

**San Diego Sail & Power Squadron
General Members' Meeting – 11 January 2008**

The meeting was held at Southwestern Yacht Club, on 11 January 2008, at 19:06. There were 35 members and 1 guest.

Call to Order: Cdr Edward Bowler called the meeting to order at 19:06. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike Collins. Nancy Renzi led the invocation. The secretary, Diann Nephew, confirmed that a quorum was present.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 2007 General Membership Meeting was available for review at the meeting. It was approved as published.

Announcements: Change of Watch is scheduled for 19 January at SWYC. Predicted Log Race is scheduled for 19 January. Sail Fleet resumes in February. Articles for the Ships Mail are due 15 February. The recent Boat Show had a good turnout, with approx. 30 sign-ups for classes. Vessel Safety checks start this month. The 2008 stickers are in. Nancy Renzi reported that she saw 3 boats pulled over for a check by the Coast Guard and Police. Kathy Romero reported that San Diego is considered a "Quadrant" because of the military presence here. We are considered a training ground for vessel boarding (nice weather and good boat traffic). Having a VSC sticker on your boat or flying a burgee/ensign can possibly deter boarding by Coast Guard or Police.

Education Department: Boat Smart and other classes may have access to Marina Village to hold classes. Mission Bay Yacht Club is too difficult for classes because of gated access to the parking lot. Other locations need to be found for classes after SWYC demolition starts.

Treasurer: Lt/C Claudia Bowler presented the new budget. Chester White moved that the budget be adopted, Dan Carlin seconded the motion.

Misc.: Bob Gibbs requested help posting flyers at marinas, libraries and other appropriate businesses for the Seminar courses. Commander Bowler encouraged everyone to attend the meeting in Phoenix. Katie Law will be installed as District Commander. Chet White reported on a couple past members: Sterling Campbell is living in Santa Cruz, and Jim Oliphant celebrated his 90th birthday with 70 guests and a bagpiper.

Committee Reports:

Audit Committee: Bill Bridge reported that the Squadron is solvent and records have been maintained excellently. Bonds are accounted for and he requests all departments need to account for products in their possession.

Nominating Committee: Bob Hubbard read the names of members being nominated for the 2008 Bridge. Bill Bridge nominated Edwin Mraz as Commander, J. Brockway Clark seconded the nomination. Edwin Mraz agreed to serve as Commander. Bill Bridge nominated Mike Fontaine as Education Officer, Claudia Bowler seconded the nomination. Mike Fontaine agreed to serve as Education Officer

Katie moves the Secretary to accept the nominations. Secretary casts vote to approve.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:49.

Minutes submitted by

Lt/C Diann Nephew
Secretary