

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON
Executive Committee Meeting

MINUTES
Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Cdr Fred Bowen called the meeting to order at 1302 in the Conference Room of the Friday Harbor Library. In attendance were: Cdr Fred Bowen, P/C Carolyn Bowen, Membership Chair John Towson, PBC Ann Einboden, VSC Burke Critchfield, AO Bruce Galton, XO Marc Forlenza, Membership Involvement Chair Steve Percer, Treasurer Dan Watson, Webmaster and Harbor Lights Editor David Good, and Secretary Carolyn Haugen. A Quorum was present

The Minutes of the Ex/Com Meeting for April 5, 2011 were approved as posted.

Squadron Officer's Reports:

XO - Marc Forlenza had nothing to report

SEO – Cdr Fred Bowen for Travis Smith

Advanced Piloting Course had 9 students; average exam score was 95% - highest class average for the past 5 years. Travis hopes to obtain 2 – 3 squadron members to assist in teaching P and AP for the coming year. Engine Maintenance class taught by Ed Ferro and Mike Close ends Tuesday, May 3rd. Exams will be sent to HQ and returned mid month. “On-Board Weather Forecasting” Seminar is scheduled for Monday, May 23rd with Dave Cable as course instructor provided that at least 10 squadron members sign up. There is a possibility of offering a Junior Navigation course starting initially in mid June to allow students time for sextant practice, obtain sun sites and take acceptable LAN (Local Apparent Noon) shots during summer. Course work would start in late September and run for 10 weeks. Still needed is a Site Checker from another District 16 Squadron.

AO Bruce Galton-

Reviewed the logistics for the May 5th Spring Picnic at Lakedale. If necessary the business meeting would be held under the porch cover.

Treasurer Dan Watson

As of 4/30/11 the checking account balance is \$3,812.68 and Business Certificate is \$2,649.02 at an interest rate of 1.5%.

Secretary Carolyn Haugen had nothing to report

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee—John Towson said that we have 5 new “trial members” as a result of the Boating Safety Education Class as well as 3 other additional new members. He is hoping to induct Jim and Roxy Dunn at the Spring Picnic. Another new member lives on Orcas. P/C Carolyn Bowen shared delinquent list names and non-renewal names so that these people could be contacted to renew.

Membership Involvement—Cdr Fred Bowen handed Steve Percer the poem “I’m a New Member” and asked that Steve read it at the Spring Picnic. John Towson mentioned that perhaps our new member David Hodges (“who wrote Friday Night in Friday Harbor”) would write music for it.

VSC—Burke Critchfield- reported that so far 110 vessels have undergone Vessel Safety Checks for 2011. Vessel examiners will be on hand to do vessel checks at the May 13th Grand Bank Rendezvous at Roche Harbor. P/C Carolyn Bowen plans to write a letter to USPS regarding our squadron's 2010, 237 vessel safety checks that did not earn recognition because we do not have 17 vessel examiners (10% of our membership serving as VSEs).

Safety Officer—Burke Critchfield – reminded everyone to “Be safe.”

Public Boating Chair—Ann Einboden - Classes at Skagit Valley College will be held on six consecutive Mondays beginning September 19th. The change from a Saturday to a Monday is an attempt to increase attendance.

Old Business:

- Recap--Change of Watch, Thursday, April 7th, SJIYC—**P/C Carolyn Bowen** reported that 62 people registered with 58 attending. The food was excellent and that it was a fun and very special evening. Carolyn commented on the beautiful and meaningful pendant that was presented to her following her two successful years as FH Squadron Commander. Carolyn made notes for COW 2012.
- Recap--Bellingham/Friday Harbor, Joint Rendezvous—**P/C Carolyn Bowen** shared that the gathering was fun despite the foul weather. FH was represented with 7 boats and 21 people. Dinner at Anthonys was with mixed group seating. This had both pros and cons.
- Recap—Opening Day, May 1—**Cdr Fred Bowen** reported that FH Power Squadron was visible and well represented among the 26 boats in the parade. This warmest day of the year was a good day for everyone.
- Locked Collection Box to benefit Sheriff Boat expenses – **XO Marc Forlenza** asked whether we should pursue with this public relations project that would place a locked collection box for donations to help defray expenses incurred in operation of the Sheriff's boat. Rationale: last year the Sheriff's boat made 90 emergency trips due to inclement weather that prevented helicopter flights. The cost of placing more than one box could run over \$500.
Motion – **Burke Critchfield** moved and **Bruce Galton** seconded that \$200 be allocated for the purchase of a single locked box to be installed on the FH Public Dock for contributions to support Sheriff's Boat emergency operating expenses. The motion was passed unanimously. P/C Steve Percer will speak with Sheriff Nou regarding the project. Bruce Galton will talk with David Rand regarding a sign. Suggested wording was – “The Next life this boat saves could be your own.”
- **XOMarc Forlenza** reported that the Derelict Vessel fund balance should be \$6500 if we have received \$500 from the Sailing Club. It will be important for the FHPS to get feedback from the County and from the contractors on program accomplishments.

