

Minutes  
General Membership Meeting  
Beverly – Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron

January 4, 2017

Supper prepared by: Alex Pszenny

Attendance: 31

1. Our speaker presentation was a commercial video produced by member Paul Jermain on the subject of chartering boats.
2. The business meeting was called to order by Lt/C Pszenny at 2010. Lt/C Reed declared that 31 members were present and thus we had a quorum.
3. The minutes of the November 8, 2016 member meeting were approved.
4. Commander's Report:
  - a. A motion was made to move \$5,000 from our investments to our checking account. This was necessitated by several events in which the Squadron had subsidized member costs, and the fact that we needed to order teaching materials up front before student registration. The motion was approved. The members felt that this was a decision that could have been made by the Executive Committee.
  - b. A motion was made to maintain Squadron dues (National + District + Squadron) at \$68, in spite of the fact that National had raised the member charge to us to \$70. This motion was soundly defeated by the membership. The members suggested that an equivalent amount that we would have spent by subsidizing the \$2 for each member be spent for membership improvement actions.
5. SXO Report. Lt/C Pszenny stated that Captain Conrad Prosniewski of the Salem Police Dive Team, would be our speaker at our March 1<sup>st</sup> member meeting.
6. SAO report. Lt/C Tilton thanked Lt/C Pszenny for preparing our supper and announced that the "Three Joans" – Joan Curran, Joan Mason and Joan Bonner – had agreed to provide supper for the March 1<sup>st</sup> member meeting.
7. SEO Report.
  - a. Lt/C Riley reported that we received the "Excellence in Recreational Boating" Certificate awarded to the Squadron by the National Boating Federation and

USPS for having the highest number (130) of ABC Course graduates in the New England Region over the past year.

- b. Spring ABC Courses: March 1 Gloucester; March 14 Hamilton Wenham Library; May 10 VFW Marblehead; Beverly/Salem TBA.
  - c. Members were urged to go on-line and volunteer for the New England Boat Show.
8. Treasurer's Report. Lt/C Smith announced that there was \$1,879 in our checking account and \$50,021 invested with Fidelity.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2110. Next member meeting is on March 1.

Jack Reed, Secretary