

**SDSPS ExCom Meeting
11 December 2007**

Meeting commenced at 19:04. A quorum was present.

Attendees:

Cdr Ted Bowler
ExO Nancy Renzi
AO Mike Collins
SEO Mike Fontaine
Treas. Claudia Bowler
Sec'y Diann Nephew
Mbr-at-Large Ron Weiner

Guests:

Kent Hildreth
Katie Law
Ed Mraz

A motion to adopt the minutes of the November 2007 Executive Committee meeting as published was seconded and passed unanimously.

Announcements:

Officer's Reports:

Commander's Department

Commander Ted Bowler discussed the following items:

General Membership Meeting – January 11, Friday, Annual Business and Election Meeting @ SWYC – dessert buffet
ExCom Meeting – January 11, Friday, 30 minutes prior to GMM
Change of Watch – January 19, Saturday @ SWYC
Sail Fleet – will resume in February
Predicted Log – January 19, Saturday
Articles for Ship's Mail due December 15
San Diego Boat Show – January 3-6 Thurs-Sun
Report on District 28 meeting in December – Ed Mraz attended the District Council Meeting. There was a major discussion on 800-SeaSkil. District 13 started it years ago and it gets about 20-25 inquiries per year. The cost to participate is \$450 to \$500 per year. District 28 considered rejoining the program but did not have sufficient votes to do so.

Executive Department

Nancy Renzi reported on VSCs. Ed Brunjes' VSC percentage of passing is low – 81 passed out of 124 inspections. Shaun McArdle has reported that all slots are filled for the Boat Show, however some slots need backup, they are new members and could use some help.

Education Department

Mike Fontaine reported that all seventeen students taking the Piloting exam passed with very good grades. Scores ranged from a low of 88 to a high of 99. Fifteen of the scores were in the 90's.

Congratulations to Katie Law and Kent Hildreth for successfully completing and passing the new JN course final.

Advanced Piloting final is scheduled for January 7. Nine students are in the class.

The 2008 class schedule has been developed and is under constant revision. SWYC has delayed start of construction to June. This means we can schedule more classes at the club. There is some talk of delaying construction to the end of summer. This would be a real benefit for the squadron. The club doesn't want to lose an entire summer for the members as well as the associated revenue.

Cruise Planning will begin on Tuesday, 15 January 2008. Postcards and email announcements will be sent out this week.

Boating Class had 11 out of 20 students pass the final on 14 November. The big drop out rate was due to the fires in San Diego.

SDSPS will not beta test the N class. Our cost for materials is \$120, so we would have to charge \$140 for the class.

Administrative Department

Mike Collins reported that the November 6 meeting had 38 attendees. He then discussed the Change of Watch January 19. Katie is going to create a program to hand out. It will be a sit down dinner, the menu still needs to be finalized and stay within the \$35 range.

There was discussion about hiring a DJ for dancing after dinner, possibly someone from Shaun McArdle's Polaris group. There is someone willing to donate the cost for the DJ.

A gift for attendees should cost around \$5 each, possibly a canvas bag. Mike will contact Kathy Romero to coordinate.

Secretary's Department

Diann Nephew reported that she received the signed certificate for the change in the By-Laws from Dan Stein at National. Diann needs to contact Bob Hubbard about a change in the nominations for the 2008 Bridge that needs to be mailed out to the members.

Treasurer's Department

Claudia Bowler reported that squadron finances were in good order. All bills are paid and receipts collected. SDSPS has not used any funds from the savings account this year.

Tom Stanford said SDSPS could use his address as the squadron's permanent address.

Old Business:

Advertising Ships Mail – this topic will be discussed next year, waiting for enough advertising to fill a full page before it is implemented.

Membership Retention Person – Ted Bowler has volunteered.

Lifetime Achievement Awards – Irwin Pascoe and Tom Swift. Ted will meet with Bill Bridge and John Isaksen to get awards for both to be presented at the Change of Watch.

New Membership Pamphlet – Still a work in progress by Katie Law.

USPS University – Bill Bridge wants to teach weather. We need to make sure the instructor is a good presenter to teach to the public. Mike Philbrook is also interested in teaching.

Website – Develop a button or sidebar link to Membership Chair’s number to call for membership information.

New Business:

Update education on the website.

Return all flags for the Change of Watch.

Member of the Year Award

Ship’s Mail – Need a new editor as of February 2008. Katie will no longer be available.

Boat Show – Kent requested that there be sign-up sheets for VSC along with other sign-up sheets.

Meeting adjourned at 20:54. Next ExCom meeting will be 11 January prior to the GMM.

Respectfully submitted,
Diann Nephew, Secretary