

SDSPS ExCom Meeting
10 April 2007

Meeting commenced at 19:02. 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 John Anderson
Mbr-at Large John Isaksen

Guests

A/Sec'y Katie Law
J. Brockway Clark
Kent Hildreth
Robert Hubbard

A motion to adopt the minutes of the 6 March 2007 Executive Committee meeting as published was seconded and passed unanimously.

Announcements:

An informal dinner meeting will be held on Thursday, 12 April, at South Bay Fish & Grill to discuss forming a USPS Power Squadron in Chula Vista.

Officer's Reports:

Commander's Department

Ted Bowler reported on upcoming events in April and the General Membership Meeting in May. There was a discussion about the possible formation of a new Power Squadron in Chula Vista. Comments were made about not having enough members for an additional squadron or enough teaching staff. J. Brockway Clark commented that this may be a potential new pool of potential new members and teachers. Bob Hubbard noted that this may also be a way of finding past members that may want to rejoin a squadron.

Executive Department

Nancy Renzi reported that the Squadron has conducted 29 Vessel Safety Checks with 25 boats passing. Katie conducted 13 of the 29. Day at the Docks is 22 April and volunteers are needed. Sign-up is available on the website. A comment was made that the Boatsmart class should be stressed during the event.

Education Department

Mike Fontaine reported that the Seamanship class started with 20 students and is using the new manuals and Powerpoint Presentation. The new Engine Maintenance manual arrived without the Powerpoint CD but National is sending it and should arrive soon. Cruise Planning had eleven students pass the final. The new JN manual was ordered. The first four "University" courses have been received.

Administrative Department

Mike Collins reported that Capt. Patricia Reins and her husband can make a cruising presentation for the September meeting. Her publications will be available for purchase, members will get a 10% discount. Mike also stated that there is an event conflict at Southwestern Yacht Club for our General Membership Meeting on 11 May so it may be in the Staff Commodore Room. Coffee and dessert will be served for a nominal fee (\$5 or \$7 per person). SW can only have one “main” event going on during an evening. The scheduled speaker cancelled and a replacement speaker needs to be found. There is a possibility of someone from the Federal Tourism Dept. of Mexico to speak on Escalara Nautica, which is getting boats into the Sea of Cortez by going across Baja instead of sailing around the point. Also mentioned was possibly have someone present on Mexican fishing regulations.

Secretary's Department

Diann Nephew had no news to report. Katie Law reminded everyone that the deadline for the Ship's Mail is 15 April.

Treasurer's Department

Claudia Bowler reported that squadron finances were in good order. All bills are paid and receipts collected. A contribution of \$25 will be made to the Education Fund for lost member Norm Erickson.

Old Business:

Advertising – Advertising can be posted on the website in The Ships Mail

Retention Person –Bob Hubbard will assist with membership retention along with new member Pascale Hayem.

Website – Diann will contact Tom Fota regarding any updates and corrections that need to be made.

Award for long-time members – Cdr Bowler to refer this matter to the Planning Committee.

New Business:

Change in wording of bylaws – Rules Committee needs to be charged with reviewing rules and getting the process started.

Last Horizons – Cdr Bowler to submit Norm Erickson's name.

Meeting adjourned at 20:16. Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 11, 2007

Respectfully submitted,
Diann Nephew, Secretary