

**District 18 Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 15, 2011**  
**Calitri's Restaurant, Danvers, MA**

**D18 BRIDGE:**

D/Commander	D/C Alexander C. Arcisz, JN
DXO	P/D/C Stephen Jerome, AP
DAO	D/Lt/C Jack Micklovich, JN
D Secretary	D/Lt/C Karen Arcisz, JN
D/ Treasurer	D/Lt/C Charles Morris, AP

**IMMEDIATE PAST COMMANDER:**

P/D/C Arthur Yarranton, SN

**CHAIRMEN OF GENERAL COMMITTEES:**

Nominations:	D/Lt/C Charles Morris, AP
Rules:	P/R/C Richard Winskowicz, SN
Auditing:	Theophilos Kuliopulos, SN
Planning:	D/Lt/C Jack Micklovich, AP

**Also present:**

P/D/C Ron Mason, SN	P/D/C/Paul Flagg, SN
P/D/C Linda Seal, SN	P/D/C John Graves, II, JN
Lt/C John Hagar, AP	P/R/C Herb Ryan, SN

Meeting called to order 1807 by Cmdr Arcisz.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Charles Morris.

Invocation led by Cmdr Arcisz.

SECRETARY - D/Lt/C Karen Arcisz, JN

Voting members present: 8, quorum established

Minutes of the 2011 Spring Conference and Council accepted as posted on the web site.

Motion by Linda Seal. Second by Stephen Jerome. Passed.

TREASURER - D/Lt/C Charles Morris, AP

Hard copies of report given out, summarized by Charles and discussed. (See attachment)

Finances are in good shape. No action required.

Because of personal computer problems, the 2010-2011 final Expense vs. Budget Report was not available at this time; it will be electronically distributed and posted to the web site in July.

Discussion ensued about getting a computer for the Treasurer to use for District business and load it with QuickBooks and MSOffice.

Suggestion by Dick Winskowicz to look at TechSoup web site for non-profit, and see what's there for refurbished units.

John Graves suggested simply using alternate memory sticks.

Resolution offered by Linda Seal to authorize Treasurer to research and secure a laptop computer, spending no more than \$500. Seconded by Stephen Jerome. Passed unanimously.

EDUCATION - D/Lt/C H. Dexter Hyland III, SN was not present.

Linda Seal announced that she is doing IC education on 27<sup>th</sup> of June. Those who need to attend have already been contacted by email.

Cmdr Arcisz announced that Chapman Award nominations need to be made by the end of the Month; he will follow up with Dex Hyland on that and the Dodd Award.

Ron Mason asked if the issue of reporting ABC students to HQ has been resolved. He said Beverly particularly was having a problem. Cmdr Arcisz said he'd ask Dex Hyland about that and email would be sent.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER - D/Lt/C Jack Micklovich, JN

New AO Jack Micklovich had no report;

Cmdr Arcisz gave him the guide for who he should call on for reports.

BOATING ACTIVITIES –Paul Flagg – No report

CRUISE/RENDEZVOUS –Jack Micklovich would like to work with Cmdr Arcisz and Karen Arcisz to get one organized for this Summer.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT –Stephen Jerome gave the Membership numbers report (attached), remarking especially on Broad Sound’s sudden growth spurt. This was caused by the new ‘Free 6 Month Membership with ABC’ offer. Broad Sound just did a class of 50 students, so they now have 50 new members. Hopefully most of them will renew when the time comes. Cmdr Arcisz mentioned that it always seems to help when classes are visited by officers and current members to promote USPS.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT – No report; there is no one in this position at this time.

RECESS FOR DINNER – 1830

RECONVENE – 1915

EXECUTIVE OFFICER – – P/D/C Stephen Jerome, AP

SQUADRON COMMANDERS REPORTS – no Squadron Commanders were there.

Beverly –S/Cmdr Ray Tilton, JN was not present; Cmdr Arcisz spoke about the excellent presenters and Theo Kuliopulos added that there’s always supper. Cmdr Arcisz also mentioned that Beverly may be considering a name change to include Gloucester. The Beverly Picnic is Monday, August 8, 5PM.

Broad Sound – S/Cmdr Don Spurr, S not present, but sent an abbreviated written report (attached); highlight is 50 new members. He made a point to thank Cmdr Arcisz, John Hagar and Karen Arcisz for coming to promote USPS to the class.

Marblehead – S/Cmdr Mark Cohen, JN not present; he was at the Marblehead ABC class administering the exam. He sent email report (attached). Their Summer Cookout is Thursday, July 21 at Devereaux Beach in Marblehead.

Merrimac River – No report. Jack announced that S/Cmdr Ken Backman, S is moving to NC, so the Commander’s post is in transition.

