

SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES 10/19/16

PRESENT: Wilson, Manning, Johnson, Valdez, Noser, Walker, Hildenbrand, Wolford, Mowad, McKee, Cushman, Bennett, Grimes, Golmon, Lipham, Bittner, Start, Crowl, Reynolds (Sharon and Glenna) Hilliard, Willim, Reynolds

WELCOME: To new Fleet Boatswain Glenna Reynolds and Boatswains Hilliard, Thrash and Reynolds who came in for the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Eloy moved to accept as written and found no disagreement. Thank you Eloy!

SAFETY: Bart will arrange for boat inspections on the weekend after SSA before he and his wife take off for the hill country.

TRAINING: Cassie reported that Sea Badge went well.

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY: www.SeaScout.org is constantly being updated and has resources for Ships. Check it out. Sign up for emails from Charlie in the Commodore's Corner.

BOATS AND GEAR: Marcus could not make it tonight but a 71 foot Hatteras was up for donation. Art Mowad had checked it out and determined that it was a very good way to lose a lot of money.

PROGRAM:

SAFETY AT SEA: November 5 at Coast Guard Base Galveston. Coming up soon but registration was still up at the time of the meeting. <http://www.bacbsa.org/ssbg/weekend-programs-2016/safety-at-sea-2016/59196f> or information and registration. Closed now though. The Galveston Boat club may be available for overnight stays for out-of-area Ships.

FALL REGATTA: October 22, Alexander Duessen Park on Lake Houston, 9:00 A.M. Until afternoon some time. Ships 1659, 208, 846 and 777 took part on a gorgeous day. Light winds made for slow sailing, but a good time anyway. It was observed that the level of sailing proficiency has improved over the years. Ship 1659 retained the Commodore's bowl and Ship 846 will get the "Wilson" award at the next fleet meeting. Our thanks to Jeff Wolford for organizing the event.

SEA SCOUT ACADEMY: January 14-16 at Sea Star Base Galveston. I met with Eric Steele while Sea Badge was going on and he confirmed the same price as earlier this year: \$75. We'll let you know when registration is up on the Bay Area Council Doubleknot. There will be only 12 spots for the SEAL track. There are 24 spots on the "Been There Done That" track to spend a day on the barque Elissa.

AGGIE CUP: The Southern Region Koch Cup Qualifier known as the Aggie Cup will be September 23, 2017 at Sea Star Base Galveston. \$50 entrance fee per crew. Lunch provided free for all in attendance. This is NOT a Bay Area Council event.

OTHER BUSINESS:

FLEET BOATSWAIN INTRODUCTION: Glenna introduced herself and proposed adding a shooting event to the years' activities in addition to other thoughts.

PRELIMINARY LONG RANGE PLANNING: A preliminary calendar listing meetings and events for 2017 and 2018 was handed out and a few changes were made.. It will be updated and attached if more changes become known.

SEA SCOUTING AND THE COUNCIL RELATIONSHIP: Vincent described a three component goal for units and programs consisting of:

1. How we evaluate ourselves in addition to the Journey to Excellence. (Fleet Flagship evaluation for example.)
2. Continual quality improvements.
3. Consistently met training requirements such as YPT.

I'm unclear about where this goes or what this adds as it was all pretty general.

POWER SQUADRON UPDATE: Chris Leavitt was tied up at work but George filled us in. They are proposing an 8 week basic sail class to be given at the Bellaire location subject to demand. December 3 will have a Power Squadron open house. Call Chris or George with questions or suggestions.

ROUNDTABLE: Port Supply will henceforth be West Marine Pro. Art Mowad crewed on Gremlin for the Harvest Moon and Peter Cushman helped sail it back. Art gave us stories of the trip including being sighted in by a Predator drone. David Noser said the website www.marinehowto.com had good information on electronic issues. Lynn McKee told of the recent "Jamboree on the Air"; a nationwide ham radio event in which Ship 1332 took part. Gordon Start retold the tale of the recent capsizing and turtleing incident which caused so much online commotion for Ship 1701. Ship 1701 has also participated in a service project distributing 10,000 pounds of surplus food along with the U of H honors project. The annual Council Recognition Reception on Tuesday the 25th will honor seven Sea Scouters of the 20 Silver Beaver recipients this year. Phyllis Hildenbrand related that Ship 208 helped out with the annual Cedar Bayou Kayak event last weekend. There was a discussion started by Ship 1701 on the benefits of taking part in district Merit Badge fairs. They can be good recruitment opportunities.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS: Look forward to Safety at Sea.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 2106 until 1930 November 16 at the Scout office.

"To err is human. To blame it on a computer is even more so." Robert Orben

"The nice part about being a pessimist is that you are constantly either being proven right or pleasantly surprised." George Will