

## SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES – 4/17/13

**PRESENT:** Wilson, Hogue, Ready, Plante, Valdes, Carr, Houghton, Knapp, Johnson, Upchurch, Castille, Crowl, Sexton, Leavitt, Gower, Hunn, Bryant, White, Mowad,

**WELCOME:** To Mary Welsh, new Venturing and Sea Scout exec.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** Eloy thinks he may have actually gotten them this time. Cassie didn't think she did.

**SAFETY:** March came and went and no ships got their boats' CME's. Lakewood now on for Keels N Wheels and South Shore at May 11. Let's get them ready.

**MARKETING AND PUBLICITY:** The video filmed at Sea Scout Academy came out and everyone who has seen it has been enthusiastic. It was featured at Scout Fair on a big screen. The Venturing News has frequent articles on Sea Scouts and former Skipper of Ship 1000 in north Texas, Adam Tunks told how to start a Sea Scout Ship in an article published a few days ago.

**BOATS AND GEAR:** Marcus reiterated the call to get CME's done along with rigging inspections. No donated boats of late but Marcus inquired as to needs and no hands were raised. Marcus also gave warning against buying impellers manufactured more than two years ago. The vulcanizing breaks down with age and they won't last very long under operation.

**MINTO RENDEZVOUS:** September 6-8. Goal is to have the boarding manual out by next month.

**SAIL DAZE:** April 27; HYC. Check in starts at 9:00 A.M. Debbie Bryant has put in a lot of work and had a spreadsheet laying out duties and assignments, and open questions were answered. As of last night, registrations and reservations totaled about 79 with 13 small boats and five big boats lined up. Units which just show up without reservations or registration may not get on a boat.

**DOLPHIN MONITORING:** The Environmental Institute of Houston plans on starting dolphin monitoring on Galveston Bay. They have only power boats with big motors and are open to the idea that sailboats might be better platforms for monitoring dolphins and that a lot of sailboats with a lot of eyes might get better data. They are coming up with a data form and possible on-line data entry system before launching the project.

**ROUNDTABLE:** Natalia Johnson of Ship 1996 has earned her Silver award. Steve Upchurch has made use of council printing resources to get recruiting pamphlets for 846. Ship 208 has come across a great many type One PFD's. Contact Skipper Plante if you want any. Art Mowad had praise for the Scout Fair impact we had. Alan Cross sent in that NYLT was full. Chris Leavitt had praise for the Power Squadron's motor boat display and motor boating merit badge initiative at Scout Fair. Mike White proudly announced that he and Debbie sailed ship 502's recently acquired Hunter from Matagorda up to Houston.

SCOUT EXEC'S MINUTE; Chris introduced Mary Welsh, new exec who will be working with Venturing and Sea Scouts. Also there are summer employment opportunities for youth at council camps.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS: Thanks for a good Scout Fair.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 2109 until May 15 at 1900 hours at GOLDEN ISLAND CHINESE BUFFET, 901 N. SHEPHERD. The council office will be closed that evening.

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John F. Kennedy

'You can lead a man to congress but you can't make him think.' Milton Berle