

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON  
Executive Committee Meeting

MINUTES  
Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Cdr Fred Bowen called the meeting to order at 1301 in the Conference Room of the Friday Harbor Library. In attendance were: Cdr. Fred Bowen, P/C Carolyn Bowen, Membership Chair John Towsen, PBC Ann Einboden, VSC Burke Critchfield, SEO Travis Smith, AO Bruce Galton, Membership Involvement Chair Steve Percer, Treasurer Dan Watson, and Secretary Carolyn Haugen. FHPS member Mike Clark also was present. A Quorum was present

The Minutes of the Ex/Com Meeting for August 30, 2011 stand approved as prepared.

Squadron Officer's Reports:

XO Marc Forlenza (absent)

Marc's report was deferred to the monthly meeting on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

SEO Travis Smith

Travis reported that the following fall/winter classes include:

Marine Electrical Systems (MES) beginning Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> with Mike Close as instructor.

Seamanship starts Nov. 1 with Marc Forlenza as instructor.

Basic Weather Forecasting -a two hour seminar on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> led by Dave Cable.

Piloting is scheduled to follow Seamanship with Al Thomason, Mike Clark, Marc Forlenza, and Ann Einboden.

AO Bruce Galton

Mike Jonas is our October 6<sup>th</sup> speaker. He is the curator of the Stuart Is. Lighthouse.

Mike Vouri (National Park Service) is scheduled for November's program.

Future programs being considered are: David Hyde in January; Terry & Linda Lush in February; and The Predicted Log in March.

Bruce plans to attend the D16 AO workshop in Federal Way on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Also he is working on simplifying the FHPS meeting and event flyer for easier RSVP's.

Treasurer Dan Watson

As of 9/30/ 11 the checking account balance is \$5,437.25 and Business Certificate is \$2,665.73 at an 1.5 % interest rate. Our Derelict Vessel account remains at \$6000+ (the account statement is received on a quarterly basis).

Secretary Carolyn Haugen had no report.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee-John Towson reported that membership papers have been received from David and Doreen Hyde. Two trial members from last year's ABC Class are now paid members. If present induction for Jim and Roxie Dunn, Gosta Dagg, and Richard Rubin will be conducted at the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Membership forms for Cheryl Herndon, Ted & Terry Kruth, and Roy Finkle & Wendy Tillman have been distributed. John reminded us that

teens may join as family members. P/C Carolyn Bowen said that she mailed the required new member survey to two new members and hadn't received any returns. After discussion Mike Clark volunteered to have the membership involvement form/questionnaire be accessed using Survey Monkey in the hope that it facilitate responses.

Cdr. Fred Bowen highlighted that our membership goal is not just the number of members but how FHPS can be considered a healthy and happy place to be with involved membership.

**Membership Involvement-Steve Percer** asked for a project. Cdr. Fred Bowen suggested that Steve contact Brian Rader and Dave Hodges. Membership involvement discussion included strategies to have all active members reach out to other members and especially encourage members to attend FHPS monthly meetings.

**VSC-Burke Critchfield**-announced that FHPS has completed 518 vessel inspections so far this year and that 361 of these were thanks to Virgil Boyt's diligence. Virgil made his 1000 vessel check goal! All the VSC team made at least 10 vessel checks. Burke recognized Ann Einboden and Dave Goode for their work. Burke reported that he had submitted the required USPS Inflatable Life Jacket Annual Reporting Form and the Life Jacket Property Tracking Form.

**Safety Officer-Burke Critchfield** reminded all that now is the time to think about winterizing your boat. Burke's wise words, "Longevity and proper functioning of your boat helps to insure safety on the water."

**Public Boating Chair-Ann Einboden** announced that twenty-seven students are enrolled in the ABC Boating Class. Graduation will be held Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Cdr. Fred Bowen said that XO Marc Forlenza would be representing FHPS as both he and P/C Carolyn Bowen will be attending the D16 Fall Conference. He encouraged all Executive Committee members to attend. Ann gave special thanks to Ed Ferro for his help both in setting up and teaching the class.

#### Old Business:

- **IOS Visit-** P/C Travis Smith suggested that those squadron members who were not able to make the recent IOS trip could schedule a visit on their own. Travis thanked P/C Carolyn Bowen for writing thank you letters to all the Brentwood Bay PS members and IOS staff who helped make our visit so memorable. Cdr. Fred Bowen thanked Travis for his perseverance in putting the trip together. Information from the trip has already come in handy.
- **Derelict Vessel Program – P/C Marc Forlenza's** report was deferred to the Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> Monthly Program Meeting.

#### New Business:

- **Ex/Com Nomination of Mike Clark as AAO-** Cdr. Fred Bowen asked Nominating Committee Chair – P/C Carolyn Bowen to give her report regarding the nomination of Mike Clark as AAO. Carolyn will present this recommendation at the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting for membership approval.

- Proposed Name Change for Predicted Log- Cdr. Fred Bowen led a discussion regarding a meaningful way to honor P/C Fred Hoepner. P/C Travis Smith made the motion that the 2012 Predicted Log Event be dedicated to Fred and that the plaque on the trophy be changed to read “Fred Hoepner Predicted Log Trophy.” Steve Percer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- P/C Fred Hoepner Celebration of Life, October 22 – Cdr. Fred Bowen said that P/C Marc Forlenza would be the lead officer representing FHPS. Burke said that he was on the planning committee. Cdr. Fred Bowen said that he had contacted Bill Waxman asking him to put together a 5 minute clip from the video tape made of the FHPS celebration of Fred’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday two years ago.
- Plan to Honor P/C Virgil Boyt at D16 Spring Conference, March 30-April 1, 2012 – Cdr. Fred Bowen suggested that FHPS pay for Virgil’s attendance at this conference at which he will be honored. Following discussion of the amount, Burke Critchfield made the motion for FHPS to pay for Virgil Boyt’s D16 Spring Conference expenses not to exceed \$400.00. Bruce Galton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- D16 Fall Council/Conference, Bellevue, October 21-23 – P/C Travis Smith gave an overview. Cdr. Fred Bowen and P/C Carolyn Bowen will be attending along with Travis and Lizz. Conference information is available on the D16 website.
- Proposed Joint Rendezvous with Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron, April 2012 – P/C Carolyn Bowen shared her conversation with David Wright of the Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron regarding a 2012 Joint Rendezvous. While the site is TBD, La Conner was his suggestion. Discussion raised issues regarding La Connor tides and currents, SJIYC calendar and Rear Commodore’s Cruise dates, and dinner site. Carolyn will give an update at the November Executive Meeting.
- Monthly Program Meeting, Thursday, November 3 – information was included in Bruce’s AO Squadron Officer’s report.

#### Other Business:

- WA-SLRep 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr Leg Report – P/C Travis Smith shared information from the Report which alerted to state budget woes projecting a \$1.4 billion shortfall. The last session saw our recreational resource account (boating program grants funded by highway fuel tax paid by boaters for non-highway use) restored after being

swept into the general fund for two precious years running to help balance the general fund. Hope is to keep it intact in the next round. For FHPS the outcome could affect funds for the Derelict Vessel Program.

- Next Ex/Com, Tuesday, November 1, 2011

The Meeting was adjourned at 1445.

Carolyn Haugen, S  
FHPS Secretary