

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON
Executive Committee Meeting

MINUTES
Tuesday, November 1, 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, XO Marc Forlenza, Membership Chair John Towson, PBC Ann Einboden, VSC Burke Critchfield, AO Bruce Galton, Asst. AO Mike Clark, Membership Involvement Chair Steve Percer, and Secretary Carolyn Haugen. A Quorum was present

The Minutes of the Ex/Com Meeting for October 4, 2011 stand approved as prepared.

Squadron Officer's Reports:

XO Marc Forlenza

Marc reported that he cancelled the fall Seamanship class as enrollment dropped to four participants. Plans are to offer the course in the spring coordinating with the conclusion of the spring ABC Class and a practical, hands-on On-the-Water Training class. Marc will return the Seamanship class materials as a new edition will be released in six months.

SEO Travis Smith's report was given by Cdr Fred Bowen

Marine Electrical Systems (MES) with Mike Close as instructor is progressing. It is helpful to have the hands-on experience that Mike provides.

Basic Weather Forecasting -a two hour seminar led by Dave Cable is scheduled in Early December. Interested squadron members need to e-mail Travis by November 23 to allow enough time to order and receive the seminar student materials.

The squadron's first Junior Navigation Class was completed on October 19 with five students receiving their take home exams. The students are to be commended for their dedication and efforts in completing this accelerated course.

Practical On The Water Training (POWT) will be offered in the spring. This class is a combination of eight hours of classroom training and hands-on water training. It provides an explanation of how your boat handles and why. Sign up sheets will be distributed. Enrollment will be limited.

AO Bruce Galton

Mike & Julia Vouri will present Images of San Juan for November's program. Bruce will send out a meeting reminder. Information for the December flyer will be available after the November 3rd general meeting. Future programs are: David Hyde in January; Terry & Linda Lush in February; and The Predicted Log in March.

Bruce attended the October 8th D16 AO workshop in Federal Way. It was more on leadership training than specific information on the AO position.

Treasurer Dan Watson's report was given by Cdr Fred Bowen -

As of 9/30/11 the checking account balance is \$5,811.84 and the savings account (Derelict Vessel) is \$6,011.64.

Secretary Carolyn Haugen had no report.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee-John Towson reported he received word from USPS listing our newest members – Ted & Terry Kruth and Cheryl Herndon. Several members have opted not to renew due to health issues and other problems. Each month John is contacting members whose membership will be expiring asking them to renew. John will include notifying USPS regarding a member's death. Lack of ABC Class continued membership beyond the six month trial period was discussed. This subject was a discussion issue raised at the Fall D16 Conference.

Membership Involvement-Steve Percer voiced his disappointment in the lack of member involvement. Suggestions to encourage greater member participation included: invitation to attend ExCom meeting, committee chairs to ask for members to join his/her committee; individual out reach, and sending a revised new member survey out to the entire membership. A subcommittee consisting of Mike Clark, Bruce Galton, John Towson and Steve Percer were asked to draft a ten question survey that will be distributed via Survey Monkey to all members.

VSC-Burke Critchfield praised the work of the VSC committee. Over 500 vessel checks have been completed. At the D16 Spring Conference Ann Einboden, Dave Good and Burke Critchfield will receive a 25 VSC certificate, Ed Ferro will receive a 50 VSC certificate. Virgil Boyt will receive special recognition for his 1,000 vessel check achievement.

Safety Officer-Burke Critchfield had no report.

Public Boating Chair-Ann Einboden reported that the Fall ABC class concluded with twenty- three successful students. Three additional students declined to complete. There were more teen participants than previous classes thanks to John Towson's Leo group and family groups.

Also Ann provided an up-date regarding the TechSoup order. A complete listing of the software available for Squadron membership will be included in the Harbor Lights. DVD/CD check out is coordinated through Travis Smith. A Microsoft change of policy now allows orders to be placed throughout the year rather than in a specific time frame. Go to www.TechSoup.org/stock to see available products. Contact Ann at ein@rockisland.com to purchase something through TechSoup..

Old Business:

- D16 Fall Council/Conference, Bellevue, **October 21-23** – **Cdr Fred Bowen** reported that the conference was positive and well worth attending. He met with other commanders. Constructive comments fell on listening ears. As a result – the Conference may be streamlined into a single day rather than two days; a link to opt out of trash e-mails and general mail solicitations bearing USPS letterhead will be sent to Squadron members; and VSC recognition was revised. FHPS's voice made a difference.
- Derelict Vessel Program – **P/C Marc Forlenza** reported that the program is up and running. Milene Henley is waiting to receive the first money from the state. Joanruth Baumann is ready to tag vessels that have been reported. Marc encouraged all to be alert for derelict vessels and report them to Joanruth.

- P/C Fred Hoepfner Celebration of Life, **October 22** – **P/C Marc Forlenza** reported that the celebration, while simple, was a great celebration of Fred's life. **Cdr Fred Bowen** thanked Marc, Steve Percer, and Burke Critchfield for their efforts in the celebration's planning and representing FHPS.

New Business:

- Monthly Program Meeting, Thursday, **November 3** – information was included in Bruce's AO Squadron Officer's report.
- December Holiday Meeting/Auction, **December 8** – P/C Carolyn Bowen said that sign-up sheets will be distributed at the November 3rd Monthly Program Meeting. Carolyn reviewed last year's menu and plans to duplicate it as much as possible. Marc Forlenza is collecting items donated for the auction. The special goal for the auction is "Send Virgil to Camp." Some of the revenue raised will be used for Virgil's Spring D16 Conference attendance as well as support the cost of additional Squadron participation since FHPS is the host Squadron.
- D16 Spring Conference, **March 30 – April 1, 2012** – Cdr Fred Bowen reminded the Executive Committee that FHPS is the host squadron at Ocean Shores.
- Proposed Joint Rendezvous with Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron, **April 2012** – **P/C Carolyn Bowen** continues conversation with David Wright of the Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron in planning for a 2012 Joint Rendezvous. Plans are moving forward for the weekend of April 14th and 15th in La Conner.
- Preliminary Nominating Committee Report (2012-2013) – P/C Carolyn Bowen reviewed a preliminary slate of officers. Squadron Bridge Officers include: Commander – Fred Bowen, AP; Executive Officer – Bruce Galton, S; Educational Officer – Marc Forlenza, AP; Administrative Officer – Mike Clark, AP; Treasurer – Dan Watson, S; and Secretary – TBD.
- New FHPS Bookmarks – P/C Carolyn Bowen discussed updates to the squadron bookmarks. Bruce Galton made a motion to order 400 revised/updated bookmarks at an estimated cost of \$150. Mike Clark seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Other Business:

- Harbor Lights articles are due to David Good by Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011.
- Next Ex/Com, Tuesday, December 6, 2011

The Meeting was adjourned at 1455.

Carolyn Haugen, S
FHPS Secretary