



UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS
SAIL AND POWER BOATING
DISTRICT 32

2011 Spring Council Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2011
Columbia Crossing Club House
12050 N. Jantzen
Portland, OR 97217

Officers Present: Commander Phyllis Sines, Executive Officer Steven Gatton, Educational Officer Bill Heagy, Administrative Officer Russell Downing, Treasurer Gary Nelson, Secretary Ed Bettencourt and Immediate Past Commander James Beachell.

Council was called to order at 0800 hours by District Commander Sines. Beaverton Commander David Shively gave the invocation and led the Salute to the Flag. Secretary Ed Bettencourt read the rules of the council. Bettencourt then took role and declared that a quorum was present.

Minutes of the 2010 Fall Council were previously distributed and reviewed. There were no corrections. A motion to approve was made by Beaverton Commander David Shively and Seconded by P/D/Lt Rick Rafferty. The minutes were then voted on and approved. Since we did not have enough copies of the minutes for everyone to review Sines asked if there were any objections to electronically mailing the minutes to save the cost of making copies. There were no objections.

D/C Sines then mentioned that the Bridge was looking at doing more of the paper work electronically for meetings.

Educational Officer Bill Heagy then spoke on the importance of having a designated public contact for the squadrons. Cyber Squad members would be directed to them for contact. He also gave a brief update on the boater's certification program. He also stressed the importance of all of the squadrons having their public contacts up to date.

Executive Officer, Steve Gatton then spoke he recognized PDC Gary Hardiman for his work as VSC Chair. He also recognized PDC Diane Julum for her work in coordinating the Coop Charting Program with the squadrons and National. Gatton also announced that P/C Rob Hamilton Jr would be replacing Bill Parker as the Radio Technical Chair.

Admin Officer put out a reminder on Spring Conference. D/C Sines then gave a preview of Spring Conference events and speakers.

Treasurer Gary Nelson reported that the current balances of \$2379.76, in the District checking account, \$50.83 in the PayPal Savings account and \$5,004.70 in regular savings He mentioned that we still had receivables pending from Fort Vancouver for an advance on a boat show raffle.

Nelson also mentioned that he was assisting in setting up the Rendezvous and asked about what days he should reserve the park portion for.



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Secretary Bettencourt then announced that he was taking over the district website. He also mentioned that he was taking over as the High Tech Chair. He mentioned that he would be setting up a system for turning in the squadron commanders' reports online.

Commander Sines then spoke on the importance of having everyone participating in the Sail Angle program.

Commander Sines asked if there was any input for the national meeting Ft Vancouver's Educational Officer asked if she could mention about the lack of public participation in the seminar program in our district. Sines said she would as well as ask if they had any national statistics of the seminar participation.

DC Sines then called for a 10 minute morning recess.

At 1017 hours the meeting was reconvened.

Commander Sines went on to call on the committee chair persons.

P/D/C Beachell gave the Nominating Committee report and stated that he had talked to at least 10 people but had little success in recruiting new members to the bridge.

So far he had the following list for 2011 Bridge Officers; Commander Steve Gatton and District Treasurer Gary Nelson

Beachell went on to report that due to personal reasons Bill Heagy would not be continuing as DEO. Beachell went on to propose that he step down from the nominating committee and the bridge entertain the idea of a bylaw exception so Beachell could serve as DEO for the upcoming year.

Bettencourt made the motion to make the exceptions to 2.1.4 of the district bylaws so Beachell would be allowed to serve as DEO and Portland Commander and 2.9.1 of the district bylaws so he could serve as DEO within a year of resigning from the Nominating committee. The motioned was seconded by Commander Rick Gilbertson. It was voted on and approved. Bill Heagy volunteered to take the Asst. DEO position. As a result of this vote P/C Gary Hardiman then became the chair of the nominating committee.

P/D/Lt Rick Rafferty Planning Committee: No report.



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Commander Sines announced that the auditing committee was not present and didn't have a report.

Sines then asked about the boat show. The subject came up about finding a new home for the transom prop that was used in prior shows. P/D/C Gary Hardiman mentioned that the St Helens Yacht Club would be interested in it. A P/D/C George Eaton motion was made to donate the transom to St Helens Yacht Club. It was seconded by Ed Bettencourt. It was voted on and approved.

Commander Sines adjourned the meeting at 1104 hours.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Bettencourt".

D/Lt/C Ed Bettencourt, AP
District 32 Secretary