

Minutes  
Meeting of the Executive Board  
Beverly – Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron  
June 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order by the Commander, Dave Graham at 1907. Those present: Cdr Graham; XO Alex Pszenny; Secretary Jack reed; SEO Walter riley; SAO Ray Tilton; Treasurer Dale Smith; Robert Sant Fournier; Bill Ghen; Bill Bonner; Bill Ghen.

A quorum was declared and a moment of silence was rendered for our troops in harm's way.

The minutes of the April 6, 2016 Executive Board were approved.

**Commander's remarks.**

- The Corinthian dinner was an unqualified success. We had the largest turnout of any event in the last several years. It was noted that we really overcrowded the meeting room and it was agreed that next year, we should limit attendees to 50. It was also mentioned that the projection screen needs to be centered on the long was and raised sufficiently so that all could see.
- Local newspaper articles. Commander Graham said that he has not had the time to write the articles. It was suggested that we should try and secure a squadron volunteer to help us. The commander asked Jack Reed to send an email to the membership, asking for a volunteer.
- Annual Antique and Classic Boat Festival. Commander Graham presented a draft ad for the festival's brochure, which was approved with modifications.
- Food for the Adventure Cruise. The commander passed around copies of the contract with the Adventure Association. We can bring our own food. The commander has asked a caterer for a quote. Jack mentioned that the last cruise we made around Cap Ann, the food came from Shaws catering service. The commander asked jack to obtain pricing for 8 hors d'oeuvres trays.

**Squadron Education Officer remarks**

- Walter gave an update on the ABC courses being run. We have had over 140 students take the course so far this year.
- Pricing for ABC course students. Commander Graham asked Walter to come up with a recommendation and we would vote on it through email.
- Purchase of a laptop, projector and screen. Commander Graham asked Walter to come up with a recommendation and we would vote through email.
- Topsfield Library as a location for courses has been put on hold.
- Instructor Development. Walter will query the other squadrons to see if we can come up with a firm number to take the course in the fall.

**Squadron Administrative Officer.** Ray is still trying to locate a boat for On The Water Training. It was suggested that he might try a Brunswick dealer since they have a relationship with USPS.

**Treasurer.**

- Dale asked for a vote on whether our minutes should be password protected on our web site. A vote was taken to move the minutes to an unprotected part of the web page.
- Dale continues to work on treasurer's report format.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Alex suggested that we might want to offer the new Electronic Navigation Course instead of the Advance Piloting Course in the fall. Walter reviewed the content of the new course and it was unanimously decided to offer the new course.
- Cooperative Charting. We stopped doing this about five years ago. Alex questioned whether we should start it up once again. After much discussion, it was decided that Alex would do further research on where Cooperative Charting stands with USPS.
- Jack will shortly publish a tasking letter on the August 8 Picnic.

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 2105. We will hold a meeting after the Adventure cruise in August to begin planning for our fall activities.

Jack Reed, Lt/C, AP  
Secretary