

MINUTES OF E-Board MEETING

02 April 2009

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**PRESENT:**

Commander: Cmdr Raymond W. Tilton, AP  
Executive Officer: Lt/C Carol A. Quinn-LeBrun, S  
Administrative Officer: Lt/C Robert C. Sant Fournier, P  
Educational Officer: Lt/C Edward G. Walsh, SN  
Secretary: Lt/C Edward S. Bell, S  
Treasurer: L/C John A. Hagar, AP

P/C Alex Arcisz, JN  
P/D/C Jim Curran, AP-SN Coop Chart  
P/C Bob Mazzarino, SN  
John F. Reed, Jr., P  
Lt/C Dick Winskowicz, SN Operations Training Chair  
1st/L Walter Riley, JN, Asst SEO, Vessel Safety Chair  
1<sup>st</sup>/L Miriam Shafner, P, Membership Chair  
Lt Bill Ghen Safety Officer, AP  
P/C Bob Cameron, AP

Meeting in the Ward Room of Jubilee Yacht Club called to order by Commander Tilton at 1900.  
No Roll Call; attendance recorded by Secretary Ed Bell; 15 members; quorum of the Executive Committee achieved.

Moment of Silence to honor our men and women in uniform and for our new President.

Reading of the Minutes waived, as they have been posted on the website.

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**Treasurer Lt/C John Hagar, AP:**

- Budget for 6/1/2009 – 5/31/2010
  - Estimated Income: **\$9,677**
    - \$6,000 from education income
    - \$1,675 from dues
    - \$1,500 from picnic
    - \$250 from meeting income
    - \$240 from miscellaneous
  - Estimated Expenses: **\$9,624**
    - \$1,650 from picnic
    - \$4,573 from education
    - \$900 from meetings
    - \$1,790 from publications
    - \$56 from office expenses
    - \$450 from other expenses
    - \$130 from web site
    - \$75 from District 18 Fees
- Financial statement from Fidelity totaled: \$11,250±
- Equipment lists from all holders only account for pots & pans. Everyone who has equipment will

provide John their list.

**Executive Officer Lt/C Carol A. Quinn-LeBrun, S:**

- Bob Ware will be speaking at the next bi-monthly USPS General meeting, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Bob will need an LCD for his presentation. Robere Sant Fournier will be taking care of the food requirements.
- Coop Charting from NOAA was addressed by P/D/C Jim Curran, AP. NOAA is dropping small craft and tide charts from their charts. Jim will provide an update on these changes in the next General meeting.
- Need volunteers to update charts on the changes in the local area. The students from Piloting and Junior Navigator classes will be approached to seek their help. Activity committee for “On Water” day will validate / assess the proposed changes.
- District 18 Spring Update provided by D/Lt/C Alex Arcisz, JN.
  - Commander Henry Marchi presented in a Q&A format highlighting:
    - Security – Send the message to as many people as possible that they shouldn’t be afraid to report anything suspicious
    - Coast Guard membership is down by 12,000 due to increased security clearance requirements
    - Ideas were addressed as to how to better connect with the local chapter of the Coast Guard. USPS becomes the holding station; we can leverage the Vessel Safety committee and complement each others’ efforts. With a lot of emphasis on the PaddleSmart course, Alex will get the list of students for potentially new USPS membership opportunities.
  - National meeting addressed concerns of driving costs down.
  - Change of Watch appointed a new District XO (D/Lt/C Alex Arcisz, JN) and Treasurer (D/Lt/C Barry G High)
  - Requested to attend the next USCG Aux meeting are P/D/C Jim Curran, and D/Lt/C Alex Arcisz of Beverly Sail & Power Squadron and D/Lt/C Arthur Yarranton of Merrimac River Squadron
- Point of Interest – Massachusetts Police are pressing Safe Boating and will offer the five week course for free.
- Ed Libby attended the PaddleSmart course and will present a quick update on the course at the next General Meeting.
- Discussion on increase for annual dues (\$6 to \$10 for individual and \$9 to \$15 for family memberships). Without it, we would be \$500 - \$1,000 over budget.

**Education Officer Ed Walsh, SN:**

- Ending dates of active classes include Instructor Recertification (April 27<sup>th</sup>), Seamanship (April 6<sup>th</sup>), Piloting (April 10<sup>th</sup>) and Instructor Development (May 4). Aside from Cruise Planning, noted below, additional courses will start in Fall, 2009.
- New Cruise Planning course starting next week for six people but materials haven’t arrived from National. Ed will contact the National office again but is concerned that it takes a month to receive course material and is now stocking a small inventory of course material to prevent holding up future classes. D/Lt/C Alex Arcisz will address this issue with National.
- Over 55% of USPS Beverly Chapter members haven’t taken courses. Without their email addresses,

- Ed has called 70 members seeking to get them enrolled in courses.
- Discussion surrounded the scheduling of courses and that the next course in sequence doesn't immediately follow the completion of a course. Also addressed the potential of Saturday courses and getting new instructors. A sub-committee will be lead by Ed Walsh. Also, Hanna's Banner will advertise new courses to increase participation.

**Vessel Safety Chair, Walter Riley, JN:**

- Paul Medina, a Beverly S&PS member and a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, is looking to jointly address VSCs.

**Other Topics:**

- USPS Beverly E-Board meeting June 4<sup>th</sup>
- To increase awareness of the USPS, we need to publish newspaper articles reflecting activities and people with our chapter.
- A rumor surfaced that fishermen aren't allowed to use lead weights.
- 1st/L Walter Riley, JN will get name tags for Bridge members, instructors, and VSC inspectors. (
- National Safe Boating Week is May 16-22. We normally wait until after Memorial Day as most of the boaters in our area wait until then to launch their boat. Topics to potentially address that week include Vessel Safety Checks, conduct a Safe Boating Day and have the Harbor Master involved, and articles will be written to advertise boating safety. Ideas are welcome and everyone is encouraged to provide them.
- Lt/C Raymond W. Tilton, AP has been invited, and accepted, to the upcoming Swampscott USCGAux meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2105.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Edward Bell  
Secretary, Beverly Sail & Power Squadron

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