



BEVERLY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

08 January 2009



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BRIDGE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commander Alex C. Arcisz, JN
Executive Officer Lt/C Ray Tilton, AP
Treasurer Lt/C John Hagar, AP
Secretary Lt/C Karen Arcisz, JN
Education Officer Lt/C Ed Walsh, SN
Asst Education Officer Walter Riley, III JN

During the Supper and Social time, a slide show of events and information was running.

Commander Alex Arcisz, JN and **Secretary Lt/C Karen Arcisz, JN** met with **D/C Ron Mason** before the meeting to sign the papers for the Gloucester Power Squadron's transfer into Beverly Sail & Power Squadron.

Meeting in Main Hall of Jubilee Yacht Club **called to order** by Commander Arcisz at **1950**.

No Roll Call; attendance sheet was passed and recorded by Secretary Karen Arcisz; 36 members in attendance, plus two visitors. **With 140 active members, a quorum of 14 was present.**

Commander announced Roster Status: 9 Life, 117 Paid, 3 New, 6 pending, 3 due, 2 past due, 36 past members. **He would like help in reaching out to the past and non-renewals for possible reinstatement. Please contact the Roster Updater, Karen Arcisz to assist.**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Bob Olenio, P.**

Moment of Silence observed.

Thanks: To the supper team: **P/D/C Linda Seal, SN, Joan Bonner, AP** and **P/D/LtC Bill Bonner, AP**, prepared macaroni, cheese and franks. They were assisted in set-up and serving by **Lt/C Robert Sant Fournier, P, and Harriett Sant Fournier**, who also donated the salad.. **Lt/C Karen Arcisz, JN**, made coffee and helped with set-up. **To assist with the March meal, please contact Colleen Libby.**

To **Peter Gifford, Salem Harbormaster** for his presentation. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented.

Reading of the minutes of the November meeting were waived, and a voice vote Passed to accept as published online. .

Anne Olenio, P was asked to take photos.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Executive Officer Lt/C Raymond W Tilton, AP: reported that the Tall Ships will be in Boston in July from the 7th – 13th. Members might want to book a slip now in Boston, or offer to **lead a rendezvous** into the area.

Lt/C Karen Arcisz, JN gave a report on the Boat Show and asked for **volunteers to cover booth duty** on February 22. List now includes Commander **Alex Arcisz, JN, Joan Curran, S, P/D/C Jim Curran, AP** and **1/Lt Walter Riley, JN. Dale Spencer** and **Ed Bell** offered to stand duty, and **Lt/C Ray Tilton, AP** would like to assist if he can do booth duty on a different day.

Karen also asked everyone to read Jim Curran's article in the Hannah's Banner about Cooperative Charting, and asked for a **volunteer computer assistant or tutor** for Jim.

Safety Officer Lt. Bill Ghen, AP, had no report

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

Ed touched on our need for more students, both for Public Boating and members for advanced grades. He said we need more advertising in new and different ways in order to get a different result; namely more students. He listed and described courses. He is also going to send email or will phone members who are eligible to take Seamanship or Piloting, both starting in February, rather than the previously announced January. He is hoping for more students, and asked for response; several members expressed interest in classes for spring.

Lt/C Bob Duncan, SN of Gloucester, is going to assist with education on Cape Ann. Ed reminded us we can take those classes as well.

Administrative Officer Lt/C Carol Quinn-LeBrun, S was absent, no report.

If you know of **someone who would offer an interesting topic at a future meeting**, let Carol know.

Miriam Shafner P, Membership Chair, reported that the Gloucester transfer looks like it will add 56 to our rolls.

Secretary Lt/C Karen Arcisz, JN:

Roster: All roster info is up to date. Status was announced by the Commander earlier. **Please check the roster on the web site or ask the for a hard copy of your information**, and note corrections if needed; those will be forwarded to the Secretary and then to HQ.

Publications: Hannah's Banner newsletter deadline is January 31 unless **someone offers to edit** the next issue during Karen's recovery from knee surgery which is scheduled for Feb 10. Any member can **send in an article**.

There have been no **submissions for the Ensign Magazine**.

Treasurer Lt/C John Hagar, AP: New members can now use Master Card—let's take advantage of that at the end of Public Boating classes.

Financial Report: Fidelity down to about \$13,000. Checking is down to about \$1,000. It was moved and second to approve the Treasurer's report as summarized. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

John also related, at the request of Jim Curran, an incident where having a VSC sticker was helpful during a Coast Guard boarding. Be sure to keep your paperwork onboard, and your radio on Ch 16.

OLD BUSINESS/ GENERAL DISCUSSIONS

D/LtC Ed Libby, JN gave a report from the Nominating Committee; the slate will be posted online and in the next Hannah's Banner. It is possible that one or two positions will need a vote. We need three members at large to place on the Executive Committee.

Ed also mentioned that the USPS magazine 'Ensign' can be viewed online and you can **submit articles and pictures** online **Theo Kuliopulos, SN** gave the Audit Report for Gloucester, the projected net money to be transferred is just under two thousand dollars. All is in order. There also are 2 computers, a sextant and a training sextant, which will be delivered to Beverly Squadron by **D/C Ron Mason, SN** at the March meeting. Report was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to accept as reported.

The question was raised as to when the transfer will be official/complete. **D/C Ron Mason, SN** said it is hard to say; national has a 30 day waiting period in case any of the Gloucester members want to join a different squadron.

NEW BUSINESS

New Members were sworn in: **Ed Bell** was sworn in, presented with his Ensign, pin and Certificate. **Dale Spencer** was presented with his Ensign separately, having been sworn in during the November meeting..

P/R/C Herb Ryan, SN was presented with his certificate for helping us achieve a banner year in Vessel Safety Checks. There is no date yet, but **1/Lt Walter Riley, JN** expects to hold a VSC meeting in March.

Dick Salter, SN was presented with the donation plaque for the Relative Bearing Compass we are donating to Essex shipbuilding Museum. He will attach the brass plaque and deliver the instrument to them.

D/C Ron Mason, SN announced the **D18 Council meeting** at Calitri's on Rt 1 21 January, at 1730.

Ron also mentioned he'd take names of volunteers to go to the February National Annual Meeting on the West Coast.

Announcements:

Next E Board meeting is Thursday, February 5, 2008 at 1900 in the Sandy Point Room, JYC. **Please join us!**

Next HB deadline is January 31. **Send in an article!**

Next General Meeting is Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 1830 at JYC. **Please be there!**

Motion to adjourn seconded and passed voice vote. **Meeting adjourned at 2045.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lt/C Karen Arcisz, JN

Secretary, Beverly Sail & Power Squadron

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