

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON
General Meeting

MINUTES
Thursday, May 5, 2011

Cdr Fred Bowen called the Spring Picnic meeting to order at 1740 at Lakedale Resort. Forty-one members plus one guest were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Virgil Boyt.

Our invocation was led by Steve Percer who reminded us to give Thanks and Blessings for families, for each other, and for this beautiful place we call home.

Minutes from the Change of Watch Meeting for April 7, 2011 were approved as posted.

Introduction of Guests – Membership Chair John Towson introduced Gosta Dagg who is a new member through his participation in the ABC Class. Member Dean Mack introduced his guest, Sally Shannon.

Squadron Officer's Reports:

XO Marc Forlenza provided update on the Derelict Vessel program. According to SJ County Auditor, Milene Henley, the Derelict Vessel program will resume on July 1st. Terry Whalen has been hired to do the hauling. JoanRuth Baumann will coordinate logistics. Risk insurance will be needed but according to Milene, the program is going forward.

SEO – Cdr. Fred Bowen for Travis Smith

The Advanced Piloting course had 9 students; average exam score was 95% - the highest class average for the past 5 years. Members who were in attendance were asked to stand for recognition and a well deserved round of applause. The Engine Maintenance Class taught by Ed Ferro and Mike Close ended on May 3rd. Members were asked to see Dave Cable if they were interested in taking the 2 hour “On-Board Weather Forecasting” Seminar to be offered on Monday, May 23rd provided that 10 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 the summer. Course work would start in late September and run for 10 weeks.

AO Bruce Galton

Be sure to mark July 8 – 10 on calendars for the up-coming Pig War in July to be held at Roche Harbor. To inspire our positive competitive spirit, Cdr. Fred Bowen held high the Pig War Trophy that was proudly displayed on the front table.

Treasurer Dan Watson

The checking account balance is \$3,502.12 and the Business Certificate is \$2, 649.02.

Secretary Carolyn Haugen had nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee/Inductions—John Towson asked that Gosta Dagg come forward to be inducted. Gosta is one of five new members who received a six month FHPS membership through their participation in the ABC class.

Membership Involvement—Cdr. Fred Bowen for Steve Percer Thanks was given to Steve for arranging our picnic at Lakedale Resort.

VSC—Burke Critchfield announced that the VSC team (Ann Einboden, Dave Good, Virgil Boyt, and Ed Ferro were present—Jim Hooper and Kerwin Johnson not present) have already completed 125 vessel checks. What an accomplishment! P/C Carolyn Bowen reiterated our squadron's achievement last year with 237 vessel checks – the highest in our District.

Safety Officer—Burke Critchfield reminded everyone to wear PFDs when necessary.

Public Boating Chair—Ann Einboden shared that the class was a good one. Five class members signed up to become FHPS members. The next class will start September 19th, It will be held at Skagit Valley College as an evening class 7 – 10 to hopefully accommodate student school schedule to increase attendance.

Old Business:

- **Derelict Vessel Program—P/C Marc Forlenza** said that program resumes July 1st.

New Business:

- Institute of Ocean Sciences, **Saturday, 9/10**, Sidney, BC—**Cdr. Fred Bowen for P/C Travis Smith** 55 people have signed up. Logistics are still being 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 to allow those needing accommodations to get rooms and then be walk-ons for the Sidney/FH Ferry.
- Approval of Budget, **2011-2012—Treasurer Dan Watson** Dan explained that the 2011 budget is very similar to the 2010 budget. It is a zero based budget with net income and total expenses both budgeted at \$6,510. Dan pointed out that the \$1900 Excess Transfer was in major respect possible through the success of the Christmas Party Auction. **Cdr. Fred Bowen** thanked all members for their participation in the auction through their donation of items as well as bidding on items. Success of this fund raiser allows us to do things (Derelict Vessel, donation box for Sheriff's boat operation, etc.) in addition to our boater education activities. **Dave Cable** motioned for approval of the 2011 Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by **Burke Critchfield**. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Safety Officer Burke Critchfield** In honor of the week of **May 21-27** being designated Nat'l Safe Boating Week, the theme of the SJIYC May Dinner on May 19th is May Day, May Day, May Day. **Safety Officer Critchfield** said that there will be safety items on display. Safe boating brochures and FHPS bookmarks will be available as supplies last. Squadron members are invited guests. **Cdr. Fred Bowen** reminded all to save expired

flares. Even though the squadron is taking a break in organizing a flare shoot, it will be revisited to offer in 2012.

- **Cdr. Fred Bowen for P/C Travis Smith** The Predicted Log will be held on **June 11th**. All are urged to participate. This year the winner will receive \$100 first prize. Following the Predicted Log, a delicious steak dinner will be served for the cost of \$20 per person. Since the steaks are specially ordered, you must send your reservation in to Dave and Jane Cable who are chairs of the event. Further information and Clip and Mail forms will be in both *The Harbor Lights* and *The Mud Flat*.
- **Cdr. Fred Bowen for SEO Travis Smith** The D16 Rendezvous will be held at the Port of Poulsbo on **June 24-26**. So far 10 squadron members are planning to either cruise or drive to attend the event.
- **P/C Marc Forlenza** encouraged all to be part of the squadrons' second year of participating in Friday Harbor's **4th of July Parade**. Bring out your red shirts and FHPS gear.—Toni Bailey has gear for sale should you need a red shirt or hat. Please contact Marc if you know of a boat that can be used. There will be more information in *The Harbor Lights*.
- **Cdr Fred Bowen** asked everyone to be sure to put the Pig War dates of **July 8-10** on your calendar. It will be held at Roche Harbor. Once again pulled pork will be on the menu. More information will be in *The Harbor Lights*.
- Thanks to the efforts of **Bill Wertz**, FHPS members who use Verizon Wireless as their cell service may be eligible for a 15% discount. Some restrictions apply based on the program (it must be at least \$30/mo). Bill said that the benefit is not retroactive. A special benefit is that there is a dedicated team to call should there be any problems. Look for more information in *The Harbor Lights*.
- **P/C Marc Forlenza** shared that a metal locked box will be installed at the Public Dock to solicit donations to support the operating costs for the Sheriff's Boat. According to former Sheriff Bill Cumming, last year he made 90 trips for emergency transport as the helicopter couldn't fly because of weather conditions. A sign will give recognition to the FHPS. This will heighten our profile within the community and is another example of outreach was made possible through our auction's success.

Other Business:

- Next Meeting, Thursday, September 8

The meeting was adjourned at 1855.

Carolyn Haugen, S
Secretary