



BEVERLY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

03 September 2008



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BRIDGE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commander Alex C. Arcisz, AP
Administrative Officer Lt/C Carol Quinn-LeBrun, S
Treasurer Lt/C John Hagar, AP
Secretary Lt/C Karen Arcisz, AP
Education Officer Lt/C Ed Walsh, SN

Meeting in Main Hall of Jubilee Yacht Club **called to order** by Commander Arcisz at **2010**.

No Roll Call; attendance sheet was passed and recorded by Secretary Karen Arcisz; 26 members in attendance, plus 7 guests comprising family, JYC or other squadrons for the presentation. *Quorum present*.

Commander announced Roster Status: 8 Life, 116 Paid, 14 New, 17 non-renewals, 18 past members. **He will ask at the October E-Board for some help in reaching out to the past and non-renewals for possible reinstatement.**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Lt/C Robert C. Sant Fournier, P; of Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron.**

Moment of Silence observed.

Thanks: To the supper team: **John Graves**, with setup and cleanup assistance from **Carol Quinn-LeBrun** and others.

To the **Annual Picnic Team**, lead by **Carol Quinn-LeBrun** who was assisted by: **Frances LeBrun, Ed and Colleen Libby, Linda Seal, Walter Riley, Ken Rattray, Bill and Joan Bonner, Dick Salter, Rita Hagar, and Ray Tilton**. Thanks, also, to *all who helped clean up* so quickly when the request was made.

To **Emily Murphy**, of the Salem Maritime Historic Site, for giving a fine presentation on the Revolutionary Naval Activity of Massachusetts, and to **Carol Quinn-LeBrun** for inviting Dr. Murphy.

Minutes of the May General Meeting were read. Motion to except as read; second; voted and passed by voice vote. These minutes are posted on the web site, as well.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Executive Officer Lt/C Raymond W Tilton, AP:

Commander informed the members that Ray is recuperating very well from surgery and would welcome a card or note.

In his absence, the Commander commented that the Clean Water Act has passed, and we need not worry about permits for the rain to run off our boats. Applause.

Jim Curran, SN was absent, there were no reports for Boat Show or Vessel Safety Checks, though the Commander announced we've had a great year, and there will be a report in November.

We'd like to have more VEs for next year - study and take the exam online!

Education Officer Lt/C Ed Walsh, SN: See the website for schedules and sign up online.

Sail Trim Seminar this summer was attended by 13 people, and generated some interest in the Sail course as well as other courses, approximately 10 students have signed up already for various Fall offerings. The committee will contact others who are eligible for advanced grades to encourage them to sign up.

There is a Seamanship class and Senior Navigation class, both starting in October. AP begins in January 2009.

We will schedule an Instructor Certification class if there is interest. One student has already requested it.

Administrative Officer Lt/C Carol Quinn-LeBrun, S:

Carol expects to get **Norm LeBlanc** to present a lively discussion on boat surveying in November. If you know of **someone who would offer an interesting topic at a future meeting**, let Carol know.

Membership Chair, **Miriam Shafner, P** announced we had one reinstatement, **Larry Durkin**; and one new member, **Dale Spencer**; sign up for membership in August. Neither was present to be sworn in.

Secretary Lt/C Karen Arcisz, JN:

Roster: All roster info is up to date and status was announced by the Commander earlier. **Please check the roster on the web site**, and note corrections if needed; those will be forwarded to the Secretary and then to HQ.

Publications: Next Hannah's Banner **newsletter deadline is October 15**. Any member can **send in an article**. There have been no submissions for the Ensign Magazine.

Treasurer Lt/C John Hagar, AP:

Financial Report, about \$2,000 in checking. Fidelity runs between \$19,000 and \$22,000. Everything in order. Still working on Picnic costs, waiting for receipts. Expect net cost to the Squadron will be about \$300 to \$400 total, John believes that the Picnic is worth the cost. It was moved and second to approve the Treasurer's report as summarized. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

John again reminded members any checks made out to the squadron must read '**Beverly Power Squadron**' as this is the legal name we have at the bank and as our registered state entity name. Checks made out to Beverly *Sail & Power Squadron* will not be accepted by the bank.

OLD BUSINESS/ GENERAL DISCUSSIONS

West Marine USPS Days (Sept 13-14) has been cancelled due to lack of interest/ participation.

The Commander gave a short explanation of a confidential membership matter that had been discussed at the June 4 E-board meeting and originally scheduled for a special members' meeting after the Annual Picnic. In August it was decided by the Bridge and others involved to table this matter until our September or October meeting. Discussion ensued. Generally reaction was positive. After several minutes of questions and comments, the motion was made that the members present, comprising a quorum, were in agreement with the proposed resolution to this issue and that the Bridge should take appropriate action when the timing seems right to do so. Seconded and passed unanimously by raised hand vote. (*Any member of Beverly Sail & Power Squadron who needs more explanation about this cryptic report is encouraged to phone Commander Alex Arcisz at 978-887-9057.*)

NEW BUSINESS

No New Members were sworn in.

Richard Shafner, AP, brought up the fact that the *Salem Pump Out Boat* closes at 1600 on Sundays which causes hardship for those who are out on the water over the weekend and don't return until 1800 or 1900. He requested that the Squadron send a letter asking if hours could be adjusted in preparation for the need for cleanout before winterizing. Some discussion; motion to have Commander facilitate getting a letter to the Harbormaster in Salem and possibly in Beverly making this request. Seconded and passed. Commander has directed Secretary to expedite this request to both the Salem and Beverly Harbormasters.

Announcements:

Next E Board meeting is Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 1900 in the Sandy Point Room, JYC. **Please join us!**

Next HB deadline is October 15. **Send in an article!**

Next General Meeting is Thursday, Nov 6, 2008 at 1830 at JYC. **Please be there!**

D18 Fall Conference will be the 4 District Fall Fling at Hampton Beach, NH. There will be a mailing with details soon and more info in the next Hannah's Banner. Several of the National Bridge Officers are expected to attend. **This is a great event for all members—make your reservations ASAP**

There was no Silent Auction—nothing was brought in. **Next Silent Auction is in MAY 2009**. We will promote it in a more active manner. **Please bring a new or gently used nautical item to be auctioned at the May meeting.**

Motion to adjourn by **P/D/C Linda Seal, SN**; seconded by **P/D/C John Graves, JN**.

Meeting adjourned at 2051.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lt/C Karen Arcisz, JN

Secretary, Beverly Sail & Power Squadron

General Meeting Sept 3, 2008