

SHAC Fleet Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2016

Present: Kevin Ready; Chris Hogue; Cassie Johnson; Debbie Vaughn; Phyllis Hildenbrand; Eloy Valdes; Mike Walker; Nancy Golmon; Richard Lipham; Lynn McKee; Kathy Neff; Chris Leavitt; Marcus Sexton; Gordon Start; Todd Thrash

Critical Action Items:

1. Responsible parties need to move boats and equipment from Sylvan Beach by August 11.
2. Cassie would like for an IT savvy person to replace her for updating the SHAC Sea Scout pages on the web. This volunteer would coordinate with Darlene Scheffler with the council.
3. Register for the Dickens Bayou Restoration Project asap.

Minutes:

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting were approved.
2. Committee Reports
 - a. Bart was not with us, but a lively conversation was had regarding dock lines and the importance of making sure they are in good condition now that we are mid-hurricane season. Marcus added that it is equally as important to torque the cleats on both the dock and the boat to make sure they are strong and secure.
 - b. Training: There are 10 slots still available for Seabadge at Sea Base Galveston in September. You can register at <http://www.bacbsa.org/event/seabadge/1880593>
 - c. Marketing and Publicity: Both Boy's Life and Scouter have had great articles on our friends in Seattle who did a long cruise to Alaska.
 - d. Boats and Gear: Marcus reported that there are no new offers, but he cautioned all of us to check the lubrication points on engines and the bearings on our trailers. This heat is brutal, but grease and an ounce of prevention are cheaper than repairs.
3. Program Events
 - a. Safety at Sea, November 5, Coat Guard Base Galveston – register at <http://www.bacbsa.org/ssbg/events-2016/safety-at-sea-2016/59196>
 - b. Minto Rendezvous, September 9-11 at Lost Pines Reservation, Capitol Area Council – the boarding manual will be out shortly along with the Flotsam Flotilla rules and regulations. The word on the street is the materials will be limited to balloons, garbage bags and twine.
 - c. Fall Regatta – Ship 1659 is on it. Details to be announced soon.
4. Other Business
 - a. Sylvan Beach facility updates – Barton was unable to join us, but boats and equipment belonging to Ship 24 and 1836 need to be moved from the

facility before August 11 or everything remaining will be sold. Plan of Action:

- i. Ship 1701 has a place for Barton to move his boats. It may be mired in mud when the monsoons come, but it is a home.
 - ii. Debbie will contact Roger Brown.
 - iii. Discussion was had on who owns the Picots, and we believe they are the property of the Houston Pilots Association. Debbie is calling Robert Webbon from former Ship 31 to find out about ownership.
- b. August 6, Conservation Project with USPS – Chris Leavitt brought us up to date on this fantastic project. Please review the attached document for the details. Please sign up in advance – t-
- c. Fleet Boatswain – Dan will be selecting the Fleet boatswain before Minto. Please encourage your youth to apply. Since no job description currently exists, the committee proposed the following responsibilities for the Fleet Boatswain:
- i. Conduct quarterly meetings with ship boatswains on Fleet meeting nights or through an application such as Group Me. (? November – post Minto; February – post Sea Scout Academy, pre Scout Fair; May; August – pre Minto)
 - ii. Organize the chapel service for Sea Scout Academy and Minto
 - iii. Organize flag ceremonies for Sea Scout Academy, Minto and other council requests
 - iv. Coordinate communications with the Area 3 Boatswain and share with youth of the fleet.
- d. Port Supply – Mike Walker reminded us that when Noah launched the ark there were no missing parts, but we do not share the same divine help. However, we do have Port Supply – a cash and carry account that benefits our program. Recently, orders made online have been delivered to his house because he established the account sometime post-Noah. After talking to the Port Supply folks, the following fix has been established. If you are ordering online, put your Skipper's last name in the box that asks for a PO number. Also, change the shipping address to the Skipper's address.
5. Roundtable Final Say:
- Marcus Sexton – Ship 1659's long sail saw four boats out on the water. You can see the pictures on their Facebook page.
 - Richard Lipham – Ship 846 had a great 4th of July sail out on the bay, and Clear Creek Channel offered quite the challenge for the youth when they came in. He also welcomed our newest Skipper, Chris Leavitt, to the Fleet. Chris's response, "We are so doomed."
 - Eloy said the reports coming in from Ship 208 say the youth are having a great time at Possum Kingdom. Cassie commented that Savannah Cushman from the ship had just had an incredible and laudable week during SEAL.

- Gordon from Ship 1701 just got back from Philmont, sigh!
 - Todd Thrash reported that the ship is now pushing the boat to youth ratio to more boats than youth. Recruiting is much on their minds. He is also looking for a rudder to a rudderless 15' Mutineer.
 - Kathy Neff reported that Maggie Riley, ship 846, has earned her Able rank.
 - Nancy Golman, Ship 777, reported that they are steadily decreasing the number of their boats and Robert Cary is close to finishing up his Quartermaster rank.
 - Debbie Vaughn, Ship 24, let us know that Ship 24 is currently on long cruise.
 - Chris Leavitt, Ship 1996, said he is "wildly enthusiastic" about his new role as Skipper.
6. Sea Scout Executive's Minute – Kevin Ready announced that the SHAC Venturing Banquet (replaces Venturing Summit) will be held August 13 at the council office. If one of your youth is interested in applying for a VOA position, they need to email a bio with a picture to Danny LeGaye. More information can be found on the Venturing webpage.

Cassie thoughts: I've been thinking a bit about what we do with our youth. We coach them in a couple of ways – for behavior with our Scout Oath and Law and for performance in leadership and sailing. So, I leave you with the words from my dad's favorite coaches,

"A coach is someone who tells you what you don't want to hear, who has you see what you don't want to see, so you can be who you have always known you could be."

Tom Landry

The measure of who we are is what we do with what we have. Vince Lombardi