



BEVERLY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

05 September 2007



BRIDGE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commander Alex C. Arcisz, AP
Executive Officer Lt/C Ray Tilton, AP
Administrative Officer Lt/C Carol Quinn-Lebrun, S
Treasurer Lt/C John Hagar, AP
Secretary Lt/C Karen Arcisz, AP
Education Officer Lt/C Richard Winskowicz, SN

Meeting in Main Hall of Jubilee Yacht Club called to order by Commander Arcisz at 2055hrs.

No Roll Call; attendance sheet was passed and recorded by Secretary Karen Arcisz; 19 members, 2 visitors.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Elliott Hewitt.

Moment of Silence to honor our men and women in uniform.

Light attendance was noted, as well as the fact that membership is down, with 127 members on the national roster, compared to 154 last year.

Thanks to the meal team. Karen Arcisz made pasta with meatballs, Italian sausage, salad and bread. Carol and several others assisted with set up and serving. \$35 in donations were accepted.

Silent Auction was announced.

Reading of the Minutes of the May General Meeting were waived, as they have been posted on the website. No changes noted; motion to except as posted and second; voted and passed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Executive Officer Lt/C Ray Tilton, AP:

Jim Curran not present, no Boat Show or Coop Charting reports.

No VSCs on schedule until next spring. Question was asked about total VSCs for year - not sure - Herb Ryan did about 11, Karen Arcisz 6, Dick Salter 15-20. Dick Winskowicz none; he will discontinue doing inspections.

Safety Officer, Lt. Bill Ghen, AP spoke about the dredging scheduled to start October 1 in the Crane and Porter Rivers; affects Crane River Marina/ Pope's Landing / Danversport. Piers and moorings within 25' of the channel must be out by September 30. Plan is to dredge to a minimum depth of 6' at mean low water.

Education Officer Lt/C Dick Winskowicz, SN:

Four are taking JN with Dex Wheeler teaching. This class will run. We need 2 more for Engine Maintenance, and we have none for AP. Public boating course will run at Danversport Yacht Club in October; looks like about a dozen students.

Operations Training will be scheduled for Spring.

We now have a 'blog'. Dick writes it, and invites other members to join in. www.beverly-usps/blog

Discussion followed concerning USPS does well with new members for education, but there isn't much for full certificate holders. We can run the new seminars, which is review for them; perhaps they should offer to present or teach. John Graves suggested they look at becoming Boater Certification Certifiers; check with D18 Cmdr Ron Mason. He also noted that new course distribution sometimes depends on using up old materials first.

Administrative Officer Lt/C Carol Quinn-Lebrun, S:

Membership report - problem is getting people to come, especially younger people who may come once and then not return because they see that as a group we are aging.
Carol is looking for leads for speakers.

Secretary Lt/C Karen Arcisz, AP: Banner was completed, picked up and displayed at the Picnic; we should bring it to all meetings.

Treasurer Lt/C John Hagar, AP:

Reported \$886.91 spent on Picnic, took in \$670, so net cost was \$216.91. This is acceptable.

John again expressed concern about having the 'supper donations' bowl because he doesn't want people to feel pressured about paying for 'free' supper.

We have \$1,169 in the bank, need to write out about \$1500, will take \$1000 from fund into checkbook.

OLD BUSINESS/ GENERAL DISCUSSIONS

Commander: Peabody West Marine has not yet responded for the Fall sale specials. Doesn't look like it will happen. Danvers West Marine has agreed to an early Spring event. Details will follow.

John Graves talked about the Four District Conference. Be sure to get your registration in. Forms online or take a printed one from this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Elliott Hewitt was sworn in.

Merit Marks nominations are due. Please send your list of accomplishments to Alex or Karen. We will discuss them at the next E Board.

Next E Board meeting is Oct 4.

Next HB deadline is Oct 15.

Next General Meeting is November 1

Silent Auction ended. Under \$20. Figure will be updated at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2130hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lt/C Karen Arcisz, AP

Secretary, Beverly Sail & Power Squadron