

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON
Executive Committee Meeting
MINUTES
Tuesday, March 1, 2011

CDR. Carolyn Bowen called the meeting to Order at 1305 in the Conference Room of the Friday Harbor Library. In attendance were SEO Travis Smith, Treasurer Dan Watson, Secretary Jan Ferro for Penny Woodall, VSC Burke Critchfield, Safety Officer Ed Ferro, and Public Boating Chair Ann Einboden. A Quorum was present.

The Minutes of the Ex/Com Meeting for February 1, 2011 were approved as posted.

Squadron Officer's Report:

XO – Marc Forlenza was unavailable

SEO –Travis Smith reported that the Advanced Piloting class is in its 7th week with 12 members, some doing self study. At this point, the Engine Maintenance scheduled in April, only has 2 signups. Passing the ABC class now includes a 6-month trial membership and those students wishing to become members following the trial membership, will be billed by National for a full year. It would work well to offer Seamanship during that 6-month timeframe and also include some on-the-water training. Travis may offer Inland and Coastal Navigation in the Fall.

AO – Bruce Galton was unavailable

Treasurer — Dan Watson reported that we have \$4,868.80 in the checking account and the balance for the Business Certificate is \$2,643.29. He also has \$160 to deposit. He needs to meet with incoming Commander, Fred Bowen, to go over the Budget for the coming year.

Secretary: Jan Ferro, Assistant Secretary, for Penny Woodall had no report

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee—John Towson was unavailable

Membership Involvement—Steve Percer was unavailable

VSC—Burke Critchfield reported that the VEs have the forms and decals and just need some good weather to begin Vessel Safety Checks.

Safety Officer—Ed Ferro referred to his article in Harbor Lights concerning checking your safety equipment.

Public Boating Chair—Ann Einboden reported that she has 14 signed up for the ABC class starting Saturday at the community college. They will start charging for use of the room next time at \$5 per hour.

Old Business:

D16 Spring Council Recap--Carolyn Bowen thanked those who helped with the District meeting with 67 attendees representing 15 of the 16 squadrons. The squadron's out-of-pocket expenses

were \$129 and Travis suggested that we may consider submitting that amount to District for reimbursement.

USPS National Meeting Recap—Travis Smith reported on attending a Leadership group and a new effort at cooperating with the Coast Guard Auxiliary as they are now using our materials for classes. His full report is found in the February Harbor Lights.

Friday Harbor was awarded 4th place for 2010 Growth Award for the “A” class squadrons, those with 150 to 250 members. Travis accepted the certificate for FHPS at the National Meeting.

IOS Visit Status—Travis Smith is awaiting a response from them regarding clarification we need from them to complete their required questionnaire for our visit. They are looking for our group’s specific areas of interest.

Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron’s visit to Friday Harbor is scheduled for Saturday, March 19th with an early dinner at Haley’s. Friday Harbor members are invited to join the group.

Change of Watch will be Thursday, April 7th, at SJIYC. Carolyn has arranged for a choice of wild salmon or beef brisket for \$25. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the Thursday meeting for volunteers to bring an appetizer or dessert. We need to bring our own beverages.

The need to approve the revised by-laws may be on hold due to recent changes at National.

Bellingham Sail & Power Squadron, Joint Rendezvous, April 8-10, now has a destination of Cap Sante Marina in Anacortes. Bellingham’s AO, Jim West, is planning the event. He will look into the possibility of a group dinner at Anthony’s at the marina.

David Jones, our former mayor, has been invited to Thursday’s meeting as a guest. David is a former Commander of a nuclear submarine during the Vietnam war.

New Business:

Cooperative Charting—Travis Smith attended a workshop for cooperative charting and has completed reports, with the help of Marc Forlenza and Denece Kost, on the Port of Friday Harbor and Roche Harbor. Jan Ferro questioned the lack of any listings for the San Juan Islands in the USPS listing of contacts for Port Captains, found in Member Benefits, as something to look into.

Proposed Dues Update for 1 June 2011 to 31 May 2012—Dan Watson reported that national is raising dues by \$2 for singles and \$3 for Family. We have tried to keep it under \$100 in the past. With dropping the \$25 initial fee, Burke Critchfield moved that we set the dues for singles at \$77 and Family membership at an even \$101. This was seconded by Dan Watson and approved by all present.

D/16 Spring Conference, March 25-26, Bremerton — Information will be emailed on this to our membership to try to entice some last minute attendees.

Other Business:

Next Ex/Com, Tuesday, April 5
The meeting was adjourned at 1420

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Ferro for Penny Woodall, Secretary