GOVERNMENT – no report

COOP CHARTING – no report

VSC –Karen Arcisz said Beverly has been doing some VSCs, mostly in Gloucester, they have done more than 25. John Hagar added (with a smile)that he hoped they were not coming back to his marina, because it’s rained every time the VEs show up.

OTW TRAINING – Cmdr Arcisz talked about the “Letter of Agreement” with the Coast Guard – it doesn’t seem very coordinated right now. The VSC part seems to work because when they have a joint VSC event, USPS does the boats on moorings, and USCGAux does the dockside exams. The other efforts seem to be stalled.

OLD BUSINESS

- 2011 D18 FALL CONFERENCE is being hosted by Beverly on November 12. Details will be announced later.
- Cmdr Arcisz talked about the Met Life letter he got, with the USPS logo. It was pointed out that you should be able to ‘Opt Out’ on the USPS website. Karen Arcisz will check this and send the link to the district web site.
- RESCUE 21 status was mentioned; this helps the Coast Guard locate a distressed vessel. It is covered in the VHS Seminar, and the new VHS are able to tie in to the GPS, which is how the DSC can work.
- The decline in membership generally was discussed, and we explored how the District Officers might become valuable and helpful to the Squadrons.

- Cmdr Arcisz believes we need to have a District Officer present at most if not all Squadron events and meetings.
- We also need to be present for at least one session of all ABC courses to promote USPS.
- Linda Seal, Dick Winskowicz and John Graves thought P/D/Cs might take an active role as well.
- We need to find out the schedules from the Squadrons.
- Karen Arcisz will look at the Squadron web sites and contact the Squadron Commanders or Secretaries to ask for this information for as far in the future as possible.
- Cmdr Arcisz will put together a calendar, and then the various District Officers and active P/D/Cs can take the dates that work best for them.
- There should be a specific 'District Commander's Message' or 'District Council Message' to present.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Flags and pins given to new Flag Officers, as they were not available at the Spring Conference.
- P/D/C Linda Seal, SN was presented with her Life Member Certificate and pin (photo attached)
- Cmdr Arcisz would like the Education Officers and Dex Hyland to have a meeting and brainstorm how to combine/cooperate with classes, meeting spaces and district-wide Seminars.
  - Suggestions for class space were made:
    - Bass Haven; Theo Kuliopulos said we've had classes there before and the space has been enlarged.
    - Beverly's First Baptist Church and the Beverly Library were suggested by Linda Seal
    - Other Churches and Libraries were mentioned.
    - Dick Winskowicz suggested banks have 'community rooms' that might be available.
    - Adult Education programs might get us into schools

#### Other discussions:

- National Boating Fed meeting is in May
- USCG is exploring mandatory life vests for everyone in boats 18' and under.
- Washington state has banned copper bottom paint.
  - Interesting since copper sulfate is the EPA approved treatment for algae in Lake Attitash.
- EPIRBS needed for all boats 3 mi offshore
  - The new VHF's may have the GPS connected and might be acceptable.
- Beverly Sail & Power Squadron is considering changing its name to include Gloucester.
- The national USPS Governing Board meeting is in Greensboro NC Sept 11-15.
- The next D18 Council meeting will be at Calitri's Restaurant in Danvers on September 21, 2011.
- Broad Sound will host the 2012 Spring Conference.

Motion by Ron Mason to adjourn, second by Stephen Jerome; passed unanimously.

Adjourned 1958.

Respectfully submitted by  
 Lt/C Karen L. Arcisz, JN  
 Secretary, D18

Date: 6/15/2011

To: Commander, District 18, United States Power Squadrons

From: D/LtC Charles G. Morris, AP, Treasurer

Subject: Treasurers Report for D18 June Council

Overall, the current state of the District's Treasury is good. The current balances are

- Checking Account - \$ 8079.54
- Certificate of Deposit \$ 5006.10
- USPS National Balance \$ 33.43

For a total asset balance of \$13,119.07

This figure is up from \$12,584.14 at the Spring Conference which represents a net increase of \$534.93.

Since the Spring Conference, we have received \$927.00 in dues income and \$6.10 in interest income for a total of \$933.10. Expenses were a reimbursement to Merrimac for Spring Conference expenses (\$384.67), and reimbursement to the Treasurer for copying costs (\$13.50) for a total of \$398.17.

Due to computer issues, I am temporarily unable to provide a 2010-2011 final expense vs. budget report. In general, income met expenses for the fiscal year with a slight positive balance. I will e-mail the final report and recommendation for the 2012-2013 budget in July.

