

SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES 6/18/14

PRESENT: Wilson, Welch, Walker, Knapp, Sexton, Plante, Valdes, Noser, Sunker, Hunn, Mulcahey, Woody, Carr, Noser, Mowad, Crawl, Thrash.

WELCOME: To Todd Thrash, Assistant Scoutmaster and Crew Adviser from the Aquilah district who is considering starting a Ship out in SW Houston.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: No comments or corrections. Some were already dozing off.

SAFETY: Bart is now official and has 2014 stickers.

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY: Ship 1659 had an article written on them which appeared in the Chronicle. Good color pictures.

BOATS AND GEAR: Ships 1996/846 on the hunt for Sunfish parts and had some positive response from Ship 8 and others. The Tartan 30 may go up for sale.

PROGRAM:

MINTO: September 5-7. The Boarding Manual and Flotsam Flotilla rules have been posted to a number of the Texas Facebook groups. Flotsam Flotilla will feature recycled material. Review the rules carefully before starting construction. Boarding manual and Flotilla rules are attached if you don't already have them.

VENTURING SUMMIT: August 8-10 for interested Ships.

SAFETY AT SEA: Still up in the air on the date and no word out of the Sea Base or Bay Area Council.

FALL REGATTA: October 18 at Duessen Park. Ship 93 offered to ride point on this event. Chase boat possibilities and hand-held radio availability were discussed. Hope to see a boarding manual when Mike White gets back from the Koch Cup.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2014 GOALS REVIEW: The halfway review brought out some good comments and suggestions. For Marketing and Publicity, it was suggested that the .pdf map of the Ships, contacts and locations be updated as required and maintained on the website. A link to the map could be put on the back of the Sea Scout cards which can be ordered in lots of 5000 for a modest price. Cards would then be available to all ships. On training, we missed the goal of six SEAL applicants this year. On growth, a suggestion was made that we target OA members who age out of a troop. That was countered by the observation that those boys would not likely be active and supporting crew members. On the Five Year plan, Eloy Valdes and Bart Knapp offered to staff a committee with Fleet Bosun Chris Toppetto and Stephanie Pena. Draft plan due for the Adult Sail/meeting in November.

SEA SCHOOL: This date is also still up in the air. Chris Leavitt is working with the Power Squadron and Sea Scout Base Galveston to come up with a date and reasonable cost.

ROUNDTABLE: Ships 1996, 208 and 93 now have Facebook pages and are using them to recruit. Ship 502 has two youth going to SEAL and one going to the Koch Cup. Hurricane preparedness

was brought up with encouragement to check dock line conditions. Ship 1996 is phasing in the the revised Venturing advancement program. December 31 will mark the end of Sea Scout and Venturing advancement congruence. Eloy suggested that more visibility of dress whites at council meetings and elsewhere would help grow the program. Ron Sunker reported from National that there will be a Sea Scout Marksmanship award. National is also looking at how to integrate STEM into Sea Scouting as well as for information about careers in the maritime industry. Adult Leader Basic training will soon be online.

EXECUTIVE'S MINUTE: Mary let us know that the council will soon start a general publicity campaign including downloadable aps on Facebook and Twitter.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 2102 until 1930, July 16 at the council office.

"A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing." -George Bernard Shaw

"Being considerate of others will take your children further in life than any college degree" - Marian Wright Edelman