

SDSPS ExCom Meeting
8 May 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
Mbr-at Large Ron Weiner

Guests

J. Brockway Clark
Kent Hildreth
Robert Hubbard

A motion to adopt the minutes of the 10 April 2007 Executive Committee meeting as published was seconded and passed unanimously.

Announcements:

There were no announcements.

Officer's Reports:

Commander's Department

Cdr Bowler reported that the Chula Vista squadron had their first General Membership Meeting. 12 people were in attendance at the meeting. Another meeting has been scheduled. A provisional squadron has been formed and officers have been elected. In the next 3 years the squadron must obtain up to 25 members in order to become a chartered squadron. Katie Law will be very involved as District Commander. So far the members want to be more of a social group and become more involved in the education matters as time and membership grow. A mention was made that people should not sign up with the San Diego squadron and then transfer; they should sign up as a member of the provisional squadron directly. This is a district responsibility and should be referred to Katie. As a member of the provisional squadron, members are allowed to take our educational courses.

National Safe Boating will have vessel safety checks at Marina Cortez on May 19 and 20.

Executive Department

Nancy Renzi reported that there have been 19 vessel safety checks and only 2 didn't pass. Katie Law did most of the vessel safety checks. The Day at the Docks was a success and has produced several new class attendees. John Anderson made a comment regarding the vessel safety checks done by the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard has a tape machine that they use to enter all information on the vessel which prints out a "receipt" after the check

that you can keep as a record. The information is sent directly to the Coast Guard database. As of this time, our vessel safety checks are not entered into the database and are not referenced by the Coast Guard. Also, as a side note, the fire department has stated that they will take expired flares.

Education Department

Mike Fontaine reported that Seamanship now has 24 students. The Sail class started on 11 April with 10 students. Mike Sampsel is reviewing the new JN student manual. Postcards notifying members of the Weather class, starting 4 June, have been sent out. The Boat Smart class started on 2 May with 9 students thanks to the PR efforts of Bob Gibbs. Several marketing ideas were brought up: Nancy Renzi knows of a diving service that is willing to include flyers in with they invoices; John Anderson mentioned also putting flyers in with invoices from the marinas; Claudia Bowler mentioned placing flyers on launch ramps. These will be referred to Bob Gibbs for follow up.

Administrative Department

Mike Collins reported that at the presentation at the next GMM will be “2nd National Safe Boating Test” movie. Southwestern Yacht Club will have the equipment available for our use at no charge. The only equipment we need is a projector. There will be no-host cocktails, coffee, tea, sodas at dessert for \$7 per person. The meeting will be held first, then refreshments and finally the presentation. A question sheet will be handed out that references the questions in the movie. Prizes will be given for those who answer the most questions.

The Squadron BBQ Picnic is on 8 July at the Coast Guard station. Bill Bridge is arranging this and will need a list of all attendees to give to the Coast Guard. Nancy was asked to follow up with the person doing the boat presentation. John Isaksen agreed to be “cook” for the BBQ. The charge for the BBQ will be \$5.00 per person and please bring a side dish. Kent was asked to check on having someone at the picnic with information on fishing in Mexico.

Due to a conflict in schedule, the 14 September meeting will not be held at SWYC. A new location needs to be found. Several suggestions were made: Chula Vista Marina, Southbay Fish & Grill, Marina Village, Silvergate Yacht Club, McMillin Co. meeting room (used to be the library at NTC), or change the meeting date in order to have it at SWYC.

Presenters/presentations need to be decided for the remaining meetings of this year. Ron Weiner commented that maybe not all meetings should be so specific to boating as we do have members that are non-boaters.

Secretary's Department

Diann Nephew had no news to report.

Treasurer's Department

Claudia Bowler reported that squadron finances were in good order. All bills are paid and receipts collected. Renewals are starting to come in. District Dues were paid on time. John Isaksen requested new dues fees for new members.

Old Business:

Ships Mail – Katie will publish advertising in the Ships Mail once there is enough to fill an entire page.

Membership Retention – There is still a need for a person to head this position. Don Smith, a recent “recruit” would like to be the assistant for this position.

Awards – Ted Bowler has the plaques and gift certificates to be given out at the GMM.

Long-term Membership Award – John Isaksen commented that a decision needs to be made about the award candidates. This should be an individual award and not a perpetual award. It should also be for a long-term active member in the San Diego squadron and should be presented at the Change of Watch. Brockway commented that it needs to be given out when appropriate, not yearly. Budgetary concerns should be kept in mind for the funding of such an award.

Members Booklet – Katie received permission from Phoenix to use their pamphlet design for our members. John Isaksen mentioned that it would be good to give new members as a welcome.

USPS University – There is a printed booklet with images of the Power Point slide presentation with blank lines to make notes. A membership application for the squadron is in the back of the booklet. SDSPS is charged \$20 per booklet. It is a 2-hour class and instructors are needed for a two year trial period. Ted suggested charging \$35 per student and conducting one class with one instructor and get feedback from the students. Bob Gibbs will market the class. A location needs to be finalized (West Marine, SWYC, or?). A question was brought up as to the purpose of the University courses; is it to gain membership? Kent suggested that the primary goal is to get people to join the squadron and that a possible \$10 credit toward membership seems appropriate. John suggested that if they take the course and join at full price they would get \$10 credit toward a boating course. Mike Fontaine will work out the numbers, location, date and time and have Bob market the class with West Marine.

New Business:

There is no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 20:30. Next meeting will be 5 June 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
Diann Nephew, Secretary