



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2009**

The General Meeting was held at the Boat US conference room. The meeting was called to order at 1932. A quorum was not 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 Steven 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 Richard Durgin, JN
P/C G. J. Nelson, AP	P/Lt/C Cathleen F. Sheffield
P/C John A. Shivik, AP	

Absent:

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

Members at Large: Lt Francis Williamson, 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.

Secretary's Report: Lt/C Nartsissov, P, reported that since we do not have a quorum we will not be able to vote on any motions or other business at hand.

Administrative Officer: Lt/C Karjala, P, reminded everyone to send in their reservations for the District – 5 Spring Conference. It is a highly recommended event.

Treasurer: Lt/C Hall, AP, made a presentation regarding the National HQ program of conversion to "Anniversary Billing". Dues will be collected by national HQ, instead of the Squadron Treasurer, on the anniversary date of the member joining the squadron. All the current members will be given June 1 as the anniversary date. New members will pay full year's dues and renew on their anniversary date. Dues may be paid on line, by credit card or by check. P/C Durgin did a survey of some D – 5 squadrons and they reported favorably on the new National billing system.

Budget: We currently have 254 voting members. We estimate that of these 52 will not renew their membership leaving us 202 current members. We estimate that we will get 49 new members in 2009 for a total of 251 members for income purposes.

General Fund: The *Income* is projected to be \$16,002 and the *Expenses* at \$15,725.

Education Budget: The total *Income* is projected to be \$13,739 and the *Expenses* are projected to be \$7,987. The increase in income is anticipated due to more courses to be offered. A new computer will be purchased from this year's (2008/2009) funds and two projectors from the 2009/2010 budget.

Net Worth Projections: 2008/2009, (3 – 31 – 2009) : \$53,185
2009/2010 : \$63,303
"Flower Power Fund": 2008/2009, (3 – 31 – 2009): \$21,577
2009/2010 : \$23,127

Note: A vote could not be taken to approve the budget due to lack of quorum.

P/C John Shivik, AP, indicated that he has applications for name tags, shirts, tote bags (\$20) and other merchandize.

Education Officer: Lt/C Unis, JN, indicated that we are planning to have more advanced courses this year. On the schedule are: Seamanship Course, April 20

Piloting Course, Fall (See Web Site for Schedule)

Advanced Piloting, next Spring (See Web Site for Schedule)

Three Boating Safety Courses are on going

Senior Navigator Course – still waiting for class books

Seminars: Anchoring (April)

Boat Handling Under Power

Knots

Considering a "Paddling" seminar

Committees:

Public Relations: Lt Frank Shultz, S, Indicated that The Washington Post is prohibitively expensive to advertise in. He is looking at other publications more inclined to boaters, some of which are free. He displayed some of the materials that will be available at the Boat Show. The Boat Show, March 13 – 15, is a great opportunity for new membership recruiting. A new ink stamp with the updated Squadron web site is now available.

Membership: Lt Fred Zugay, JN, reported that we have one new member application, with one other a potential.

Nominating Committee: P/C Alls, SN, read the proposed slate of officers for the coming year, 2009 – 2010.

There being no further business the general business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 2015.

Guest Speaker: P/C Alls, introduced Captain Terry Hill, "Potomac Marine", Tow Boat US operator, based out of Woodbridge, Virginia, who made a very interesting presentation on tow boat operations.

Respectfully submitted,

George Nartsissov

Lt/C George Nartsissov, P

Secretary

Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron

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