

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON
Executive Committee Meeting

MINUTES
Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Cdr Fred Bowen called the meeting to order at 1304 in the Conference Room of the Friday Harbor Library. In attendance were: Cdr Fred Bowen, P/C Carolyn Bowen, SEO Travis Smith, Membership Chair John Towson, AO Bruce Galton, Asst. AO Mike Clark, Membership Involvement Chair Steve Percer, and Secretary Carolyn Haugen. The meeting attendance lacked a quorum.

The Minutes of the Ex/Com Meeting for November 1, 2011 stand approved as prepared.

Squadron Officer's Reports:

XO Marc Forlenza

No report as Marc called in ill.

SEO Travis Smith

Travis reported that the Marine Electrical Systems course was completed in mid-November with eight students taking this closed book exam. The results should be back within the next two weeks. Travis commended instructor Mike Close for his time, expertise and hands-on experience.

The Squadron's first Junior Navigation course was completed in mid-November. The take home exams are due Thursday, December 22nd, and will be sent to HQ for grading. Travis is expecting that FHPS will have five new JN's in the coming year!

The On-Board Weather Forecasting Seminar scheduled for Monday, December 5th was cancelled. Travis plans to reschedule the seminar early in 2012. It was suggested that on-line sign ups would facilitate the sign-up process. Mike Clark will contact Dave Good to add this capability to the FHPS web page. Travis has set a ten participant minimum for seminar attendance.

Upon the recommendations of the Ex-Com, Travis will proceed with offering Seamanship in mid-January. This follows the course sequence of Seamanship>Piloting>Advanced Piloting. Marc Forlenza is slated to teach Seamanship.

Travis asked that all mark Saturday May 5, 2012 on calendars and plan to attend the District 16's Educational Conference hosted by the Bellingham Squadron. Not only is this a beneficial conference but it is conveniently close.

AO Bruce Galton

Bruce reported that he had received 61 RSVP's for the December 8th Christmas Party. Future programs are: David Hyde in January; Terry & Linda Lush in February; and The Predicted Log in March. Cdr Fred Bowen suggested that Chris Brown's "On-the-Water" program might be a positive companion piece to the predicted log program in March 2012.

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

As of 11/31/11, the checking account balance is \$4,051.25, the savings account (Derelict Vessel) is \$6,011.64, and the savings certificate balance is \$2,744.24.

Secretary Carolyn Haugen asked about the distribution of the November 3rd General Meeting minutes.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee-John Towson said that there was no activity to report. P/C Carolyn Bowen gave John a list she had received from USPS indicating FHPS past due and currently due members. John will follow up.

Membership Involvement-Steve Percer reported nothing new since the November meeting. Cdr Fred Bowen commented on the member response for the December 8th Christmas Party and felt that this was a positive indicator of member interest and involvement.

VSC-Burke Critchfield In Burke's absence Cdr Fred Bowen reported that FHPS might be recognized in the USPS *Ensign* for the number of VSC's accomplished during 2011. District 16 just missed recognition. FHPS retains its presence in the top five VSC squadrons nationally.

Safety Officer-Burke Critchfield No report.

Public Boating Chair-Ann Einboden No report

Old Business:

- Derelict Vessel Program – **P/C Marc Forlenza** No report.

New Business:

- December Holiday Meeting/Auction, **December 8** – P/C Carolyn Bowen provided an update on meeting/auction logistics. Secretary Carolyn Haugen volunteered to serve at the member check-in table.
- Preliminary Nominating Committee Report (2012-2013) – P/C Carolyn Bowen reviewed a preliminary slate of officers. The slate will be voted on at Thursday's General Meeting. 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. It may be that the secretary position will be a rotating role with several members serving in the position.
- D16 Spring Conference, **March 30 – April 1, 2012** – Cdr Fred Bowen reminded the Executive Committee that FHPS is the host squadron at Ocean Shores and that it needs to be a Squadron commitment to make the event fun and memorable. Travis reported that he and Lizz have completed 75% of the preliminary arrangements including the agenda, special room rates, meeting rooms, banquet menu & theme, and entertainment. The Ocean Shores Shilo Inn and the Ocean Shores Chamber of Commerce have been cooperative and welcoming.
- Co Op Charting, Deer Harbor – P/C Carolyn Bowen received a request for updating the Deer Harbor Marina. Steve Percer volunteered to complete the chart updates that will include interviewing the dock master and securing the business

card of Deer Harbor Marina's new owner. Any changes necessitating chart updates will be documented, photographed, and sent to NOAA by March 2012.

Other Business:

- Travis gave a head's up regarding action that will be taken at a USPS meeting in January relating to opening up power squadron classes to members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.
- Ann Einboden has been in contact with Microsoft and TechSoup to complete the FHPS recent software order.
- Travis reported that District 16 is moving forward for a marketing team to promote District 16 and individual squadrons. Squadron homepage websites are encouraged to be "connected with water." FHPS will review its homepage to determine if improvements can be made.
- Next Ex/Com, Tuesday, January 3, 2012

The Meeting was adjourned at 1358.

Carolyn Haugen, S
FHPS Secretary