

SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES 4/15/2015

(Note: Items marked in bold are items which came up after the meeting)

PRESENT: Wilson, Ready, Welch, Sexton, Valdes, Noser, Hunn, Crowl, Lipham, Johnson, Knapp, Leavitt, Start, Plante, Cushman, McKee, Thrash, Sunker

WELCOME: No one new tonight but welcome back to Mary Welch who was on deck to take on the next three month shift with the Sea Scouts.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Approved as written.

SAFETY: Bart will be down in Kemah area on April 25 if anyone still lacking a CME is ready for one.

TRAINING: The September 25-27 Seabadge has thirteen spots left. The next Southern Region Sea Badge will be February in North Carolina. George reiterated the proposal to teach Power Squadron piloting on one Sunday a month and met with interest from Ships 1701, 88, 93 and 208. Looks like that might happen. Based on the response last month for a Power Squadron Piloting course, George is planning to proceed to put it together.

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY: Ship 93 and their cannon made a great front page picture in the *Baytown Sun*.

BOATS AND GEAR: Last remaining titles from the council look like they are being processed.

My cousin Dave in Key Largo tantalized us with a Wharram 45 Catamaran.

Ship 468's Catalina 30 "Venturer" is up for adoption. Has AC and comes with a slip at Lakewood for a little while.

PROGRAM: Debbie had an illness in the family and could not be here but sent her concerns with Scout Fair; mainly the presence of adequate electrical connections.

SCOUT FAIR: April 18. Ready or not; it's here. Setup time is limited to between six and 8:30 on Friday night.

SAIL DAZE: May 16 at Shell beach north of Houston Yacht Club in Shore Acres. Peter Cushman met with a subcommittee of Skippers before the meeting to hash out details. Cassie volunteered to take on Shore Master responsibilities as I will be away with the family but later had another commitment come up. Chris Skeen might take on the responsibility. Registration is up on Double Knot.

OTHER BUSINESS:

TRAINING AND RECORDS MIGRATION: Kevin put it all up on the big screen and went through the process.

POWDERHORN SEABASE SUPPORT: Bad weather delayed getting on the water but at one point there were six boats out there. Dodging kayakers was the first challenge.

FIVE YEAR PLAN: We agreed to divvy up portions for each ship to consider and offer changes if needed.

POWER SQUADRON HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CLASSES: Ship 208 wants to put one on for the Bayland Marina.

ROUNDTABLE: George said he was going to schedule the PS piloting class (see training) Ship 846 has two new members and there are dual registrations between 846 and 1996 with some youth going to both meetings. Ship 208 has 13 youth who earned the Sea Scout rifle award recently. Eloy gave SSALBT for Ship 1701. There will be no Sea School this year as there has not been enough interest and participation in the past two years to justify it. Ship 1701 has been adjusting their inventory of suitable craft with divesting and acquisitions.

EXECUTIVE'S MINUTE: Kevin is passing the torch to Mary for the next three months. Nathan is next up on the Sea Scout rotation.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS: The Aggie Cup is approved for September 26. Notice of Race to be publicized soon.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 2051 until 1730, May 20 at the council office.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING: Southern Region Commodore Barry Ecle sent out information and applications for the position of Southern Region Boatswain. Applications and information due electronically no later than May 20. See attachments.

Bob Stevenson of the Houston Power Squadron would like to recruit Sea Scouts to help with upcoming seminars. See the attached schedule.

"Good habits formed at youth make all the difference." Aristotle

"Man is a universe within himself." Bob Marley