

Minutes of the General Meeting

Beverly Sail & Power Squadron

March 6, 2014

Jubilee Yacht Club

30 People present including invited guests from District 18 squadrons and members of BSPS Piloting course currently underway

Lasagna supper served by Dave Delorey, Robere and Harriet Sant Fournier and Ray Tilton

Speaker: Terri McFadden, research and education director at the Beverly Historical Society, spoke about the maritime history of Beverly. Terri showed slides of pictures and drawings of Beverly's participation in several wars from the Revolutionary war to the War of 1812. In addition to the military history, she talked about Beverly's connection to the sea with shipping and fishing.

Business Meeting called to order by Cmdr Robere Sant Fournier at 8:10 PM

Moment of Silence for Troops

Pledge lead by District Cmdr John Bedrossian

Quorum present.

Motion to dispense with minutes of last meeting carried

Officers reports: Nominating committee – Ron Mason, chairman

Nominees listed in Hannah's Banner and website.

John Graves made motion to accept slate, Dexter Wheeler seconded, motion carried.

John Bedrossian swore new officers in: John Reed, Cmdr, Edward Meyers, Administrative Officer, Walter Riley, SEO, Ray Tilton, Secretary, John Hagar, Treasurer, Bob Duncan, asst. SEO. The executive officer position is vacant,

Treasurer's report – John Hagar: discussed problems getting nametags and poor quality of them, will send back. Checking acct balance \$4374. Bill due for manuals is \$2205. Checks held for about \$2000 from students will be deposited. Food donations = \$57.

SEO report – Walter Riley: "Business booming". Piloting class underway instructed by Jack Reed and Dick Shafner, 23 students in 10 week class. Three ABC courses currently running in Beverly, Jim Curran, Robere, about 6 students, Hamilton-Wenham, Ron Mason, Ray Tilton, 12 student, Gloucester, Bob Duncan, 6 students.

SEO: Mailings have been expensive and not very productive. Better return from emailings to former students and local yacht club blasts. Should pursue this course of action for announcing course offerings.

District Commander John Bedrossian announced a District 18 meeting will be held at JYC on March 29th. Speakers will talk about whales in this area and about maritime instruments. National chair of fincom will be there. Discussion will be held to consider merger of Districts 12 and 18.

Suggestion made to ask newer members to fill roles in BSP squadron.

Steve Jerome. MSPS, invited our members to attend a MSPS meeting this Sunday at Marblehead VFW Hall, West Shore Drive at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.