

SDSPS ExCom Meeting
8 August 2007

Meeting commenced at 19:07. A quorum was present.

Attendees:

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

Guests

A/Sec'y Katie Law
J. Brockway Clark
Kent Hildreth
Ed Mraz

A motion to adopt the minutes of the June and July 2007 Executive Committee meetings as published was seconded and passed unanimously.

Announcements:

Officer's Reports:

Commander's Department

Commander Ted Bowler discussed the following items:

Boat Show August 2-5 – Our booth was in a good position. Ron Weiner was not impressed with the turnout and suggested that there be membership applications and sign-ups for both the Boating Class and VSC available. Ed Mraz mentioned that not having to take the Boating Class to join the squadron is a good tool for gaining new members.
D-28 Raftup August 3-4 – Both Katie Law and Cdr Bowler said they had a lot of fun and there was a good turnout, 6 boats joined the raftup.
Commander's Grog Potluck August 10
Sail Fleet August 11
Predicted Log August 25
Articles for Ship's Mail due August 15

Executive Department

Nancy Renzi was absent and did not give a report.

It was mentioned that SDSPS has done 116 VSCs and Balboa has done 203.

Education Department

Mike Fontaine reported that a new Toshiba laptop was purchased for use with the InFocus projectors. The inventory now has three laptops.

Boat Smart is scheduled for September 18, 20, 25 & 27.

Advanced Piloting is scheduled to start October 15. Labels are needed to mail out to the membership.

Boating, Piloting, Weather and Junior Navigation classes are currently in process. Kent Hildreth asked if Engine Maintenance was available yet. Mike Fontaine said that it will be and that he also needs a teacher for the Electronics class and that Ed Brunjes is a candidate for that position.

Administrative Department

Mike Collins reported that Marina Village Starboard Room is the site for the GMM on September 14. Food will be catered by Ranch Catering. Light refreshments served at 6:30pm, dinner served at 7pm during the GMM. Captain Pat Rain will be the speaker and will have materials available for purchase. Reservations with payment need to be made prior to the meeting. The cost for dinner and the presentation is \$25 per person. The next GMM will be on November 9th. No location has been finalized. Is SWYC available?

January 11 GMM is the annual meeting and there will be no speaker.

January 19th Change of Watch is a formal sit down dinner with no speaker.

Location for the meetings was discussed. Katie Law noted that demolition at SWYC is scheduled to begin in January 2008 so by May or June of 2008 SWYC will not be available for meetings.

Secretary's Department

Diann Nephew reported that she has been in contact with Tom Fota and has obtained the logins and passwords for the SDSPS website. Tom is also tutoring Diann in how to access the website pages and make updates. Several changes and corrections have been made.

Treasurer's Department

Claudia Bowler reported that squadron finances were in good order. All bills are paid and receipts collected.

Old Business:

Advertising Ships Mail – Bob is out of town. Advertising will probably start in Jan. 08

Membership Retention Person – no person yet.

Website – Cdr Bowler mentioned several options for the management of the website. At this point, since Tom is willing to work with Diann, she will do what she can to maintain the website. However, a permanent solution needs to be made.

Lifetime Achievement Awards – no new discussion

New Membership Pamphlet – Still a work in progress

USPS University – a sample of the GPS section was passed around. It was generally accepted by all.

Change in By Laws-ExCom Vote, then GMM vote – a flyer was mailed to the membership regarding the By Laws change along with a flyer for the Commander's Grog Potluck.

New Business:

Ted appointed John Centorbi to a new position – “Teaching Aid”

Name Tags – The district owns the tag making machine however, no one really knows how to use it. Possibly look into having a local shop make the tags instead.

Website – A decision needs to be finalized on the maintenance of the site for the future.

Cdr. Bowler had a letter to Tom from the squadron thanking him for his contribution and passed it around for signatures and it will be mailed to Tom.

Boat Show materials – Katie would like someone else to handle and store the materials.

A suggestion was made to put an ad in the Ship's Mail for someone to take on this responsibility.

Next GM Meeting – 9 November.

Meeting adjourned at 20:44. Next meeting will be 11 September 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
Diann Nephew, Secretary