

SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES/ 02/19/14

PRESENT: Mulcahey, Sunker, Woody, Cushman, Plante, Valdes, Houghton, Johnson, Walker, Dunnican, Golman, Knapp, Mowad, Stan Smith, Crowl, Lipham, Vaughn, Upchurch

WELCOME: Marcus Jackson, Michael Ricciardi and Kathy Naff

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: No corrections. Peter Cushman is still not receiving minutes. All were reminded that the current minutes can be found by:

1. Go to Google
2. Type in SHAC Fleet
3. Go to Calendar 2014
4. Click on Fleet Meetings and the new screen opens with the minutes.

THANK YOU: Cassie gave effusive thanks to everyone for their help at Sea Scout Academy.

BOATS AND GEAR: Marcus was not present, so nothing on new boats. For old boats – Tony Scharp went into the vault and pulled out everything that looked like a boat or trailer title. He will help us clean up this file in the next few weeks. If you have been missing a title, he is the man to call at 713-598-5829.

SAFETY: On March 22, Bart will be a fully qualified VSC examiner. We have numerous people in the fleet who can provide this service and there is no excuse for not being in compliance with the requirements of BSA to have an annual VSC.

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY: Council is rebuilding the council website, and Sea Scouts are going to have their own pages to include our mission, locations, and activities.

PROGRAM:

1. SCOUT FAIR: Debbie reminded us our theme is the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Ft. McHenry and the original six vessels of the US Navy. She encouraged us all to register, asap. (The link is at SHAC Fleet on the page Action Alerts. If you need a table, put that information in the memo box online.) All six vessels were adopted, activities were proposed:
 - Ship 24 – cannons, big screen T.V.
 - Ship 93 – landship in 1836 uniforms, swabbing the deck
 - 208 – parts of a boat
 - 502 – Jean Lafitte and his contributions to the War of 1812, and pirate lore
 - 8 – will provide two banners from Jamboree
 - Things to check on:
 - Battleship Texas
 - Sea Base Galveston

- USCG Auxiliary boat – Bart will track down
 - Harris County Sheriff Water Rescue Boat – Kevin will make contact
2. SAIL DAZE: Registration will be through Doubleknot. A link will be sent to you as soon as the registration is up and running. Mike White is planning brats, burgers and ribs for this year's gourmet delight, so bring the boats and come hungry. The event will be April 26 on the beach by HYC. If you are sailing a larger vessel down for an overnight at HYC, please make your own arrangements through the HYC harbormaster, David Hamp at 713-882-7920 or harbormaster@houstonyachtclub.com. David monitors channel 68.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. FLEET STORAGE/FLEET STOREKEEPER: Kevin Plante has volunteered to serve as the Fleet Storekeeper, and council is providing storage for the Fleet. Kevin will coordinate with Bryan Talley to pick up the buoys used at last year's Scout Fair and any remaining fleet assets to be put into storage. The permanent location has not yet been determined, but Kevin, the Venturing and council quartermasters, and Tony Scharp will make sure the resources are readily available to ships that need them. The council has guaranteed that if items borrowed are lost or broken, they will be replaced.
2. SEA SCOUT SEA BASE GALVESTON REPORT: The facility is vast, the Bay Smart boat has amazing educational possibilities, and the facility at Hitchcock for boat repair and storage is over the moon. Transient berthing will be available, and there are a lot of employment opportunities for our youth. Go to ssbgalveston.org for more information. Sea Scout Sea Base opens for business June 30.
3. FLEET BOSUN: Christopher Toppetto from Ship 93 will serve as this year's fleet bosun.
Please bring your bosun to next month's meeting for the first bosun meeting of the year.
4. FLAGSHIP APPLICATIONS: The deadline for Texas and Fleet flagship was extended to Friday. Ron reminded everyone to scan and email their JTE form to him for free money from FOTSS.
5. WOUNDED WARRIORS: Michael Ricciardi from Ship 777 has connections with the Air Force Wounded Warriors in San Antonio. He would like to see ships offer sailing opportunities to these service men and women. Contact him at 410-919-3252 with the when, how many and where and he will find the warriors. After some discussion, Richard Lipham and Art Mowad are going to coordinate a day event so more ships' youth and vessels will be available. They will coordinate through Tony Scharp at the council level.

6. KEVIN READY:

- Sea Scout units can earn the camping segment for SHAC's 100th birthday by attending Rough Riders at El Rancho Cima or by attending Venturing Summit in August at Bovay. Kevin will advocate for Minto for us.
- Make plans to do a land stewardship project on November 15. Check with your district for a list of opportunities. Think about it – it's also a good time to be visible to younger Scouts in your district and let them know what they can be when they grow up.
- Recharterers? No recharter paperwork has been turned in to date for Ship 17 and Ship 1926. Both of these ships were chartered by the Port of Houston, so the council liaison with the Port of Houston needs to be contacted. (This will kill our numbers for the year if they do not recharter .)

ROUNDTABLE FINAL SAY:

- Bart has a challenging long sail to the BVI in the works – a week on a 40' catamaran, July 11-18. They have room for one more. Cost \$1,600-\$1,800, need a passport, and SCUBA certification would be beneficial. Contact Bart, asap, if interested.
- Richard's engine was dropped into Envie yesterday. It's so pretty and a lovely burnished bronze color.
- Friends of Sea Scout Ship 1996 is now an approved 501c3. It took 12 months and cost \$400. George will share documents as models for others considering this step.
- Pack 208, Troop 208, Crew 208 and Ship 208 will be celebrating Scout Sunday on Sunday. They will be honoring Roy Green and his five Scout grandsons. The crew and ship are preparing lunch for everyone. The Scouts will be at both the 8:00 and 10:45am services at St. Mark's Methodist in Baytown.
- Kevin Plante has acquired the Jeanne B. from Rob Freas in BAC. He has moved it to Baytown.
- Peter is ranking 7 of his 8 youth to Apprentice after their swim test next week. The ship is taking SCUBA lessons and will have their check-out dive at Canyon Lake during their long sail. Right now they are in the midst of a mulch sail for fundraising. Contact Peter if you want info on the SCUBA instruction. He got a good deal.
- Mike reminded us that applications for SEAL are due March 1.
- Ron reminded us that it is last call for JTE forms and free money from FOTSS.

"With good friends, you can't lose." Kermit T. Frog