

SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES 11/18/15

PRESENT: Wilson, DeLeon, Noser, Mulcahey, Cushman, Toney, Gower, Sunker, Bennett, Reynolds, Mowad, Bittner, Crowl, Leavitt, Start, Grimes

WELCOME: To Dick Grimes, new mate with Ship 1836.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Approved as written.

SAFETY: Bart was going out of town but reminded us of the Vessel Safety Exams on the weekend after SSA.

TRAINING: Cassie was under the weather but left us with an early SSA to-do list.

BOATS AND GEAR: Marcus also couldn't make it. Nothing new on the Boats and Gear front.

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY: Nothing new here either. Looking like a short meeting about this point.

PROGRAM: Debbie is still out recovering but should make December's potluck dinner.

ADULT SAIL: December 5, weather permitting, we plan to circumnavigate the mid bay depository. Meet up at the North Boater's cut marker one between 10:30 and 11:00. December 16 will be the planning pot luck dinner at the council office. I'm making my beef stroganoff again as I only get it once a year. The focus will be on the long awaited Five Year plan.

SEA SCOUT ACADEMY: Registration is open at <http://www.bacbsa.org/ssbg/weekend-programs-2016/sea-scout-academy-2016>. Space is limited to 275 with 12 additional for the SEAL track. \$75 without a T Shirt and the call went out for kitchen staff. Sharon Reynolds and Chris Leavitt stepped up to form the core. By Thursday Chris had a menu worked out.

OTHER BUSINESS:

SHIP 43 DAYSAIL: Happened on Saturday the 21st with the season's first rip-roaring Norther blowing in. Defiant, Envie and Scout went out with 21 of Ship 43's youth and 3 adults. The 25+ knot wind hit in a matter of seconds shortly after we turned out into the bay, giving the inexperienced youth a little more excitement than they might have expected. We returned for lunch and George arranged an afternoon tour and instruction on YP655.

GO-FAST FRIDAYS/RACING CLINICS: A number of us got out on a sail with National Commodore Charlie Wurster two weeks back and at the reception which followed, Skipper Robin Shaw of Ship 45 suggested incorporating a racing clinic to bring interested youth up to speed (pun intended.) When I asked if Skipper Houghton might host a class or two in the future, I think I detected a slight nod of his head.

NATIONAL REPORT: Ron was down for the National meeting held this year at SSBG and timed to coincide with Biker Rally Weekend just to make sure everyone got a good night's sleep (not). The strategic plan approached completion; Sea Scout registration numbers continue to fall nation wide; and a re-vamped Sea Scout website will be up in January.

AILING SCOUTERS: It was reported last month that former Skipper Mike Walker was not doing well with his current round of chemo. He corrected me; said he was doing fine.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS: Last month we agreed to hold a vote to try out an online meeting format for a meeting rather than braving the traffic and construction which has made the commute to the Scout office more tiresome lately. This month we held the vote to try out this format for the January 2016 meeting. The “ayes” had it with only Skipper Cushman, channeling his inner-Eloy and voting “No.” I hope to have the details of how to log in firmed up by the December meeting.

ROUNDTABLE: Ship 1996's Annual Spring Long Cruise has been planned out and is open for reservations. See files attached. You can also check George's website for SSA lesson plans. Ship 208 recently held a Bridge of Honor and gave out the first Sea Scout Shooting Sports awards in the nation as well as a variety of other awards. Skipper Cushman had a request for more Sea Scout Pocket references and it was discussed how to make that happen.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS: A recent drowning at Deussen Park, site of the Fall Regatta, is a reminder to always wear a life jacket on small craft.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 2055 until 1900 December 16 for the Pot Luck Dinner at the Scout office.

“Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.” Will Rogers

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead