

**UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS**  
**EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT**

**Minutes of the Open Education Meeting**  
**Saturday, 04 June 2005**  
**Charlotte, North Carolina**

1. R/C Richard Kyle, SN, Assistant National Educational Officer, opened the meeting at 0730 with 154 attending. R/C Kyle mentioned there was a copy of *Currents* in the attendees' seat packets to read and pass on to squadrons or make copies of the items of interest.
2. R/C Kyle introduced V/C Spencer P. Anderson, SN, National Educational Officer.
3. V/C Anderson recognized the guests by name, but several were not in attendance at this meeting due to other duties.
4. V/C Anderson introduced P/V/C Robert P. David, SN, Past Director of Education (1990-93).
5. V/C Anderson then welcomed all the attendees. He strongly encouraged the use of the web and search engines and welcomed questions from members. He also encouraged squadrons to offer summer boating courses. He mentioned there would be a presentation today by R/C Dave Daniels on the progress of Boating '07 and by Wil Hugli on the Seamanship course revision. He stated that the goal of the EdDept is to have a smooth flow between courses.
6. V/C Anderson commented that a discussion of Resolutions would not be necessary now. Only one resolution was to be voted on at the G/B.
7. R/C Kyle introduced R/C Dave Daniels, SN, and the Boating '07 Project team. They have been reviewing the results of the survey regarding the direction and consolidation of courses.
8. R/C Dave Daniels, SN, gave a Power Point presentation on the future plans for Boating '07 that consists of consolidating Boat Smart, The Squadron Boating Course, and Chart Smart. Boating '07 would consist of two parts: Part I which covers the NASBLA material has four major sections and is a graphic based, modern presentation. Part II introduces navigation. He recommended teaching digital reckoning in courses now. In addition, he commented that the ABC on-line exam is accepted in 27 states at this time and then explained the new NASBLA exam sent out in June. P/V/C Jim Roeber, SN, was introduced and he answered questions regarding that test and its readability level.
9. R/C Wilber Hugh, SN, reported on the revision of the Seamanship course. This course will be the bridging course between the Boating course and Piloting and will have significant changes. There is a short window for change suggestions and those could be sent to him. He stated that Seamanship and Piloting do not need to be taken in sequence.
10. R/C Kyle stated that GPS for Mariners is now available at HQ, at \$10.50 to Squadrons and the first set of copies of the Amateur Radio learning guide will soon be available.
11. V/C Anderson encouraged members of the Education Department to work with the Membership Com in all boating courses taught.
12. V/C Anderson recognized and thanked Ch Russell Gray and the other Ed Fund trustees present for their support of our efforts to provide the best and latest in educational materials. The Fund has given back over \$100,000 to the squadrons in the last four years and most recently. They provided \$12,000 for animated graphics for the new Boating and Seamanship courses.

13. V/C Anderson recognized Stf/C Bob Green who recently opened the door to a new opportunity from Boater's World for USPS. Ed Com developed a Power Point presentation to tag on to fishing seminars that delivers a 10-minute boating safety message. A new two-fold boating safety brochure was also developed for the Squadrons' use. 70,000 were printed.
14. V/C Anderson encouraged members to nominate their "best" instructors for the 2006 Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching. Those names are due 01 September. Five awards will again be presented.
15. R/C Kyle called for the Committee reports. He noted that all committees have provided written reports that have been consolidated into a single report for the DEO's who will make it available to their squadrons.
16. R/C David Daniels, SN, Chair BPECom who introduced his Stf/Cs Eugene Molteni, SN and Robert Sweet, SN and the rest of his committee members.
17. Stf/C Wil Hugli, SN Chair BHCom who introduced his Stf/C Florence E. Smith, SN and the rest of his committee.
18. R/C Richard Pfenniger, SN Chair ICNCom who introduced his Stf/Cs Kenneth Griffing, SN and James Spencer, SN and the rest of the committee members.
19. R/C Ann Fields, SN Chair ONCom who introduced her Stf/C Merrill Sproul, SN and the rest of the committee.
20. R/C Walter Fields, SN Chair EMSCom who introduced his Stf/C's Harl Porter, JN and Edwin Kriedler, SN and the rest of the committee.
21. R/C Robert Brandenstein, SN Chair MenvCom who introduced his Stf/C Garry Schroeder, SN and the rest of the committee.
22. R/C Pat Governale, SN Chair IDCom who introduced her Stf/Cs J. Christopher Brown, JN and Archie Trawick Jr., SN and the rest of the committee members.
23. R/C Peter Mitchelson, SN Chair PSCom who introduced his Stf/Cs Peter Nielson, SN and Stanley Petty, AP and the rest of the committee.
24. R/C Bill Witty, SN Chair EDOCom who introduced his Stf/C Stanley Warner, SN and the rest of the committee members.
25. R/C Robert Potter, SN Chair CDCCom who introduced his Stf/C Marlys Vickers, SN and the rest of the committee.
26. V/C Anderson introduced Ed Dept's Budget Officer, R/C Edwin Slack, SN and his Asst Chair, Stf/C Thomas Derden, SN assigned by the Treasurer's Dept. He also introduced P/C Jean Maassel, AP, Aide to the NEO.
27. P/V/C Robert David reported on information from the National Safe Boating Council. They have decided to resurrect a committee made up of all agencies that have marine interests in order to establish specific goals for boating safely. The Coast Guard will take the lead in this group. The National Boating Federation approved a resolution supporting mandatory education and one supporting mandatory wearing of PFDs in boats under 21 ft. He said that the European Boating Association supported Issue 40 and made a *I aloe of Boating* presentation. This might be a good

idea for the United States boating community.

28. V/C Anderson announced that Wil Hugli, SN would be nominated as R/C of the BHCom at the G/B meeting today.
29. V/C Anderson adjourned the meeting at 0905.

Respectfully submitted,

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