**BUSINESS MEETING**

**Harbour Heights Park**

**18 October 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Cdr. Ron Jones AP at 1240.

Lt Harvey Goldstein P gave the invocation. F/Lt Urbain LeClerc S led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. Lt/C Carolyn Perkins S reported a quorum was present. The Minutes of the most recent business meeting held on 23 September 2020 were approved.

Cdr. Jones welcomed guests attending the event. A 25 year Life Membership plaque was presented to D/Lt Barbara Cartwright AP.

P/C Sandra Darna N expressed a thank-you for the contributions provided by our members for the upcoming United Way of Charlotte County 2020 Day of Caring. Members were also reminded to plan ahead for the Jersey Tomatoes Toy Drive for the Charlotte Behavioral Center in Charlotte County. Toys can be brought to the November and December business meetings. Contributions for the Harry Chapin – St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive can also be brought to the November business meeting.

**Reports:**

**Secretary:** Lt/C Carolyn Perkins S reported that all members should have received their electronic copy of the mid-year Membership Directory via email dated 5 October 2020. The November, December and January issues of the Pilot will include an electronic link for all current boaters to input their boat information for the 2021 Membership Directory Fleet Roster.

**Treasurer:** Lt/C Marcia Ling AP noted a checking account statement balance of $2,932.64 as of 30 September 2020. The combined Endowment Investment Accounts balance is $415,888.61 for period ending 30 September 2020.

**Administrative Officer:** Lt/C Marge Babkiewicz AP extended a thank-you to the caterer and to the members that volunteered to help with the set-up for the picnic.

**Education Officer**: P/C Betty Campanella SN reported that the Education Department’s ABC class has 10 students scheduled for the October class. The Marine Communications class is pending exams for 4 students and the Marine Electrical class has 6 exams pending. There are no students enrolled for JN or N classes. We have submitted dates to the Boat Club for the 2021 ABC classes. We hope to finalize the educational calendar for 2021 and work on submitting the budget. Many thanks are extended to our instructors and proctors during the COVID-19 Summer and now Fall classes.

**Executive Officer:** Lt/C Harold Anderson AP reported there were 13 volunteers that participated in the Coastal Clean-up at Bayshore Live Oak Park on 19 September 2020. The next Coastal Clean-up is scheduled for the first Saturday in December.

**Commander:** Cdr. Jones reported that the merit mark process is being wrapped up for this year. A new online system is being used and the Commander, the Executive Officer and the Merit Mark Coordinator are the three individuals involved with the online merit mark input. A Word document was developed this year for submittal of recommended merit marks for our members. Let Cdr. Jones know if you still have recommended merit mark input. Cdr. Jones also reminded everyone to vote in the upcoming November election.

**Membership:** P/CJeane Anderson AP reported that the July ABC class had nine attendees and eight of those attendees have joined. The following three guests were introduced and are interested in joining: Liz and Eric Groth and Fred Watts. Mike and Beth Guler were also introduced as members from the Atlanta Power Squadron and they are also PRSPS Associate Members.

The meeting was then recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1410.

Our next business meeting will be on 18 November 2020 at the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club. This dinner meeting will be recognizing our past Commanders.

The benediction was given by Lt Harvey Goldstein P and the meeting adjourned at 1415.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Carolyn Perkins S – Secretary