

SDSPS Executive Committee Meeting
8 March 2010

Meeting commenced at 19:08. A quorum was present.

Attendees:

Bill Frame
Bob Gibbs
Catherine Isaksen
Andrea LaVorgna
Katie Law
Don Litzenberg
Shaun McArdle
Diann Nephew
Jerry Pokerwinski

Officer's Reports:

Commander's Department

Commander Don Litzenberg welcomed all in attendance.

Executive Department

- Paula Vance was not in attendance.
- Andrea LaVorgna discussed marketing and public relations items:
 1. Free literature for Safe Boating week has been given to Jerry Pokerwinski,
 2. SDSPS class schedule will be sent to all local yacht clubs for posting,
 3. Information is being gathered for free web postings as well as for the "Log",
 4. Class info will be published in local papers under the Community section (Shaun requested VSC info to be submitted as well),
 5. Class flyer needs to be updated,
 6. Images for publications need to have a "model release" for people in the pictures.
- Shaun McArdle discussed Vessel Safety Checks. Currently there are no upcoming events for VSCs. Shaun requested the Squadron purchase 2 VSC examiner books \$10 each. However, since the book is available online the request was declined.
- Jerry Pokerwinski noted that at the Trawler Fest there were 5 sign-ups for VSC's as well as 3 sign-ups for the ABC Boating course. The "CyberSquadron" was brought up in discussion, however, there needs to be clarification on exactly what it means to be a member and the costs for classes, etc. Jerry is also working on new banners (moving and changing information). Possible booth outside West Marine to promote classes. Day at the Docks is April 18th. San Diego Fair booth will cost approx. \$60. (6/11/10 – 7/5/10). Jerry will get further information on the ticket situation for booth sitters. Summer Boat Show @ Sheraton in July. Jerry is looking into possibly getting a booth for the Auto Show at the end of the year.
- Co-op Charting – Steven Bakalis may not be interested in continuing as Co-op Chair. Katie Law noted that Geodetic Markers may be reinstated for Co-op Charting.
- Radio – no report.

Education Department

Katie Law mentioned on-the-water training and wants to give a boat operator certification program in the fall. Possibly contact Mission Bay Aquatics to borrow boats for the program. Katie handed out a 2pg letter from Bob Sweet for our review. She recommends restrictions or prerequisites on classes if offered to the public. She also proposes to charge members a \$10 fee above the cost of student kits and charge the public the cost of 1 year membership to SDSPS (If they want to join the Squadron (and are approved) then they would get the members price.)

*Katie made a motion to make it Squadron policy to not promote Quick Guides sold by West Marine and Sea Breeze as part of the Seminars offered by SDSPS. APPROVED. Students must purchase SDSPS Guides as part of the classes.

*Katie also moves to charge \$10 for Katie to administer the ABC exam outside class time and/or location. APPROVED. Bob Gibbs said he would look into the pricing of classes by the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Seaforth.

Administrative Department

Bob Gibbs noted that he needs a venue for the May GMM. Paula was not in attendance and did not submit a Membership report. Shaun McArdle mentioned that he needs Certificates of Appreciation printed for the Mentors and will submit a list to Katie.

*Katie Law made a motion that all guest speakers, outside the Squadron, should receive a bag and coffee mug (while supplies last) as a gift of appreciation. APPROVED.

Don Litzenberg mentioned the Sail Fleet race this weekend. He will send notices of the dates to District.

Secretary's Department

Diann Nephew reported that the website needs some updating and needs the class schedule when it's completed. Also needed is a list from each Department with the various sub-department chairs.

Treasurer's Department

Catherine Isaksen reported that all bills are paid and that Squadron finances were in good order. The Squadron will be having 50/50 raffles starting at the next GMM. Catherine requested that Bob Gibbs send out a reminder to all members about the 50/50 raffle. Also, there are new forms to use for requesting reimbursement or submitting checks to the Treasurer's Department.

Unfinished Business:

Diann Nephew was sworn in as Secretary.

New Business:

Shaun McArdle brought up and discussed Sail Angle and their website/function. Operations Training is scheduled for Sunday 13 June 2010.

Next ExCom Meeting – 5 April 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 20:29.

Respectfully submitted,
Diann Nephew, Secretary