

**Beverly Sail and Power Squadron
December 6, 2012**

The Executive Board of the Beverly Sail and Power Squadron was called to order by the commander at 1903.

Present:

Commander: Robert Sant Fournier, AP
Executive Officer: Lt/C Jack Reed, AP
Administrative Officer: Lt/C Aan Therrien, JN
Educational Officer: Lt/C Edward Walsh, SN
Treasurer: Lt/C John Hagar, AP
P/D/C Jim Curran, A/P
Walter Riley, JN

A moment of silence was held to recognize our men and women in uniform.

A reading of the Minutes of the previous Executive Board Meeting was waived and the minutes were accepted by the Board.

Commander's Remarks: Commander Sant Fournier requested assistance of the membership in identifying the squadron committees that are in existence, as well as the identification of the members of those committees. It has come to his attention that the squadron needs to update its rules to be in agreement with the national rules. This should be undertaken by the Squadron Rules Committee. Commander Sant Fournier indicated he wished to have a discussion regarding the status of squadron education issues, and a discussion of squadron temporary memberships.

Commander Sant Fournier reminded those present that Ray Tilton is preparing the next Hannah's Banner, and would appreciate receiving reports, articles, photos, or other items of interest for publishing by December 10th.

Executive Officer Report: Lt/C Jack Reed reported that the system for signing up for District Education Courses now accepts PayPal. Exec Officer Reed advised that six students completed the Seamanship course, and three new members, Bill Roberts, Phil Coleman and Ed Meyers have expressed some interest in taking additional courses.

Lt/C Jack Reed reported that the national System 800 software is now working more smoothly, and that membership and education course data is now easier to input.

Education Officer Report: Ed Walsh provided a summary powerpoint presentation on the continued issues surrounding the squadron education responsibilities. Issues included presentation of ABC , advanced courses and seminars, On-the-water training, classroom identification, instructor assignments, student recruitment, new member recruitment, training material storage, etc.

It continues to be the squadron policy that the courses the Beverly squadron previously committed to present, will be scheduled and conducted. Beyond those limited commitments, the squadron will support the District in assisting with presentation of courses on the "two year rotation" plan.

A discussion ensued regarding potential locations for future course offerings. Commander Sant Fournier requested that members inquire with local yacht clubs to determine if there might be free conference rooms available, and at the same time, to determine the interest level of the yacht club membership in taking Power

Squadron courses. He also requested any members that are still employed, to determine if their employer might have a conference room that could be used free of charge.

Jim Curran noted that the Beverly Squadron had conducted 62 of the 78 vessel safety exams conducted in the District this past year. He requested that Walter Riley be personally recognized for not only spearheading the year's activities, but for personally conducting a majority of the vessel safety checks.

Lt/C Jack Reed will coordinate this year's squadron participation at the February 2013 Boston Boat Show.

Administrative Officer: Lt/C Alan Therrien reported that Lt Garret Meyer, Chief, Incident Management Division, US Coast Guard First District, will speak at the January 3, 2013 General Meeting, on the topic of First District Search and Rescue missions, priorities, and what, if anything, we might do to assist in their safety mission. Bill and Joan Bonner have volunteered to prepare the meal for that meeting.

Gary Williams, Director Port Operations for GDF Suez has been scheduled as the speaker for the March 7, 2013 General Meeting. Alan and Sue will not be in town on the date of the March meeting. Arrangements will be made in advance to ensure the meal supplies are available to Ed Meyers, who will prepare the meal for this meeting.

Commander Sant Fournier reported that Prof. Connolly will provide a presentation at the May 8, 2013 General Meeting regarding the Boys Scouts' Sea Scout Program.

The next E-Board Meeting will be held at the usual time and place on February 7, 2013. All active members are invited to attend.

Treasurer's Report: Lt/C John Hager reported the squadron checking account balance is currently \$3,223.14, and the Fidelity account balance as of September was \$24,718.

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business: It was agreed that the squadron will purchase a couple laptop remote controls for use by instructors in squadron course presentation.

Ed Walsh was recognized for the excellent photos and narrative material he provided in the last issue of Hannah's Banner.

Admin Officer Alan Therrien advised Commander Sant Fournier that he will not be available to continue his participation in bridge functions in the coming cycle, due to pressing personal commitments.

With no additional new business to be addressed, the meeting adjourned at 2045.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Alan Therrien, JN
Administrative Officer