New Business:

- Institute of Ocean Sciences, **Saturday, 9/10**, Sidney, BC—**Cdr Fred Bowen for P/C Travis Smith** Logistics are still to be worked out. Current thought is to cruise to IOS facility at Pat Bay and clear Canadian Customs there. There is dock

space for 12 – 15 vessels and a couple more spaces could be made available if needed. We would tour the facility. Any boats not returning to FH would return to Sidney. Members without boats would secure accommodations in Sidney and be walk-ons for the Sept. 10th Sidney/FH ferry.

- Approval of Budget, **2011-2012—Treasurer Dan Watson** first reviewed the actuals for the period ending April 30, 2011. Several ACTUALS categories exceeded budgeted amounts: EDUCATION- only charged students for the per book/text/manual cost per item. FHPS assumes shipping cost, instructor's manual and cost of any books not used and not returned for credit: STORE- special items ordered for 4th of July Parade and large inventory of unsold items; AUCTION- more money taken in than projected. Under expenses – ADVERTISING as USPS did not reimburse any squadron this past period, name tags--the magnetic name badges are more expensive; also there were engraving and trophy expenses; the COW "Dinner Income" was down however the COW Net was better than projected. Second he reviewed the **PROPOSED 2011-2012 budget** – under income, the EXCESS TRANSFER was increased from \$1500 to \$1900 (this transfer will allow the maintenance of a balanced operating account); under expenses MISCELLANEOUS was increased from \$375 to \$575 to allow funds to purchase a locked box for the Sheriff's Boat Project and WEBSITE was increased from \$100 to \$300 to cover expenses for 2010 and 2011.
- MOTION- Burke Critchfield moved and Bruce Galton seconded a motion to approve the budget as amended. The motion passed unanimously.
- **May 21-27** is Nat'l Safe Boating Week. **VSC Burke Critchfield** FHPS will not to have a flare shoot this year; however, Nat'l Safe Boating Week will be recognized at the May 19th SJIYC Monthly Meeting where FHPS Members are invited guests. The meeting's theme is "May Day, May Day, May Day." Burke wants to make sure that there will be safety items on display and safe boating brochures and FHPS bookmarks available as handouts. Also vessel inspection information will be available along with key check off items such as flare expirations and burned out navigation lights.
- Predicted Log, **June 11—Cdr. Fred Bowen for SEO Travis Smith**. So far P/C Travis Smith, Steve Percer and Dave Cable have signed up to participate. Travis and Ron Crenshaw are chairing the event that will be followed by a steak dinner (cost \$20). This year, thanks to FHPS and SJIYC, there will be a \$100 first prize.
- D16 Rendezvous, Port of Poulsbo, **June 24-26— Cdr. Fred Bowen for SEO Travis Smith** - There is a good chance that around 70 vessels and 200 people will be attending. If you are interested in obtaining either your Island or Coastal Navigator Certification, this is the place to be in June.
- **4th of July Parade—XO Marc Forlenza** reviewed our participation in the 2010 parade. Ann Einboden suggested that FHPS participate in a similar manner for this year's parade. Marc will contact Ed Ferro to see if his boat could be used

again. P/C Carolyn Bowen suggested that we hand out our bookmarks. It was noted that members riding on the boat need to be wearing PFDs. Cdr Fred Bowen emphasized the importance of having youth (wearing red FHPS shirts) precede the boat carrying a FHPS banner. Marc will keep everyone posted.

- Pig War, **July 8-10**, Roche Harbor—**Cdr Fred Bowen** reported that 8 slips are being held for event use. RH will provide a tent on the lawn similar to 2009. There will be no quiz this year but someone (maybe Ron Crenshaw) would coordinate games and contests. Bruce Galton will help organize the event. XO Marc Forlenza and Denece Kost will help coordinate the pulled pork dinner—volunteers will be needed to prepare the pork (cut and trim) and do chopping. Ann suggested that perhaps people could cook the pork at home and bring the crockpot to the event. 8 crockpots were used last year and that included some leftovers. Marc will keep us posted.
- Harbor Lights articles, **May 13**—**Cdr Fred Bowen** announced that May 13th was deadline for articles. Editor David Good said that The May Harbor Lights will go out May 19th.
- D16 Education Council, **May 7**, Oak Harbor—**Cdr Fred Bowen for SEO Travis Smith** Attending this event are Cdr Fred Bowen, P/C Carolyn Bowen, SEO Travis Smith, and AO Bruce Galton. The conference provides USPS Education Department updates, latest District 16 news, latest USPS National news, and the latest requirements regarding the Boat Operator Certification Program. P/D/C Barbara Erickson will cover what impact ABC and the Seminars have had on membership. The conference also will offer squadron instructor recertification along with a breakout session for anyone wanting to learn how to operate the District's seagull robot.

Other Business:

- Next Ex/Com, Tuesday, August 30

The Meeting was adjourned at 1427.

Carolyn Haugen, S
FHPS Secretary