

MINUTES OF DISTRICT 18 CONFERENCE & COUNCIL MEETINGS

29 MAR., 2008

Jubilee Y.C., Beverly, MA.

D/C Ronald Mason, SN called the Council Meeting to order at 1245 on Saturday March 29, 2008. D/Lt/C Edward Libby, AP led the pledge of allegiance. Cdr Mason welcomes all members present. Secretary D/Lt/C Stephen Jerome, AP, noted that a quorum was present.

ATTENDENCE: D18 Bridge: D/C Ronald Mason, SN; D/Lt/C Edward Libby, AP; D/Lt/C Stephen Jerome, AP.

General Committee Chairmen: Nominating: Linda Seal, SN, **Auditing:** P/C Mark Cohen, JN, **Planning:** P/C Mark Cohen, JN, **Rules:** James Curran, AP.

Squadron Commanders: Cdr. Daniel w. Shea, P; Alexander Arcisz, AP; Jack Macklovich, AP

Past D/C's: Jim Curran, AP; John Graves, JN; Stephen Jerome, AP; John Bedrossian SN, Linda Seal, SN; Herb Ryan, SN; Richard Winskowicz, SN; Paul Flagg, JN; John Graves, JN

Other Attendees: Asst. DEO Dexter Hyland, SN; Karen Arcisz, AP; Theophilos Kuliopolis, SN, Karen Arcisz, AP, Virginia Osman, SN, Gilbert Guerin, AP; Andrew Frackiewicz, AP; Christopher Thomas; Curtis Gollrad, S; Peter Devlin; Walter Riley, JN; William L. Nickerson, AP; Virginia Cookson, SN; Joan Thayer; Robert Sant Fournier, P; Bobbie Yarranton S; and our **Guests:** C/C Creighton C. Maynard Jr., SN; Glenda Maynard; from D12 D/C Linda Stone, AP and Donald E. Stone, AP

Secretary: Stephen Jerome reported that the minutes of the Council Meeting of 23 Jan. 2008 had been distributed electronically and paper copies are available if needed. The minutes were approved as distributed

Treasurers Report: Mark Cohen delivered this report for Barry High, who was unable to attend. The cash balance on 29 March is \$9,251.30. A complete report is attached.

Administrative Officer Report: Edward Libby called on:

Government Relations: No Report

Membership and Membership Involvement: Steve Jerome suggested three points for squadrons to consider A) Give potential members something to keep with the squadron web site and or telephone number on it such as a pencil or a USPS brochure "What in it for you" that has been stamped with squadron info. B) Get the squadron into the local press through Vessel Safety Checks, Boating Class, Seminars, Beach Cleanup etc. and C) give new members a welcome aboard package.

Leadership Development: Dick Winskowicz informed us that Operations Training will be available for all interested D18 members from 8:30-12:30 on April 5th at Jubilee Y.C.

National Membership Representative: Alexander Falk gave a "Power Point" presentation on three key options that National is considering to improve recruiting and retaining members. Simplify dues, issue plastic membership card. National could handle on line inquiry and dues payment. He distributed a survey on these topics and asked for quick response in order to inform National Planners of our interests.

Fall Conference: Linda Stone the D/C of D12 gave a summary of plans for a joint Fall Conference by D12, D14, D18 and D19 and possibly others on 14-16 Nov 2008 at the Ashworth by the Sea at Hampton Beach, NH. Rooms will be under \$100 per night and there are plans to have a harbor cruise, Marine Industry exhibits, a speaker who is the author of "The Blizzard of 78" as well as a Friday and Saturday evening dinner. She said that many hands will be needed to help prepare for this Conference and we should advise our members to save the dates.

D/C Mason called a temporary halt to the Council meeting from 1158 until 1245 for lunch.

Education Officer: DEO Asst Dex Hyland (who submitted a written report-see attached) gave us a "Power Point" presentation on many of the upcoming educational changes from National. Some of the highlights were: A new Boating text will be available in a month or two which may be taught as either an 8 or 12 hour class; USPS now owns the ABC class; We now have 6 Seminars available and will soon have 6 more on such topics as Paddle Smart, Marine Knots, Anchoring, Marine Radar and Hurricanes. We were told that the New Boating Certification has been temporarily delayed to resolve the insurance coverage. Dex said that as DEO he plans to get our squadrons working together to improve our advertising/marketing. He also

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advise us to get initial Seminar orders in quickly as minimum order to be followed by a follow up addition order as these are delivered much quicker than original orders.