The District Bridge should consider the purchase of a laptop for maintenance of records and treasury software. This would provide a single point for all records and allow for easier Changes of Watch. It would also provide the opportunity for automated backup of files using a web based service such as Carbonite.

Respectfully submitted,

D/LtC Charles G Morris, AP, Treasurer

**DISTRICT 18 MEMBERSHIP COMPARISONS FEB 2010 THROUGH MAY 2011**

SQUADRON	FEB 2010			MAY 2011			DIFF ACT
	REG ACT	ADD	TOTAL ACT/ALL	REG ACT	ADD	TOTAL ACT/ALL	
BEVERLY	120	15	135/152	119	13	132/146	-4
BROAD SND	20	1	21/21	53	9	62/64	+41
MARBLEHEAD	96	14	110/133	93	14	107/127	-3
MERRIMAC RIV	51	11	62/67	48	10	58/63	-4
DISTRICT 18	287	41	328/373	313	46	359/400	+31

USPS ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP in FEB 2011 was 34,510 and in MAY 2011 is 35,919 the Difference +1,409 or up by .04  
 District 18 Active Membership in OCT 2010 was 328 and in FEB 2011 is 359 with a Difference of +31 or up by .09 .

**DISTRICT 18 ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP COMPARISONS FOR THE LAST YEAR MAY 2010 WITH MAY 2011**

SQUADRON	MAY 2010			MAY 2011			
	REG ACT	ADD	TOTAL	REG ACT	ADD	TOTAL	DIFF
BEVERLY	131	15	146	119	13	132	-14
BROAD SND	22	1	23	53	9	62	+39
MARBLEHEAD	109	15	124	93	14	107	-17
MERRIMAC RIV.	50	10	60	48	10	58	-2
DISTRICT 18	312	41	353	313	46	359	+6

DISTRICT 18 ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP IS UP by ROUGHLY 2% OVER THIS PAST YEAR FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS (6/353)  
 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP IS UP by 251 between MAY 2010 at 35,668 vs. MAY 2011 at 34,919 OR ABOUT 1% UP OVER THE PAST YEAR.

BROAD SOUND REPORT

6/14/2011

We finished our ABC course of 50 students.

Threw the trial membership we gained app. 50 new members to Broad Sound

Now we just need to keep them.

We would like to thank again, Karen, Alex and John for speaking at one of our classes

Thank you

Broad Sound

From: msc99@verizon.net  
To: ARCISZUSPS@AOL.COM  
Cc: ALEXBENZ@AOL.COM  
Subject: MARBLEHEAD REPORT 6/15/11  
Date: Tue, Jun 14, 2011 4:07 pm

EDUCATIONAL:

ABC CLASS STARTED WED 5/18/11 AT VFW MBHD  
39 ENROLLED INCLUDING 4 UNDER 16. ABOUT 23 NOW ATTEND.  
EXAM WED 6/15/11  
2 ADDITIONAL CHARTING CLASSES WED 6/22 & 29/11  
SKIP WHITTAKER AND MIKE MERRIMAN ORGANIZED WITH ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS AT CLASSES

SEAMANSHIP IN FALL

SOCIAL:

SPRING DINNER MEETING FRIDAY MAY 27, 2011 AT CORINTIAN YC WITH SPEAKER FROM NATL PK  
SVCE SALEM.  
MARTY FUCIO, SPEAKING ON "SALEM & THE GOLDEN AGE OF SAILING". 29 ATTENDED.

SUMMER COOKOUT PLANNING STAGE.

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From: msc99 <msc99@verizon.net>  
To: alexbenz <alexbenz@aol.com>  
Subject: D18  
Date: Tue, Jun 14, 2011 9:48 pm

Questions at MSPS bridge mtg  
Are other squadrons adopting model by laws?  
Accepting 6months member and ABC course as on USPS ABC page

mark cohen-note new email address

**Re: D18 news & Council Meeting - Calitri's June 15**

From: msc9@rcn.com Hide  
To:  arciszusps@aol.com  
Date: Mon, Jun 13, 2011 7:26 pm

WILL NOT ATTEND MTG AS PLAN TO HELP IN THE ABC EXAM.  
NOT ABLE TO CONTACT S JEROME SO EMAILED REPORT TO YOU. PLEASE NOTIFY IF YOU DID  
NOT RECEIVE.  
38 SIGNED FOR ABC WITH 4 UNDER 16.  
ABOUT 23 ATTEND CLASS AND HOPE THEY SHOW FOR EXAM.  
JUNE 22&29 CHARTING  
SKIP WHITTAKER AND MIKE MERRIMAN ORGANIZED WITH OTHER MEMBERS INSTRUCT.  
MARK COHEN