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MINUTES OF DISTRICT 18 COUNCIL MEETING

17 JUNE, 2009

Calitri's Restaurant, Danvers, MA.

D/C Arthur Yarranton, SN called the Council Meeting to order at 1911 on Wednesday Jun. 17, 2009 with 20 attendees present. D/Lt/C Alexander Arcisz, JN led the pledge of allegiance. Cdr Yarranton welcomes all members present. Secretary P/D/C Bruce Theriault, AP, noted that a quorum was present.

ATTENDENCE: D18 Bridge: D/C Arthur Yarranton, SN; D/Lt/C Edward Libby, JN; D/Lt/C Alexander Arcisz, JN; D/Lt/C H. Dexter Hyland, SN; D/Lt/C Barry G High, AP; P/D/C Bruce Theriault, AP

General Committee Chairmen: Rules: P/R/C Richard Winskowicz, SN,

Squadron Commanders: Dan Himes, AP; Don Spurr, S

Past D/C's: Richard Winskowicz, SN; Paul Flagg, JN; Stephen Jerome, AP; Ronald Mason, SN; Linda J Seal, SN; James H Curran, AP; John Graves, N; Bruce R Theriault, AP

Other Attendees: Carol Quinn-LeBrun, S; Jack Sherry, S; Mark S Cohen, JN; Virginia D Osman, SN; Karen Arcisz, AP

Secretary: Bruce Theriault reported that the minutes of the Council Meeting of 21 March 2009 had been distributed electronically, and paper copies are available if needed. The minutes were approved with correction (Mark Cohen is not a committee chair).

Treasurers Report: Barry High reported the cash balance on 17 Jun 2009 is \$12,062.72. Cash received of \$1,750.38 and disbursed \$977.06. Budget variance is \$1,655 favorable. A printed report was distributed. **A motion** was made by Steve Jerome and seconded by Linda Seal to purchase a copy of Quick Books for the Treasurer and use of the District. Motion **Passed.**

Education Officer Report: Dexter Hyland reported Basic Boating course reporting has been light to HQ. Asked Squadrons to report ED27's electronically by end of June to get credit. Seminar information is a supplement to the minutes and is attached. **A motion** was made by John Graves and seconded by Linda Seal to spend up to \$500 to advertise for District educational classes. An **amendment** was made by Alexander Arcisz and seconded by Dan Himes to increase the amount with an additional amount of \$500 for educational manual stock by the District. The **amendment Passed.** The main **motion Passed.** A **motion** was made by Linda Seal and seconded by Dan Himes to provide \$300 to Broad Sound as the Districts grant portion of the cost of an LCD projector. Motion **Passed.** A reminder to Squadron Educational Officers to get their Chapman Award nominees to the DEO by July 15 for consideration.

Administrative Officer Report: Alexander Arcisz reported that there was no **Boating Activities Report** then called upon Stephen Jerome for the **Membership and Membership Involvement Report.** He reported a loss of 5 overall in the District but the good news was that Broad Sound increased by 2 since February. **Leadership Development** report from Linda Seal was no changes.

Executive Officer Report: by Alexander Arcisz for Ed Libby started with Squadron reports:**Commanders: Beverly:** ExO Carol Quinn-LeBrun for Ray Tilton, submitted a written report in which she stated that they now have 170 Active members.

Merrimac River: P/D/C Paul Flagg submitted a written report for Charles Boddy stating they have 62 active members. They conducted a blessing of the Fleet and have just completed JN, Seamanship and AP classes.

Marblehead: Cdr. Dan Himes reported that the squadron has 154 active members. They are running a Seamanship course with 3 students, have held 3 Seminars in GPS, Knots and Radar with 10, 7 and 9

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students respectively. Safe boating week (May 16) they did a presentation at State Street Landing with several participants. June 13 they performed 9 vessel safety checks at Marblehead Yacht Club. Meeting at Swampscott Yacht Club on 16 April was well received. Held a Spring Dinner meeting on 15 May and will be having a cookout on 23 June.

Broad Sound: Cdr Don Spurr, submitted a written report stating they just completed a Basic Boating class with 30 students. They have started a new Basic course with 12 people. 2 new members added to their ranks and they now have 24 active members. Cdr Don Spurr had just completed the Instructor Development class.

Old Business: D/C Yarranton, said that there was none

New Business: D/C Yarranton reported he received a CD from HQ with the Officers Directory on it. It will be placed on the D18 website if you need a copy. Correspondence included a letter from Sea Scouts asking for a Liaison from D18. Several comments were made about individuals seeking Basic Boating course credentials for licensing issues. A **motion** was made by Dick Winskowicz and seconded by Ginny Osman to charge the person \$10 for the replacement certificate or for the re-take exam. **Motion** passed. A summary of new laws on Discharge in US waters is now out, the copy was given to the DEO for review. A directional meeting was held in D18 on how the District can help Squadrons and invigorate them – streamline reporting, not report “empty committees”. Working to get paddlers involved with USPS. Working with trailer boaters. Joining forces with USCGAux and gathering the members they lose to secret clearance security reviews. A letter from John Malatak of the Coast Guard speaks of an opportunity to participate in a life jacket wear-rate study. It will be held at Long Lake in Maine on August 22. Participants may receive compensation for attending. The thought was that Maine boaters would be more likely to attend and that we would pass on this.

Future Meetings:

- Fall Conference and Council Meeting Oct 17 – Beverly hosts

Meeting adjourned at 2108

Respectfully submitted,
P/D/C Bruce Theriault, AP
Secretary, D18, USPS

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