Executive Officers Report; as Arthur Yarranton was unable to attend Ed Libby called on the squadron Commanders

Squadron Commander Reports:

Gloucester: The Commander was not present; XO Curtis Gollrad said that they have classes in Boating, Piloting and Marine Electronics underway and are planning two summer Boating classes as well as a GPS Seminar.

Marblehead: Cdr. Daniel Shea submitted a written report (see attached) in which he reported that a General Meeting was held on 13 March at M.Y.C. and a May Dinner is planned at C.Y.C. Boating was completed on 19 March with 23 taking and passing the course. Weather has 10 enrolled while AP concluded on 29 Jan. A Seminar on Sail Trim was presented on 9 Feb and How to Read a Chart is scheduled for 5 April. Engine Maintenance, Seamanship and Advanced Piloting are underway with Weather scheduled to start on 14 November.

Public Relations: Jim Curran said that PR is quiet now, however we need to improve our relations with local press.

Safety: Paul Flagg reminded us to begin preparations for Safe Boating Week.

VSC: Jim Curran said that of our five squadrons only two Beverly and Marblehead have Vessel safety Check programs. He said that anyone interested in becoming a VS Inspector could take the test on line and take it again there if necessary.

Commanders Report: Ron Mason said that Bruce Theriault and he had attended the National Conference where the goal of increasing membership was given great importance. He also said that he expects that D18 will receive back \$125 from the Fall Conference advance money. Linda Stone the D12 Cdr. said that her District received their refund some weeks ago.

The next Council Meetings will be on 11 June at Calitri's and the meeting after that will be held on 24 September.

Cdr Mason Adjourned the Council at 1337.

He immediately convened the D18 Conference

Secretary Jerome stated that there was a quorum present and that the minutes of the Fall Conference had been distributed electronically and approved as corrected.

By Law Change Recommendation: Dick Winkowicz said that the proposed changes had been approved at the Jan. Council Meeting and had been approved by the National Committee on Rules. He moved that the following changes be made to the D18 by Laws:

- 1) That the method of assessment of the squadrons will have one amount for members and another amount for members with families and that these amounts will be determined by the D18 Council.
- 2) That the D18 Budget Year be changed to be twelve consecutive months beginning on 1 May and ending on 30 April of the following year.

THIS MOTION WAS PASSED

Auditing Committee Report: Mark Cohen Chairman of the Auditing submitted a written report and stated that his Committee found that The Treasurer's report for the period 22 March 2007 through 27 March 2008 is accurately stated. The motion to accept this report was approved by the Conference.

AWARDS: C/C Creighton Maynard assisted D/C Ron Mason in presenting the following awards:

50 Year Membership given to William R. Ghen, AP of Beverly

50 Year Membership given to Richard D. Gordon, SN of Marblehead

Life Membership to Paul Flagg, JN of Merrimac River

Web Site Award to Beverly and Marblehead squadrons

Membership Growth Award to Gloucester and Marblehead as honorable mention

Boating Safety Award to D18 accepted by Paul Flagg Safety Officer

Power of One Award to Robert D. Olenio, P of Beverly

Change of Watch: C/C Creighton Maynard dismissed the bridge with the exception of the Secretary then conducted the election which was unanimous. He then directed the Secretary to cast one vote for the slate of Officers. PASSED. After swearing in the new Bridge he delivered his message to us.

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Chief's Message: Some of the highlights of his remarks were that he plans to make National more responsive to local needs and that we must make better use of modern tools such as "Power Point" to effectively reach the younger generation. The recently passed change to USPS governance has allowed much quicker response to things that need to be implemented rapidly. Other areas that USPS needs to improve are Finances, Membership Recruiting and Retention as well as implementing USPS University. He finished by urging all of us to offer a friend a chance to become a member.

D/C Mason stressed the need for people to work on preparations for the Fall Conference. Linda Seal volunteered to be the Point Person on this project.

The Fall Conference will meet on 14-16 November 2008 at Hampton Beach, NH.

There being no other business the Conference Meeting was closed by Cdr. Mason at 1430..

Respectfully submitted,
D/Lt/C Stephen P. Jerome, AP
Asst. Secretary
USPS District 18