

Minutes
Member Meeting
Beverly – Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron
December 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Commander Pszenny at 1945, following a presentation by Salem Harbormaster Bill McHugh.

The commander declared that a quorum (20 members) was present. Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops in Harm's Way.

Lt/C Reed read the minutes of the October 4, 2017 member meeting, which were approved.

The commander announced that we had lost one member since the last meeting and that membership now stood at 157.

The commander announced that 30 members were submitted for merit marks, and that 29 of those recommendations had been approved.

Lt/C Nigro, Squadron Executive Officer, discussed the need to find ways of promoting membership. He would like to prepare a member survey, asking such questions as how to improve member meeting participation. He asked that the membership provide input into the survey.

Lt/C Tilton, Squadron Administrative Officer, stated that the next member meeting would be held on January 3rd, 2018. The speaker will be Peter Shelly, of the Conservation Law Foundation. He asked for volunteers to prepare the dinner for that meeting.

Lt/C Riley, Squadron Education Officer reported the following:

- Fall course outcomes – The Advanced Piloting course had 14 students and 5 students took the ABC course at the Salem police station.
- Proposed spring courses: ABC courses in Salem (Feb 27), Gloucester (Feb 27th), Hamilton (Mar 20th) and Marblehead (TBA). We will decide on up to two advance courses and choose from Engine Maintenance, Sail, Weather or Seamanship.
- We need to recruit additional instructors for both ABC and advance courses.
- Vessel Safety examiners – we are down to 6 inspectors.

Lt/C Tilton announced a new on-the-water program called "Jump Start." The hope is that this new program will help recruit new members.

Lt/C Smith announced that we have \$55,991 of which \$2,065 was in the bank and the rest invested. A motion was made to elect Lou Schoenthal as the Assistant Treasurer. There were no other nominees. A motion was made and seconded for the secretary to cast one vote for Lou Schoenthal as Assistant Treasurer. This was unanimously approved. He was sworn into this position by the commander.

It was noted that we need a volunteer(s) to prepare the dinner for the January 3rd member meeting.

There was no further new or old business, so the meeting adjourned at 2045.

Lt/C Jack Reed, AD
Secretary