

SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES 5/20/2015

PRESENT: Wilson, Ready, Welch, Valdes, Noser, Hunn, Crowl, Lipham, Knapp, Leavitt, Start, Cushman, Thrash, Sunker, Mulcahey, Vaughn, Gower, Mowad, Bittner, Trevino, LeGaye, Bennett.

WELCOME: To Fred Trevino, mate with Ship 208 and Barton Bennett who is starting Ship 2020 in Clear Lake.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Approved as written. Some actually claimed to have read them.

SAFETY: Bart got VSE's done on Wow and DaCapo down at South Shore for Ship 1659.

TRAINING: The September 25-27 Seabadge was down to just three spots left last time I looked. Seemed there was enough interest in the room to more than fill the course. The next Southern Region Sea Badge will be February in North Carolina. George passed out a flyer (attached) listing details for the Power Squadron Piloting course proposed for this coming fall. One Sunday each month from August through December. Right now the location is tentatively set for the PS headquarters on Bellaire near 59.

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY: Cassie was up in Atlanta being awarded the Silver Antelope so no news or report this month.

BOATS AND GEAR: Reiterated that Ship 468 was open to divesting itself of their under-powered Catalina 30, Venturer. Not a lot of interest.

PROGRAM

FALL REGATTA: We tentatively set the date for Fall Regatta at October 16, subject to re-evaluation should UIL or other school commitments come into conflict.

MINTO AND SSA: While neither of these events will be held in SHAC this year, SHAC Sea Scouts and Sea Scouters still can play a major role. Debbie will contact TW Cook to discuss what tasks and events we can take on so we can know what we need to do well before the event. SSA is much further off but we can discuss it with the folks at SSBG at events which are coming up later this year.

OTHER BUSINESS

SAILDAZE REVIEW: More things went right this year than last year and the winds were about the same so it gave a pretty accurate comparison. Still room for improvement. Best ideas were to issue wristbands to experienced sailors to insure there will be the proper number on each boat and better accounting of who is where to make departures less chaotic. Also have a life guard on duty. There is no way of keeping the kids out of the water so it is best to prepare and

manage it. Skipper Cushman will be writing up the 'after action' report with these added recommendations.

SCOUT FAIR: The only comment on Scout Fair came from 1701 who certified that the 32' ceiling height was just that and not an inch more.

POWER SQUADRON DISTRICT CONFERENCE: October 22-24 at the Wyndam out by Highway 6 and I-10. The event and its' seminars are open to Sea Scouts and Scouters. The schedule as prepared by Chris Leavitt is pasted below the minutes.

FIVE YEAR PLAN REFINEMENT AND VETTING: Committees to review, refine and vet the components of the plan were formed. The training portion will be honed by Eloy, George and Richard. The program portion will be tempered by Bart, Peter and Chris Leavitt. Suggestions from all others present on any of the existing portions or suggestions to add to it are welcome from anyone.

FLEET BOSUN: I failed to seek applications for a fleet bosun earlier in the year and it is an omission which needs correction. The term of the bosun was debated and it was suggested that a term coinciding with the school year would work best. Applicants should be willing to serve on the Venturing youth committee. The application is attached.

VENTURING EXTRAVAGANZA: Bovay, August 14-16. Danny LeGaye introduced us to the coming event taking the place of the Summit. This year's theme will be "Venturing Through Time." There will be water events, the Saturday night banquet and presentation of the Venturing Leadership Awards. This year only the VLA is once again available to adults. The deadline has been extended and the application is attached to this email.

ROUNDTABLE: Ship 208 has been very busy, has new youth and is up to 28 members. Skipper Bennett is starting off with 10 youth in Clear Lake. Ship 846 has also been busy, often teaming up with 1996 for day sails. Ship 208 and all units associated with their COR are mourning the loss of a long time supporter of all their BSA units. Ship 1701 has held their first Bridge of Honor and is planning a long cruise. Lake Conroe is at peak level (and past flood stage at this writing.) "Monsoon May" has certainly been a drought turnaround.

EXECUTIVE'S MINUTE: Mary let us know that the current policy of rotating executive's will be expanded and that in 2016 we would be assigned new folks. Everyone needs to get experience with Sea Scouts it seems.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS: The past month has been a bad one for water accidents and fatalities both locally and nationally. Six sailors lost their lives in bad weather in a yacht race off Alabama and locally we had both reported and unreported incidents; the unreported one being one involving an employee of my son.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 2100 on the dot until 1930, June 17at the council office.

“God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. He plants his footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm.” William Cowper

“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other” John F. Kennedy

** Friday – Oct 23 (mostly for USPS)

DB2000

USPS Instructor Recertification

Coop Charting – how to report results

Branding Standards

BOC Fire Extinguisher

Paddle Smart

How to write a News Article.

Saturday – Oct 24 (mostly technical and of joint interest to USPS members and Sea Scouters)

IRS & 501c3 expenses

Basic Weather and Forecasting

GPS

VHF/DSC

Mastering Rules of the Road

Anchoring

Marine Compass

Sail Trim and Rig Tuning

Other seminars that we can do are as follows:

How to Use a Chart

Knots, Bends, and Hitches

Basic Coastal Navigation

Basic Weather

Onboard Weather Forecasting

Emergencies on Board

The price for Saturday (4 two hr. seminars and lunch) is \$79. Each of the seminars would be \$12.50 and \$29 for lunch. As you might guess, the Conference needs people to attend the lunch. Seminars are not so important.

Currently the per seminar price is \$15 – I’m sure someone will notice this and give me flack for it. Forgiveness/permission – tough choice. As soon as I get a reasonable level of permission, I’ll put together a flyer and it can be sent out to anyone who cares. I now the folks in Palestine, a couple of folks in Capital Area and two of the adults in Richard’s Ship were interested in this kind of training. If On the Water training was desired, we could do some of that Sunday morning. Does deer season start on that weekend again? I know it is the Harvest Moon, but most folks on the race wouldn’t attend any of the seminars anyway (most, not all.).

