

Merrimac River Sail & Power Squadron

Bridge Meeting

Meeting Date: 10 December 2007

Meeting opened at 1910

Attendees: Dex Hyland, Bob Manning, Charles Boddy, Ken Backman, Carol Backman, Dave Calkins, Jack Micklovich

Not present: Charlie Morris, Barbara Bergin

Individual Reports

Secretary Report- Minutes from 10 November meeting were approved. No other report given.

Treasurer's Report- Ken stated our overall Net Worth was \$9984.31 up from previous \$9443.

AO Report- No report

Education Report-

8 Students in Piloting. Into 4th week. Dex teaching class

Charlie has secured the Nevens Library in Metheun for upcoming seminars.

- January 19- Weather (Arthur)
- February 2-Sail (Dexter)
- February 16- Power (Jack)
- March 2- GPS (TBD)

Each session will be 2-3 hours in length.

We also need to advertise these seminars. They will also be open to the public.

Preliminary Boat Smart/ABC schedule for 2008:

- February 4- Westford (Barbara)
- Date TBD- Chelmsford (Charlie?)
- Date TBD- N. Andover (Jack?)

Engine Maintenance- Date/Location TBD (Ken) Ken will also secure a location and establish a date. February/March

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Membership Report-

Dave has received 5 applications for new memberships. Another contact who was interested in joining was emailed to Dave for processing and followup- Mr. Devlin.

Old Business

Action Items from October Meeting:

1. Overall course/seminar schedule for upcoming year in Excel? Post on website-still needs to be done.
2. Charlie to contact George about teaching Marine Electronics and location- unable to contact George. Still open

Action Items from November Meeting:

Action Items-

Charlie-

- Nominating committee for annual meeting in Feb.- In process
- Get Buz' trophy to Dex- Will get to Dex on Friday Dec. 14
- Overall course/seminar schedule for upcoming year in Excel? Post on website

Jack

- Send 25 yr. recognition letter to Edward O'Brien and invite to Dinner meeting.- Letter sent.
- Update DB2000 with Merit Mark nominations and submit.- Merit Marks submitted and all accepted by National.

Action Items from December meeting:

- Dex - Secure Village Square for Feb. 9th meeting
- Carol-
 - Arrange for a speaker or video for this meeting
 - Contact George Ingram for publishing another Toothpick
- Ken- Arrange location/date for Engine Maintenance class
- Bob-
 - Post additional materials to be provided on our website;
 - add another category- photo gallery. Members/Bridge can send photos for posting;
 - Founding Certificate- scan and post. Try to get additional history of squadron and add more material
 - Post Burgee for sale on website
- Jack- Provide Bob By-Laws for posting; provide photos of last Founders Day meeting

No other old business discussed.

New Business

Website

Several comments and discussion around what we should do. See Action Items for upcoming efforts.

New Members at Large- Discussion around getting new members involved with the Bridge. Two positions need to be filled- Public Relations and Vessel Safety Examiner. Dex is considering doing the Vessel Safety Examiner as it is a requirement for some of the on-water testing/certification programs underway.

Any other New Business items from Bridge members.

Founders Day Dinner Meeting-

It was agreed that we can't try to do too much at this meeting. We will use this meeting for the speaker/video and nomination of Bridge Officers. Installation of Officers will take place at a following major meeting event. Also, Mr. O'Brien will be recognized at this meeting.

Nominating Committee is supposed to post nominees at least 30 days in advance of meeting date. At-Large members are not elected.

Meeting Adjourned at 2039 hrs.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Jack Micklovich