

## SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES 12/21/16

**PRESENT:** Wilson, Manning, Johnson, Noser, Leavitt, Mowad, Golmon, Start, Crowl, Sunker, Gower, Hunn, Mulcahey, Plante, Cushman, Valdes, Hildebrand, McKee, Bennett, Leavitt (Chris and Cathy), Kramer, Toppeto.

**WELCOME:** To Anthony Toppeto who I think was brought in by Ship 777 and didn't even know that this meeting came with a dinner until he arrived and to Nick Kramer, Boatswain of Ship 24.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** Accepted as written.

**SAFETY:** VSE day is January **28; TWO Saturdays after SSA**, Bart requests boat names, locations and point of contact for the boat no later than a week before.

### **PROGRAM:**

**SEA SCOUT ACADEMY:** January 14-16. Registration closes January 4.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**2017 GOALS REVIEW:** The 2017 Goals list is attached. The committee worked through the 2016 Goals and discussed the following changes and amendments:

- We added the Spring Long Cruise, which is open to all Ships, as a scheduled event.
- Increase a supervised social media presence for youth.
- Encourage involvement with other Scouting programs by taking on teaching of aquatics merit badges and requirements.
- Provide training in publicity and effective public relations.
- Add Area 3 CPR and First Aid training to the training schedule (February 25 at the Scout office.)
- Obtain the monthly report on registrations and drops to help identify problem Ships and possible membership opportunities from other programs.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** Art talked about the CPR and First Aid training set for February 25 at the Scout office. \$25 includes lunch and materials. He also brought us up to date on the coordinated membership efforts in Area 3. Ship 208 has offered to be a "buddy" or mentor ship for new ships and discussed the Southern Region Strategic Plan recently sent by Southern Region Commodore TW Cook.

**ROUNDTABLE:** Eloy and his spouse just returned from a European River Cruise and loved it. Cassie praised the evolving SeaScout.org site and commended the Sea Scout Alumni Association. 1701 had a great 'Black Friday' sail (not "Sale") and has some spaces open for Philmont 2018. Robert Lipham of Ship 846 has made Quartermaster. Ships 24, 846 and a few others made for a good Sea Scout presence at the holiday boat parade.

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MINUTE:** Vincent had praises for the food and wished us a safe and happy holiday season.

**COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:** If you are interested in applying for SHAC Fleet Flagship, or Texas Flagship or both, please think about getting your information and presentation ready.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** At 2117 until 1900 December 21 at the Scout office.

“There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it is going to be a butterfly.” - R. Buckminster Fuller.

“Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors and let every new year find you a better man.” - Benjamin Franklin