

Minutes  
General Membership Meeting  
Beverly-Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron  
January 8, 2020

In the absence of Commander Ted Nigro, the meeting was called to order by P/S/C Jack Reed at 2005. There were 30 members present which established a quorum.

The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a Moment of Silence for our Troops in Harm's Way.

Jack read the Summary of our November 6 member meeting which did not have a voting quorum.

Jack opened the meeting by saying that the Executive Committee decided to limit the amount of routine business conducted at the regular member meetings and to focus on our speakers and ways to secure more member involvement in our member meetings.

Jack asked if there was any new business to bring to the floor:

1. P/D/C Steve Jerome, AP, chair of the Rules Committee, asked that the membership approve the changes to the Squadron bylaws as developed by the Rules Committee, approved by the Executive Committee, and reviewed at USPS national headquarter. Steve went through the changes and provided justification. The one suggestion from National was that we add "DBA America's Boating Club of Beverly – Marblehead" to Section 1.1. Steve stated that there were four basic reasons for these amendments:
  - a. To make the incorporated status of our squadron very clear to prevent our neglecting to file certain corporate reports required by the State of Massachusetts.
  - b. To change our annual meeting date to avoid snowstorms, etc. This change required that other meeting dates by changes as well.
  - c. To remove certain committees from our bylaws which we do not need.
  - d. To allow us to have more electronic meetings of the Executive Committee.

Jack asked if there were any questions/comments from the floor. There were none. He then asked for a motion to approve the bylaws with changes. The motion was made and seconded. Jack asked for a vote by hands of all those who approved the bylaws changes. 28 members voted in favor of the amendments and 2 voted in opposition.

2. Mike Mentuck rose to discuss the merits of a safe boating course for children that was promoted by the Environment Police. The course could be completed in two weekend sessions as opposed to our ABC course which required six to eight sessions. He also recommended a recent grad course cruise. Jack will refer these topics to the next Executive Committee meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2020.

Lt/C John F. Reed, AP, Squadron Secretary