

Beverly Sail & Power Squadron
General Member Meeting and Supper
January 8, 2015 – Jubilee Yacht Club

Attendance: 15 members

Supper: Chile, cornbread, coleslaw, prepared by Linda Seal, Joan and Bill Bonner

Meeting called to order at 7:28 PM by Commander Jack Reed

Jack said focus of meeting would be proposed merger with Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron and amendments to the BSPS by-laws.

Jack announced that author Michael Tougias will speak about his new book, "Rescue of the Bounty" at a special meeting at the Jubilee March 31st.

Officer reports:

John Hagar, Treasurer: Fidelity account balance = \$26,558

Checking account balance = \$2235

Educational materials have been paid, money will be coming in from students.

Walter Riley, SEO: The Marine Electronics course has finished with 13 students.

The Seamanship course finished with 13 students.

A piloting course is planned for the spring.

An ABC course will start next week at Rockport High school; Jack Reed, Instructor.

Three ABC courses will begin in March: Gloucester – Bob Duncan,

Beverly – Robert Sant Fournier, Hamilton – Ron Mason and Ray Tilton. Skip Whitaker, Marblehead SPS, will start an ABC course In May.

Linda Seal announced that she will be moving to Mashpee in April, therefore is resigning her BSPS positions, but will continue to be a member and will attend meetings when in the area.

Jack Reed presented a plaque to Dexter Wheeler, honoring him for 50 years of service to the United States Power Squadrons.

Commander Reed gave a Power point presentation indicating the advantages of BSPS merging with the Marblehead SPS. The main advantages would be increased membership attendance at meetings and events along with more people to plan and execute those meetings. Additional people to fill bridge positions. More instructors to run educational courses. No one could think of any disadvantages of the merger.

Theo Koulioplos made a motion that Beverly Sail & Power Squadron merge with Marblehead Sail & Power squadron and continue meeting at the Jubilee Yacht Club, effective on approval by National USPS. Linda Seal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commander Reed led a discussion about a possible name change. A motion was made by Walter Riley to change the name of BSPS to Beverly-Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron. George Stairs seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

By-laws: Jack passed out copies of the old by-laws and indicated proposed amendments in a Power point presentation. Most of the amendments were changes made to the National By-Laws, which we mimicked. The changes that Beverly proposed are meeting dates: five general meetings during the first week of September, November, January, March and May. E-Board meetings during the first week of October, December, February, April and June. The other

amendment is the change of the squadron name.

John Hagar made a motion to accept the amendments to the BSPS by-laws and Linda Seal seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The secretary will certify the amendments and Commander Reed will forward them to National USPS.

Supper donations = \$30.00

Motion to adjourn at 8:23 PM.

Ray Tilton, Secretary