at our November meeting with a PowerPoint presentation on their summer cruise and fishing in the Broughtons. Dave Good has agreed to help with adding charts to show their routes. There was genuine interest and reinforcing comments by new member, Phil Coose, on the educational value of learning through the Einboden's experience.
- Steve Percer suggested that he would like to make a presentation at one of the future spring meetings on boater etiquette.
- District 16 Fall Conference, Tacoma, October 29-31, 2010—P/C Travis Smith announced that it will be held at the best Western Tacoma Dome. The Bowens and Smiths are attending and others are encouraged to attend.
- Educational opportunity for a joint effort with Brentwood Bay Power Squadron—P/C Travis Smith explained that Cdr Len Burton of BBPS, along with Mike Ward, Liaison Officer, Canadian Hydrographic Services at The Institute of Ocean Sciences, have extended an invitation to visit their facilities on Patricia Bay near the International Airport at Sidney. Logistics for our visit were discussed. Travis will pass an "interest sign-up sheet" at Thursday's meeting.
- Marc Forlenza brought up the fact that the Sheriff's boat, *Guardian*, is our "life-line" to the mainland when flying is not possible. With Bill Cummings retiring, donations toward costs to maintain the boat might be a good project for FHPS. A secure box for the donations could be welded and placed near the PFD stand at the Port of Friday Harbor. Steve Percer will look into possible legal complications.

Other Business:

- Holiday Party, December 2, SJIYC—Auction Items—P/C Marc Forlenza mentioned the need for members' donations as well as business and retailers' donations. Steve Percer has agreed to contact Roche Harbor for a dinner, moorage, or lodging donation. Efforts to acquire donated items early has always been an issue. This will be an agenda item for our general meeting.
- Ex/Com for Dec. will be Nov. 30th —Cdr Bowen will be unavailable--P/C Marc Forlenza will preside.
- The Grange Reserved for 2011—Cdr Carolyn Bowen has signed and returned the contract. The rental for the 5 meetings at the Grange for 2011 remains the same as last year (\$525).
- Dave Good was recognized for his work on the newsletter. We have published the required number of issues (five) between November 2009 and Oct 2010. This qualifies us for an award in journalism for 2010.
- Friday Harbor will host the D/16 Spring Council on February 12, 2011. The Yacht Club is reserved with a lunch menu plan in process. The proposed winter ferry schedule is challenging but plans are underway.
- Next Ex/Com, Tuesday, November 2nd.
- Adjournment was at 1438

Respectfully submitted, Jan Ferro, Assistant Secretary