

Minutes
General Membership Meeting
Beverly-Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron
June 17, 2020

1. The membership meeting of the Beverly – Marblehead SPS was called to order at 1906 by Commander Sant Fournier, who declared that a quorum was present, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was held via Zoom and was attended by 21 Squadron members.
2. Lt/C Schoenthal presented a draft of the 2020 – 2021 budget. It was essentially a break-even budget with expenses totaling \$14,130 and income totaling \$14,160. A vote was taken via the Zoom polling subprogram. The vote was unanimous in favor of budget approval.
3. Lt/C Riley stated that the national organization expects to have a \$100,000 loss due to lack of demand for educational materials resulting from the COVID 19 virus. Our District 12 agreed to donate \$5,000 as an unrestricted gift to the national organization, and on June 3rd, the squadron's executive committee agreed to also donate \$5,000 to the national organization as an unrestricted gift. Lt/C Riley stated that he had received a very nice note from the US Power Squadrons' Chief Commander expressing her thanks and gratitude for our gift.
4. Lt/C Riley reviewed squadron educational programs for the spring. He also stated that the Vessel Safety Check program had been cancelled by the Coast Guard Auxiliary due to the COVID 19 virus and that members could get a virtual inspection on line but without the award of the VSC decal.
5. Lt/C Reed presented a portion of a video prepared by the America's Boating Channel. He stated that USPS now holds itself out to the public as America's Boating Club and by going to the ABC website, there are many educational courses and videos available to the membership as well as to the general public.

There being no further business, the commander adjourned the meeting at 1953.

John F. Reed, AP
Squadron Secretary