

Beverly-Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron

Minutes of the General Meeting – January 6, 2016

Jubilee Yacht Club

Supper made and served by Joan and Jim Curran

Attendance = 24

Speaker of the evening Bob Duncan gave a presentation about bareboat chartering in the Caribbean.

Executive Officer David Graham introduced SEO Walter Riley, appointed by Jack Reed, who was sick, to take charge of the meeting.

Acting Commander Walter Riley called the business meeting to order at 8:12 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dave Delorey and a Moment of Silence was held for U.S Troops.

Walter summarized the minutes of the October 6, 2015 meeting; they were accepted unanimously.

Walter gave the SEO's report: ten people took the Piloting exam and are waiting for results. Three people that took the course still need to take the exam. BMSPS is providing an accelerated ABC course at the Jubilee Yacht Club for prospective launch drivers, who need to pass a safety course as part of the USCG requirements for a launch driver license. The course will run three consecutive Monday evenings starting January 18th. It will be led by instructor Ray Tilton with the assistance of Robert Sant Fournier, Bob Duncan and Jack Reed. The new ABC 2015 manuals and discs will be used. After the boat show, ABC courses in Beverly, Marblehead, Hamilton, Gloucester and Rockport will be offered, at dates to be determined.

Walter gave the treasurer's report for Dale Smith, who was unable to attend the meeting:

Total receipts since 3/11/15 = \$7359

Total expenses since 3/11/15=\$7716

National Grand Bank Account=\$27,016

PayPal =0

Fidelity Holdings =\$26,932

Total =\$53,948

\$35 was received as donations for tonight's supper

Walter gave the VSC report: the 2016 VSC sticker was displayed. 90 stickers were sent to Dexter Wheeler from national by mistake, and turned over to Walter. Apparently, National was going by 1996 records.

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John Bedrossian gave a report from District 12: At the last district conference, held in N. Conway, NH, a certificate for 75 years of service was presented to the Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron. An award for 50 years of membership with the United States Power Squadrons was given to John Waymouth, who was unable to attend the conference. John Bedrossian presented the award to Waymouth at his home.

Bill Ghen, chairman of the Nominating Committee reported: the annual election of bridge officers is coming up soon and the squadron is in dire need of candidates. The positions of commander, executive officer, administrative officer and secretary will be open. Bill asked members to volunteer to help keep the squadron going or recommend other members for the positions.

Dave Graham reported that the spring kick-off dinner will be held at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead on Friday, May 27th. The speaker will be Starling Burgess.

The New England Boat Show will be held at the Boston Convention Center Feb. 13-21st. Walter said that members can sign up to staff the District 12 booth.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.