



BEVERLY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

MINUTES OF E Board MEETING

07 February 2008



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BRIDGE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commander Alex C. Arcisz, AP	Administrative Officer Lt/C Carol Quinn-LeBrun, S
Treasurer Lt/C John Hagar, AP	Secretary Lt/C Karen Arcisz, AP
SEO Dick Winskowicz, SN	P/C Dex Wheeler, SN
Ed Walsh, SN	Walter Riley, III, AP
Membership Chair, Miriam Shafter, S	Coop Chart/VSC Chair, P/D/C James Curran, AP
Nomin. Cmtee Member, P/C Bob Mazzarino, SN	Exec and Audit Cmtee Member, 1/Lt Dick Salter, SN

Meeting in Sandy Point Room of Jubilee Yacht Club called to order by Commander Arcisz at 1900.

No Roll Call; attendance recorded by Secretary Karen Arcisz; 12 members.

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

Reading of the Minutes 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

Karen reported on the West Marine USPS Days at the Endicott St, Danvers location. New Manager of the store is being helpful, but timing is bad; he hasn't come up with the discounts yet. ...**still need volunteers.**

Treasurer Lt/C John Hagar, AP: \$1800 in checking; Fidelity was up last month, but no report this month.

Executive Officer Lt/C Ray Tilton, AP:

Ray was absent - Emailed his comments - Commander read his emailed comments: Ray has a PowerPoint on boater certification he'd like to show during a General Meeting He will need to get his Instructor Certification as well as his Operator's Certification. He suggests the Weather seminar for May's meeting, and has a contact with a Supertanker Captain for a speaker if we want. Everyone agreed that would be interesting.

Education Officer Lt/C Dick Winskowicz, SN:

Ed Walsh gave his comments on the Education Subcommittee meeting; said that getting people to take classes will take emphasizing the FUN, cruising, racing, etc. We need to refocus our advertising. John Hagar opined that part of the problem is the economy being down.

There was general discussion about advertising; that the newspapers are not helpful, very often they will only run on a 'space available' understanding. Do they realize we are non-profit? **We need to find a friend in the business (at each paper!)**

We need to get the PSAs out there. We've had no success yet with radios or tv.

We need to **put up notices** on all the bulletin boards we can find: yacht clubs, groceries, West Marine, Boater's World, etc.

People don't know who USPS is. We need good, short descriptions of classes and of the Squadron in general. We need to get together a folder of info to send out to the media. See what is on the National PR site.

Dick has put together a paragraph on the Seamanship and Piloting classes. **We need to send personal messages to the 42 members who've never taken any course.**

Public Boating: there are 11 in the Danversport class, and another class is starting in Beverly on the 25th of February. Commander Arcisz will make a short presentation and be available after the test for recruiting

and Karen Arcisz will score tests on March 11 at Danversport. **Any other volunteers for scoring or recruiting? Notify Jim Curran.**

Coop Chairman Jim Curran, SN: Boat Show was in January this year; we only got one lead and Merrimac Valley two. Between the weather and the Super Bowl, it was very low traffic.

Tim Whiting passed away, and will be honored at the Friendship on February 17th at 1100.

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

Next speaker for March 6, is Emily Murphy from Salem Maritime Historic Site.

Secretary Lt/C Karen Arcisz, AP:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS/ GENERAL DISCUSSIONS

Education committee has decided to try signing Public Boating people directly into Piloting as they join USPS. We'll see how it goes.

There was comment about people coming into USPS without taking any courses; National has decided to try this for three years; we will follow their lead then re-address this question at the end of the trial. Moved, seconded and carried.

We are still working to get a Seminar at Danversport. John Hagar will contact Andy Taylor. Also, we'll see if Andy will talk on March 11 to the Boating Class.

It still seems that **everyone wants someone to set up a Summer Cruise** - perhaps starting with everyone for the weekend somewhere, then those who must will go home, and those who can, continuing into the next week. Some destinations put forward: Boston Harbor Islands, Scituate, Plymouth, Onnset, Rockport, Portsmouth NH. We need a volunteer to head up the committee; **let's see if someone other than the Bridge will step up as a Cruise Coordinator.**

The old survey is still on the website, should be mentioned to the general membership in HB, or send a link out.

Are we going to get together for a social event that is not a business meeting? Should we consider doing all business at E-Board, and have alternate months be social only? Would we need to change the bylaws? What about having a combined change of watch in 2009 with other squadrons that is a social event - dinner and dancing?

No action taken. Need a Social Event Leader.

NEW BUSINESS

Vessel Safety Committee needs to meet, and to recruit **more VEs**. We currently have four: Jim Curran, Herb Ryan, Dick Salter and Karen Arcisz. Meeting set for February 20, at 1830. We will review the 4 District meeting info, and talk about schedule, recruiting, and expanding checks to smaller craft - dinghies and PWCs. Coordinator for the area is Everett Stebbins in Burlington, VT. Remind people **this counts for a Merit Mark.**

The Paddling Committee met on Feb 6, Art Yarrington is the Chair they are going to study what is needed for a Safety Course for paddlers, canoeists and rowers; get some feedback from experienced people and then beta test it. After that it will go to National for approval and distribution. **See the Commander to express interest.**

HB deadline is February 15..

Next General Meeting is March 6, 2008 at 1830 at JYC; **Next E-Board** is April 3, 2008 at 1900 at JYC

Meeting adjourned at 2024 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lt/C Karen Arcisz, AP

Secretary, Beverly Sail & Power Squadron