



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2008**

The General Meeting was held at the Boat US conference room. The meeting was called to order at 1905. A quorum was present. The Invocation was given by P/C John Shivik, AP. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by P/C G. J. Nelson, AP.

In attendance:

BRIDGE:

Administrative Officer, Lt/C John G. Karjala, P
Treasurer, Lt/C Steve Hall, AP
Education Officer, Lt/C Richard E Unis, JN
Secretary, Lt/C George Nartsissov, P

Members at Large:

P/C Gale Alls, SN
P/C Keith Segerson, P
Lt Francis Williamson, AP
P/C Richard Durgin, JN
P/C G. J. Nelson, AP

Absent:

BRIDGE: CDR George K. Degnon, P
Executive Officer, Lt/C Ronald H. Larson, P

Members at Large: P/C John A. Shivik, AP P/Lt/C Cathleen F. Sheffield, AP

This meeting was chaired by the Administrative Officer Lt/C John G. Karjala, P, due to the absence of CDR Degnon, P, and Executive Officer, Lt/C Larson, P.

Administrative Officer: Lt/C Karjala indicated that CDR Degnon is on his way to Sylvania, Georgia, delivering the toys and food collected at the previously held Christmas Holiday party. Over 100 families are being helped with our squadron's donation. Reminders were also given on the Change of Watch and District – 5 Conference in March.

Secretary's Report: Lt/C Nartsissov proposed that the Minutes of November 12, 2008, be approved. Lt. Frank Shultz, S, made the motion to approve the minutes of November 12, 2008 and the motion was seconded by P/C G. J. Nelson. Motion was approved unanimously.

Education Officer: Lt/C Unis indicated that the Weather Class has begun with 12 students. The Piloting class has been delayed due to lack of students. Cruise Planning class is projected to start January 24. The Seamanship class is projected for April. There are Boating Courses in progress at Accotink, Springfield, and Boat US and Mc Lean Recreation Center.

There is a resolution in the Virginia House of Representatives to standardize the rule for wear of children's life jackets. NVSPS members can comment or support this proposed rule as individuals.

Administrative Officer: Lt/C Karjala related that the Christmas party, December 13, was a great success. The next major event will be the Change of Watch on March 14 at the American Legion Post in Fairfax. Everyone is encouraged to get their reservations in as soon as possible.

The Sea Scouts are having a Dinner Dance on February 28. This is a dress-up affair with a live band. This is a non alcoholic event.

Treasurer: Lt/C Hall indicated the Squadron is solvent. He is looking for a volunteer to assist with the Ship Store (P/C John Shivik and Robie Shivik are looking for assistance).

Committees:

Public Relations: Lt Frank Shultz, S, indicated the Squadron submitted information for the District - 5 Distinguished Civic Service Award. This entails a compilation of data for events and programs that the Squadron has held and accomplished over the past year. Points are computed for the documented hours. The Squadron report achieved a score of 3734 points with an additional three events that were not readily transferable to a point score. The "wounded warrior" and the "toys for tots" events were submitted. The Squadron should be proud of the accomplishments.

The Washington Post no longer has a section to advertise the Boating Safety Courses for free.

Membership: Lt Fred Zugay, JN, reported that we have 15 new member applications with five(5) of these being Sea Scouts.

Past Commanders Recognized: Lt/C Karjala recognized the Past Commanders present at this meeting: P/C Gale Alls, P/C G. J. Nelson. P/C Alan Hart, and P/C Keith Segerson.

Boat Show: Lt Francis Williamson, AP, reported that the Chantilly Boat Show is scheduled for March 6 – 8. Sea Scouts will be participating with the Squadron booth display. The Squadron web site has been updated to remove the telephone number.

Vessel Inspection Schedule: There will be a schedule posted in the next "oT & T".

New Business: There is a "Mariner's Bulletin" concerning a safety zone on the Potomac (Presidential inauguration). Homeland Security is looking for volunteers for marine security in their geographic area.

There being no further business a motion was made by P/C Alls to adjourn the meeting, seconded by P/C Nelson, and unanimously approved. Business meeting adjourned at 2007.

Guest Speaker: P/C Alls introduced Mrs. Margaret Podlich, Vice President for Governmental Affairs, Boat US, as the speaker for this evening. Mrs. Podlich presented a program titled "Legislative Challenges for Boating, 2008 – 2009".

Respectfully submitted

George Nartsissov

Lt/C George Nartsissov, P
Secretary
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