

Minutes
General Membership Meeting
Beverly-Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron
September 5, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order at 2014 by Commander Pszenny. A quorum of 21 members was present.
2. SXO Nigro led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for our Troops in Harm's Way.
3. Commander's Report:
 - a. Membership took a big hit this summer, down from 161 in May to 137 currently.
 - b. The Merit Mark Committee will meet in October and he asked that the members email their input to Jack Reed to be sure that they are considered.
 - c. Walter Riley set up a Boating Safety Table at the Marblehead West Marine on June 2&9.
 - d. We participated in the Salem Night Out on Salem Common on August 7th. Alex Pszenny, Walter Riley, Lou Schoenthal, Joan Thayer and Ted Nigro staffed the booth.
 - e. Our November speaker will be John Busch, who will talk about the first steamships.
 - f. Beverly Harborfest is this Saturday and we need volunteers. Contact Walter Riley.
 - g. The District 12 Fall Conference will be held jointly with Districts 14 and 19 at the Doubletree Hotel in Hyannis, on October 26-28. Register by October 4th. Details are on the District 14 web site.
4. SXO Report. Lt/C Nigro stated that the member survey is being proofed by the executive committee and should go out to the membership in another week.
5. SAO Report. Lt/C Tilton:

- a. He asked for volunteers to do the dinner for the November meeting and Joan Thayer volunteered to do the main meal and Robere Sant Fournier agreed to do salad and bread.
 - b. The Fame sail was cancelled due to bad weather.
 - c. Both the Corinthian dinner (45 people) and the July 9th Picnic (31 people) were well attended.
6. SEO Report:
 - a. We had 114 students pass our ABC courses this past year, which was the best in District and we ranked 5th nationally out of 349 squadrons.
 - b. Fall courses: ABC course at Bass Haven YC on September 25th; Engine Maintenance at JYC starting September 25th; Boat Handling at JYC starting September 25th. Ray Tilton is planning a “Partner in Command” seminar, date TBA.
 - c. Walter asked for input for spring courses.
 - d. To date, we have conducted 88 vessel safety checks and 77 passed, representing 71% of all VSCs conducted within our district.
7. Treasurer’s Report. Lt/C Schoenthal stated that our Fidelity account stands at \$59,999.20; National Brand Bank at \$932.60; and PayPal at \$231.99 Both income and expenses for this fiscal year to date are well below budget, due to the fact that we are still early in the fiscal year.
8. New Business. Lou Schoenthal questioned whether the number of general member meetings per year should be reduced to less than the five currently required by our by-laws. Commander Pszenny suggested that there may be other by-laws issues that we should discuss after the member survey results are in.
9. The commander adjourned the meeting at 2055.

John F. Reed, AP
Squadron Secretary