

Beverly Sail and Power Squadron
Beverly, Massachusetts 01915
A Unit of the United States Power Squadron

Minutes of the Member's General Meeting, 29 February 2012.

Bridge Members Present:

Commander: Cmdr. Raymond W. Tilton, AP

Executive Officer: Lt/C Robert C. Sant Fournier, P

Administrative Officer: Lt/C Jack Reed, P

Education Officer: Lt/C Edward G. Walsh, SN

Secretary: Not available

District 18 Officer: P/C Alex Arcisz, JN

Commander Ray Tilton called the meeting to order at approximately 2040 hours.

- The pledge of allegiance was led by Commander-elect Robere Sant Fournier.
- The Secretary-elect was unable to attend due to the recent sudden death of her 32 year old daughter.
- A moment of silence was conducted in honor of the soldiers who protect our freedoms and put themselves in harms way, and for the secretary-elect's daughter.
- Thanks were expressed to Cal and Dave Johnson for the excellent dinner meal.
- Thanks were expressed to retired Harvard professor George Brandenburg for the evening's interesting presentation re: Nathaniel Bowditch.
- A motion was made and seconded to forego the Officer's Reports and other business for the evening, and to move forward with swearing in the slate of new bridge officers. The current bridge officers were dismissed, and District Commander Alex Arcisz presided.
- District Cmdr. Arcisz summarized the current issues before the District:
 1. District is working on a new 2 year education program in which all courses will be offered in a rotation during each 2 year period. Courses will be presented at the Topsfield Town Library.

2. Plans are underway for the spring District Conference, which will include a presentation by the US Coast Guard.
 3. Arrangements are being made to present a tour of the Nike Site to squadron members.
 4. Merrimack and Marblehead squadrons have both completed their change of officers.
 5. The Tall Ships will be in Boston this year from June 29th through July 7th. A tour of Boston will be arranged by Linda Stone.
 6. The USCG Gloucester will be conducting a Safety Day this summer – date TBD.
 7. A day for flare disposal is coming up. No further details.
 8. The fall conference in Fall River, MA will be a combined conference sponsored by Districts 12, 14, & 18.
- The District Commander swore in new bridge members, included Robere Sant Fournier as the new Commanding Officer, Jack Reed as Executive Officer, Alan Therrien as Administrative Officer, and John Hagar as Treasurer.
- Commander Robere Sant Fournier chaired the remainder of the meeting.
- Announcement was made that the next E-Board meeting will be held on April 5th 2012, at 1900 hours at JYC.
- The next General Meeting will be held May 3rd.
- John Hagar requested that the meeting minutes reflect that he collected \$57.00 in donations.
- Upon seconding a motion from the floor, and voice vote, Cmdr Sant Fournier adjourned the meeting at approximately 2054 hours.

Respectfully submitted by:
Lt/C Alan Therrien, JN

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