

Minutes
General Membership Meeting
Beverly-Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron
May 1, 2019

1. The meeting was called to order at 2005 by Commander Nigro. A quorum of 18 members was present.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a Moment of Silence for our Troops in Harm's Way.
3. The minutes of the March 6, 2019 member meeting were read by Lt/C Reed and were approved.
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. As of today, we have \$579 in the National Grand Bank, \$127 in PayPal, and \$58,981 in our Fidelity account.
 - b. A draft budget was presented with the only comment that \$3,000 in revenue and \$3,000 in expenses should be added to the Education fund. With that change, the budget for 2019 – 2020 was approved.
5. Report of the Audit Committee. P/Lt/C Charlie Souza presented the results of an audit conducted on April 17, 2017, of the Squadron's financial records. The audit showed that the Squadron's financial records are accurate and well maintained. There was a recommendation that the Treasurer transfer enough money into the bank account to avoid the monthly service fee. This recommendation and the audit report were accepted by the membership.
6. SEO Report:
 - a. Lt/C Riley reported that the Gloucester ABC class has 11 students, Hamilton has 25, Salem has 10 and Marblehead has 37. The Piloting class has 13 students and the Marine Electrical class has 7. In the fall, we are planning on offering a seminar called "Partner in Command." Additionally, we are planning on a Cruise Planning course, and an Offshore Navigation course. A Weather seminar will be offered sometime this summer at the Salem Willows Yacht Club.
7. Commander's Report:
 - a. Commander Nigro stated that merger talks between Districts 12 and 14 are ongoing. Our representative to the talks is P/D/C Ray Farrow. District 12 has agreed to proceed with the merger as the result of a vote taken at the April District Conference.
 - b. Cdr Nigro said that National has directed that externally, we hold ourselves out as "America's Boating Club," but internally, we still refer to ourselves as USPS.

- c. We participated in the West Marine Day at the Marblehead store and met several people with an interest in our courses and vessel safety checks.
 - d. The Corinthian Yacht Club dinner will be on May 24th with a cost of \$43 per person. Reservations must be in not later than May 14th.
 - e. Cdr Nigro is looking for a volunteer to head up the summer picnic.
8. Joan Thayer suggested that we have a family event on August 17th or 18th, consisting of a visit to the Essex Historical Society and Shipbuilding Museum followed by a rowing event on the Essex River using the museum's 20 – foot Sharpstown Barges. The event will last four hours, is limited to 15 people, and costs \$50 for adults and \$40 for children under the age of 16.
9. Lt/C Schoenthal announced that the Squadron now has a storage locker at Shetland Park.
10. P/S/C Pzenny reported that D12 will host this year's three-district Fall Conference. Dates are November 1 and 2, 2019. Venue will likely be somewhere on the New Hampshire Seacoast.
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12. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2052.

Lt/C John F. Reed, AP
Squadron Secretary