

24 SEPTEMBER, 2008

Calitri's Restaurant, Danvers, MA.

D/C Ronald Mason, SN called the Council Meeting to order at 1821 on Wednesday September 24, 2008 with 17 attendees present. Following the pledge of allegiance, Cdr Mason welcomed all members present. Secretary P/D/C Bruce Theriault, AP, noted that a quorum was present

ATTENDENCE: D18 Bridge: D/C Ronald Mason, SN; D/Lt/C Arthur Yarranton, SN; D/Lt/C H. Dexter Hyland, SN; D/Lt/C Barry G High, AP; P/D/C Bruce Theriault, AP.

General Committee Chairmen: Nominating: P/D/C John Graves, JN, **Rules:** P/R/C Richard Winskowicz, SN,

Squadron Commanders: Daniel W. Shea, AP; Alexander Arcisz, JN; John Micklovich, AP

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

Other Attendees: Jim Curran, AP; Karen Arcisz, AP, Bob Mazzarino, SN;

Secretary: Bruce Theriault reported that the minutes of the Council Meeting of 11 June 2008 had been distributed electronically and paper copies are available if needed. The minutes were approved as distributed.

Treasurers Report: Barry High reported the cash balance on 24 September is \$11,109.07. Total cash received since last report is \$548.71 and cash disbursed was \$86.94. A complete report was received.

Administrative Officer Report: D/C Mason (for absent E Libby), called on Paul Flagg for a **Boating Activities report:** nothing to report; Stephen Jerome for **Membership and Membership Involvement report:** Membership: District is down 52 members or 11%. USPS nationally is down 12% for the period August to August. Dick Winskowicz for **Leadership Development report:** no classes held. **National Membership Rep:** Position open as Alexander Falk has resigned.

Executive Officer Report: Arthur Yarranton called on Jim Curran for **Cooperative Charting report** Manual available on line. Order form for charts noted, adopted charts including coast from Portsmouth to just north of Boston. We should be doing more depth soundings. Jim noted they are easy to do. Need follow up on marinas in your area. Contact Jim for more information jcur@localnet.com. Bruce Theriault for **Government Relations report:** Clean Water Act has passed thanks to the efforts of everyone. Of the more than 3000 bills presented to Congress this was one of the less than 200 that passed. Thank you. Jim Curran for **Public Relations report:** PSA's were discussed. Use TV screens at public places so says Karen Arcisz. See her for details. Arthur commented to get newspaper coverage you need to get a contact at the paper. Sending out of press releases does not work.

(D/C Mason called a temporary halt to the Council meeting from 1842 until 1918 for our meal.)

Safety report: Paul Flagg nothing to report, **Vessel Safety Check:** nothing to report.

Commanders: Beverly, Alexander Arcisz submitted a written report: Picnic on Aug 11, first meeting of season last month 33 attendees. Featured a presentation from Historical society. Vessel safety 79 checks with 5 checkers. Vests to be given to examiners. Education classes are starting. Written report.

Broad Sound – no member no report

Gloucester Ron Mason only member present. Reported a possible merger with Beverly Squadron. Oral report.

Marblehead: *Dan Shea*. Picnic August 13, was very successful. He listed an agenda of events

announced. Said he could use 9 Coast Guard vests if they were handing them out. Oral report

Merrimac River: *Jack Miklovich* boating classes not held due to lack of attendance

Full calendar of classes upcoming: see website. Bridge has new members. Plans to affiliate with the Lowell motor boat club. Seeking a liaison with them. Oct 20 GPS class there. Written report.

Education Officer report: Dexter Hyland presented information about the new in-water insurance program coverage for instructors. This has been a stumbling block to the Boating Operator Certification (BOC) program. Hull coverage is now provided with USPS as the primary insurer. When doing for educational or civic activities we are covered. Fraternal activity is still a gray area. Includes medical liability and professional liability and errors and omissions coverage. Good news for all. The ABC course will be handled through NASBLA as of November 1 the rollout and availability will be complete. BOC starter kit is now in headquarters for purchase (part # 03-67-100) at a cost of \$30.00. The Educational Department website is featuring a course in Senneca, NY with on the water Seamanship for \$150.00 that has been very successful teaching basic sail and boating skills.

Old Business: National Fall Conference: Commander: Ron Mason noted that insurance was a hot button. National has a web page and added the question of visitors to our website “do you want to become a member?” refer possible replies to squadrons for further action. DC’s discussed membership problem at length without a resolution. 7 Squadrons were disbanded at the national meeting. DB3000 has been revised and more enhanced. Get the new version 9.1 before you do this fall merit marks. D12 is interested in joining with us combining the two districts. DC/ Mason asked for interest in forming an exploratory committee. MOTION from John Graves: ***to form an exploratory committee with D12 to look into merging the two Districts. Passed.***

Upcoming Fall Conference: Linda Seal reported the flyer sent to most members. 150 without e-mail to get via snail mail. Each attendee is advised to book reservations with the Ashworth directly. Meals booking is done per directions on the flyer and or website. Activities will occur on Friday. Meals came to \$113 if you participate in all. Our Dist conference and meeting will be Saturday at 1515. Linda Stone asked for a raffle item worth \$25 or more from EACH squadron.

New Business: Merit marks All committee heads are asked to send a note to Ron Mason covering their staff participation.

BUD Com update. Linda Seal. Budget is about the same as last year. Exceptions are as follows. Budget does not exactly match. We have a tradition of under spending our budget. Notable changes: District Secretary. Printing went from \$600 to \$20. Postage reduced from \$300. Budget will be presented at Fall conference, November at our Hampton meeting.

Spring Conference: Merrimac River is host. Date is: March 21, 2009. Location to be determined.

John Graves. Alex Arcisz, Jack Micklovich, and Steve Jerome appointed to merger committee.

Fall conference to set date of fall conference Adjourn: at 2040

Next Meeting: January Council will be 21 January, 2009 at Calitri's Restaurant in Danvers, MA

Respectfully submitted,

P/D/C Bruce Theriault, AP

Secretary, D18, USPS