

Merrimac River Sail & Power Squadron
Bridge Meeting
3/9/09

Attendees: Charles Boddy, Charles Morris, Bob Martin, Bob Manning, Dex Hyland, Barbara Bergin, Jack Micklovich, Ken and Carol Backman

Meeting called to order @ 1900.

Reports:

Secretary's report: Founder's Day dinner

Treasurer's report: Given by Ken transitioning to Barbara, Jack and Barbara will check about Quicken for MAC PC.

AO report: Spring Conference

Education report: Charlie M informed us, classes being held @ Andover w/Jack in week 3 on Wednesdays-6 students, possibly 1 or 2 more, exam on 4/1. Tewksbury w/Paul Flagg in week 3 on Tuesdays-8 or 9 students, exam on 3/31 or 4/1. Chelmsford w/Charlie M on Tuesdays in week 2, exam on 4/7. Dex has 3 students in AP & JN classes w/3 weeks to go. Looking into Seamanship course with possible location choice of Methuen library, Lowell Motor Boat Club or Lawrence Boating Club scheduled for the fall. Public seminar on 4/27/09 @ Lowell Motor Boat Club from 7-9 pm by Jack on Boat Handling Under Power. Ken will make copies of Marine Electronics CD.

Membership: No report. Charles B will talk w/Peter Devlin & Dave Caulkins regarding power point program about MRSPS.

Webmaster: Bob given list of new bridge members, link to National for Public Courses, show people who have passed courses, DB 2000, Facebook group.

Jack will talk to Jack Rhude about Member At Large position.

Once agenda received by Carol from Charles B for next Bridge meeting, e mail will be sent-1. CC, then
2. BCC.

Charles B will get New By-laws signed and sent to National.

Membership issues for Dot and Jim Christopher taken care by Linda Stevens at National.

Old Business

Lowell Motor Boat Club-counter proposal has been sent to Butch(commander), which he will present to the board of directors-MRSPS awaiting reply. MRSPS Bridge discussed fee to use facility, publicize, consider having classes @ LMBC, consider corporate membership.

Financial Audit to be done by Bob Martin w/Ken's assistance as needed.

Instructors recertifications can be done by Dex on Monday, Mar 16 for Charles B, Jack, Charles M. Linda Seale will do Instructor Development classes(6 week course) end of March-Bob Manning interested.

Toothpick-upcoming seminar @ LMBC, new bridge, by-laws, continue w/phase 2 of Bob Martin's story, USPS New Year's Resolutions-Carol will e mail to Charles B.

Squadron window/bumper sticker.

Discussion on Merrimac River burgees, Carol will call George Ingram.

Mar 21 Spring Conference, Carol will call Starboard Galley ? bring in squadron cake and check w/Sugar and Spice bakery about squadron cake.

New Business

Vessel Safety exam is open book, on line.

MRSPPS outreach: for example: Merrimac Marine, leave brochures, check each quarter, set up a seminar, may help w/membership. Greater Lawrence Boating Club, Charles B will talk w/director.

USPS 2010 National Dues, Fee schedule, anniversary billing(1 June 2009-31 May 2010).

Jack will update membership list w/new dues.

Blessing O' Fleet-discuss @ next mtg.

Next meeting Date: April 13, 2009, 1900 hrs. Dexter's office

Meeting Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Backman, secretary