

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON

December Holiday Meeting Thursday, December 8, 2011

Cdr Fred Bowen called the December Holiday Meeting/Auction to order at 1905 at the San Juan Island Yacht Club. Fifty- three members were in attendance.

P/C Travis Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Steve Percer led the invocation.

The minutes of the General Meeting held on November 3, 2011 were approved as posted.

Introduction of Guests – Al and Kristi Thomason from D32 Beaverton, Oregon were welcomed back. XO Marc Forlenza introduced guests Elizabeth Forlenza and Rudy Kazic.

Cdr Fred Bowen complimented all squadron members who served on the various event committees for all their time, good work, and support for this special evening.

Squadron Officer's Reports:

XO Marc Forlenza had no report.

SEO Travis Smith

The Marine Electrical Systems class with Mike Close as teacher concluded and exam results will be available in a couple of weeks. Dave Cable's weather seminar was cancelled and Travis is coordinating with Dave to reschedule in February. The JN class take home exam is due December 22nd.

AO Bruce Galton announced that David Hyde will be January's speaker. In February Terry and Linda Lush will share recent boating adventures. March will feature information on the Predicted Log.

Cdr Fred Bowen thanked Asst. Treasurer Rebbie Bates as he reported that the checking account balance is \$4,088.10. The Derelict Vessel savings account has a balance of \$6,011.64. The savings certificate balance is \$2,744.24.

Secretary Carolyn Haugen had no report.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee—John Towson had no report.

Membership Involvement – Steve Percer had no report.

VSC—Burke Critchfield shared that the FHPS VSC team has completed 533 vessel inspections this year. So far FHPS ranks fourth nationally out of the 450 national power squadrons. More

vessel checks will ensure keeping us in top five. Virgil Boyt was recognized for his 1,000 VSC accomplishment. Some of the proceeds from tonight's auction will help "Send Virgil to Camp!"

Old Business:

- **Derelict Vessel Program Status – P/C Marc Forlenza** reported that during this first week in December two derelict vessels were removed from the Port of Friday Harbor. Cdr Fred Bowen reminded us that the last year's holiday auction raised \$3,500 to support the Derelict Vessel Program.
- **Nominating Committee Report – P/C Carolyn Bowen** distributed copies of the proposed slate of officers to serve April 2012 – April 2013. The office of secretary remains open. Steve Percer moved that the slate be approved as presented. Dave Cable seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

New Business:

- **D16 Spring Council, Saturday, February 11 – Cdr. Fred Bowen** encouraged members to attend. It will be hosted by Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron.
- **D16 Spring Conference, March 30-31 – P/C Travis Smith** gave updates on the conference to be held at the Ocean Shores Shilo Inn. Cdr Fred Bowen reminded all that FHPS is the host squadron for this event. Making it a special one is extra important as Travis will be inducted as District 16 Commander.

Cdr Fred Bowen concluded the business meeting at 1927 and the live auction began.

LIVE AUCTION: Cdr Fred Bowen (Auctioneer), Carol Good (Assistant)

Thirty-five items were auctioned resulting in \$4,680.

Other Business:

- **Next Monthly Meeting - Thursday, January 5, 2012 at the Grange.**

The live auction concluded at 2110.

Carolyn Haugen, S
FHPS Secretary