

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON
November 2, 2010 Executive Committee Meeting
MINUTES

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen called the meeting to Order at 1303 in the Conference Room of the Friday Harbor Library. In attendance were XO Marc Forlenza, AO elect Bruce Galton, Secretary Penny Woodall, Safety Officer Ed Ferro, Public Boating Chair Ann Einboden, Membership Committee John Towson, Membership Involvement Steve Percer, Webmaster David Good, P/C Fred Bowen. A Quorum was present.

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen thanked AO elect Bruce Galton (to a round of applause) for filling the vacated AO position for 2010. Swearing in will take place at the General Meeting this Thursday, November 4.

The Minutes of the Ex/Com Meeting for October 5, 2010 were approved as posted.

Squadron Officer's Report:

XO – Marc Forlenza – deferred to later.

SEO – Cdr. Carolyn Bowen for Travis Smith

- The Marine Electrical Systems class finished with 6 members, taught by Mike Close.
- The fall Piloting class is in full swing & half way through the 8 week course. There are 11 students being taught by P/Cs Travis Smith & Marc Forlenza.
- Advanced Piloting will be taught in the spring & any members who took the Piloting course should sign up for Advanced Piloting.

Treasurer – Cdr. Carolyn Bowen for Dan Watson

- Checking account balance \$ 2,897.73 & Business Certificate \$2,631.33.

Secretary – Penny Woodall

- Thanked Jan Ferro, Assistant Secretary, for taking the minutes for the past two Ex/Com. Meetings.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee –John Towson

- We have one new member since our last meeting, William Egan. Cdr. Carolyn Bowen advised that we also have a new 'cyber squadron member', Clare Linn Welker. Cyber members are taking exams on-line & National has identified them by District & Squadron. F.H. only had one listed & Cdr. Carolyn Bowen contacted him & he is on the 6 month free membership status. Temporary name tags will be used for the 6 month free FHPS members when attending meetings. They do enjoy all membership benefits.
- Cdr. Carolyn Bowen reported that at the District Conference, it was announced that we now have a 2 level membership plan: single member and family unit. Everyone will be given the "E" certificate number. It was also announced that December 1st, the registration or entry fee of \$25 will no longer exist. The ABC 3 (on-line course) for \$49.95 (materials) will be offered with a 6 month free membership. Also, D/16 was 2nd in the nation in passing ABC students and FHPS placed 2nd in the District to receive the MIRA Award (Membership Involvement Retention Award) & \$200.00 to our treasury.
- John Towson asked about the new brochures & P/C Marc Forlenza said he has them & would bring them to the General Meeting this Thursday.

Membership Involvement – Steve Percer

- Pleased to see everyone at the last General Meeting had volunteered to do something over the year, however we need to get new volunteers to help. Cdr. Carolyn Bowen suggested we consider doing a form like the North Olympic PS has asking members to note their individual: 1) skills, 2) interests, 3) committee/event participation. Steve Percer said he would get with Jan Ferro to design an e-mail form to send to all members with these questions & request their response.

VSC – Safety Officer Ed Ferro for Burke Critchfield

- We're still number one in the District with 228 VSC's.

Safety Officer – Ed Ferro

- Nothing to report.

PBC – Ann Einboden

- ABC class – 14 passed the test with one Stuart Island person who hasn't taken the test yet & one that failed, but plans to retake the test.
- The facility at Skagit Valley College was excellent & having longer but fewer classes was well received. The ABC class might look at 0800-1200 rather than 0900-1300 next year. It was strongly suggested we use this facility for the Piloting & Advanced Piloting courses.

Old Business:

- District 16 Fall Conference, October 29-31, Tacoma. Cdr. Carolyn Bowen, P/C Fred Bowen, SEO Travis Smith and Lizz Smith attended the D16 Fall Council and Conference in Tacoma. P/C Fred Bowen spoke highly about the two “break out” sessions: Boat Operator Certificate Program which is leaning towards “on the water” training with many courses; and the Membership Acquisition & Retention session. Details of Conference will be in the December Harbor Lights.
- Visit to the Institute of Ocean Sciences. **Cdr. Carolyn Bowen** updated on the FHPS day trip to Sidney. P/C Travis Smith has taken the lead on this & there are 13 boats signed up & 39 people thus far. We're looking at late April or early May and hopefully the spring ferry schedule will be favorable.
- Holiday Party/General Meeting December 2, SJIYC. **Cdr. Carolyn Bowen** will pass around a signup sheet at the General Meeting Thursday. Some members have already volunteered to decorate & help with buffet items.
- **P/C Marc Forlenza** has had a few calls from people offering auction items. Local businesses have not been approached yet, but will be over the next couple of weeks.
- Sheriff's boat (*Guardian*), FHPS role for donation box. **Steve Percer** spoke of his meeting with outgoing Sheriff Cummings regarding helping to maintain the *Guardian*, which is used as our “life-line” to the mainland when inclement weather grounds aircraft. Last December & January the *Guardian* made 28 runs with sick & wounded to the mainland at a cost of \$1,000 each run. Three suggested locations for donation boxes were: Post Office, Friday Harbor Drug Store, and the ferry facility. Inside boxes would be preferable; P/C Marc Forlenza will look into construction possibilities. An article would be given to the local newspapers detailing the project & location of the boxes.

New Business:

- Bridge Officers & Executive Committee Nominations. **P/C Fred Bowen** welcomed & thanked Bruce Galton for accepting the vacated AO 2010 unexpired term. Elections for 2011 will be held at our annual Holiday Party/General Meeting. Senior bridge positions are hard to fill, but they should be set by December 2nd.
- Derelict Vessel Program. **P/C Marc Forlenza** reported that we did reach the required \$5,000 donation mark and the County is meeting today to approve matching the \$5,000. Our thanks go to our FHPS - \$1,000; SJIYC - \$1,000; Roche Harbor - \$1,000; IMC Lopez Island - \$200; and CSA - \$1,800. Achieving \$10,000 for this program moves us towards getting the State to donate \$100,000. We thank the S.J. Islander newspaper for their accurate press release on this very important project. Steve Percer, Membership Involvement, would like our members to keep an eye out & report any derelict vessels.
- FHPS/Bellingham PS 2011 Joint Outing. **Cdr. Carolyn Bowen** and the AO & Cdr. of the Bellingham PS have decided on Blakely Island for the late May or early June outing. Steve Percer suggested reservations be made as soon as possible.
- FHPS will host the D/16 Spring Council meeting on February 12, 2011, at the SJIYC.

Other Business:

- Deadline for Harbor Lights articles to Dave Good is December 3 for a December 9th publication date. This will be our 1st of the 5 required newsletters for review for the new year which runs November 2010 to October 2011.
- A/O elect Bruce Galton received some suggestions for future General Meeting speakers: Maps, Henry Wendt (PC Marc Forlenza to pursue); Mark Pierce, commercial ship captain (Cdr. Carolyn Bowen to check); Mike Clark (submarine experience); Boating etiquette; Stuart Island light house; US & CA Customs; and a WA State Ferry spokesperson.
- Next Ex/Com meeting, Tuesday, November 30th. XO Marc Forlenza will preside as Cdr. Carolyn Bowen will be out of town.

Meeting adjourned @ 1445.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Woodall, Secretary