

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON
Thursday March 3, 2011
General Meeting
MINUTES

Cdr Carolyn Bowen called the meeting to order @ 1828 at the Friday Harbor Grange Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Barrett. The Invocation was given by Steve Percer. The Minutes of the General Meeting of February 3rd were approved as posted. There were 39 members and one guest present.

Introduction of Guests: Jim Dunn of Seattle (and also neighbor of the Watson's) was introduced.

BREAK FOR DINNER with the meeting resuming at 1905.

Squadron Officers' Reports:

XO – Marc Forlenza – Commented on the Editorial in the San Juan Journal regarding the Derelict Vessel Program which did not include any information on where the funding is coming from. He wrote a letter informing them of the earlier front page story about the Friday Harbor Power Squadron, along with other local organizations, providing funding to reinstate the Derelict Vessel Program by putting it back into the county budget. Marc has written his response to the recent editorial and has asked for member support if it isn't published. The editorial which appeared in the March 2nd Journal was written by the former Editor, Richard Walker, not the new Editor Scott Rassmussen.

SEO –Travis Smith—The Advanced Piloting group with 12 students (3 on home-study) has received the Final Exam. He has only 2 sign-ups for Engine Maintenance next month so he circulated a sign-up sheet getting 4 more of the 10 needed for the class, which will meet at Mike Close's marine facility below the Downriggers.

AO – Bruce Galton reported on the March/April events including the Change of Watch at the Yacht Club April 7th, the Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron's visit to Friday Harbor on March 19th, and the rendezvous with the Bellingham Sail &Power Squadron on April 8th-10th in Anacortes.

Treasurer Dan Watson gave the checking account balance as \$5,028.80 and the Business Certificate at \$2,643.29.

Secretary – Jan Ferro, Assistant Secretary, for Penny Woodall noted a reminder of the sign-in at the entrance. Secretary Elect Carolyn Haugen was observing this evening.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee —John Towson announced that his newest prospect is tonight's guest Jim Dunn.

Membership Involvement—Steve Percer said that by just being present, we are involved.

VSC—Burke Critchfield announced that we have about 20 Vessel Safety checks so far in 2011.

Safety Officer, Ed Ferro, reminded members to call any of the seven VEs to schedule a VSC, check flares for expiration, and check the service-ability of life vests. As a test, inflatable vests might be inflated manually to see how they work. They should be left for 24 hours to see that they stay inflated. Newer vests can be blown up with the tube to test them. Make sure the Coast Guard label is legible on all PFDs. Bill Bates asked about Halon Systems. At present, an adequate number of portable extinguishers will cover the requirements.

Public Boating Chair—Ann Einboden was not present, but the America's Boating Class begins Saturday at 8 AM, at Skagit Valley Community College with 14 students registered.

Old Business:

D16 Spring Council—Cdr Carolyn Bowen was very pleased with the turnout for the February 12th meeting held at the Yacht Club and thanked the members who showed up to help. Fifteen of the sixteen District Squadrons were represented with 67 members in attendance.

USPS National Meeting —P/C Travis Smith and Lizz attended this event in Orlando. Travis attended a leadership workshop and was impressed with the CEO of Brunswick who reported the loss of 50% of their business with new boat sales down while used boat sales are doing well. USPS is working to implement the Boat Operator Certificate, honored world-wide. The America's Boating Course (for those who pass) will now include a 6-month free membership. The trip to IOS is tentatively set for early May with Travis still awaiting response with final plans.

Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron's visit to Friday Harbor is set for March 19th. They have their dinner reservation at Haley's for 5:00 pm and have extended an invitation to us to join them.

Change of Watch, Thursday, April 7th, SJIYC. A sign-up sheet for appetizers and desserts was circulated.

Bellingham Sail & Power Squadron, joint rendezvous is April 8th – 10th at Cap Sante Marina, in Anacortes. A sign-up sheet was circulated to learn the interest level of our members.

New Business:

Cooperative Charting project—P/C Travis Smith offered to line up a possible speaker to come to Friday Harbor. Information is collected for NOAA charts. In the past, Chart 18434 San Juan Channel was the Friday Harbor assignment.

The D16 Spring Conference, March 25-26, will be held in Bremerton with the Smiths and Bowens currently registered to attend. Information and registration form will be emailed to the membership in hopes to interest other members.

Friday Harbor Power Squadron was awarded 4th place in our division for the National 2010 Growth Award for Class A squadrons (those with 150 to 250 members).

Recap and vote, "authorization for Rules Committee to update the FHPS Bylaws to comply with latest USPS model Bylaws for squadrons". In Ron Einboden's absence, the vote to adopt the Bylaws was presented by Cdr Carolyn Bowen. It was moved by Steve Percer and seconded by Dan Watson to approve the Bylaws. This motion was approved following a discussion that National will require further modifications. Ron Einboden, our Rules Committee Chair, had inquired about recent revisions from National and was advised to proceed with the current draft version as it can be amended later. A Point of Order was called per Roberts Rules by Sammy Long and another motion to rescind the vote did not pass. The Certification of the vote was signed by Jan Ferro for submission to National.

Other Business: Next General Meeting will be our COW, Thursday, April 7th, SJIYC

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER—Bruce Galton introduced member, **Mike Clark**, who presented a history of US Naval submarines, focusing on the Sturgeon Class fast attack submarines. Mike's talk was fascinating and generated much interest in what happens underwater. He covered all aspects of design, construction and the use of navigating by gyro-compasses, charts, sonar, communications and experiences with severe weather at depth.

The meeting was adjourned at 2047

Respectfully submitted, Jan Ferro for Penny Woodall