



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
January 12, 2011**

The General Meeting was held at the BoatUS[®] conference room, at BoatUS Headquarters, Alexandria, VA. Building access and security badges were handled by Lt/C John Karjala, P. NVSPS Social time started at 7 P.M. Refreshments were provided by P/C Gale Alls and Evelyn Alls. Twenty squadron members were in attendance. CDR George Nartsissov, AP closed the social time and called the meeting to order at 1935 hrs. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Lt/C George Nartsissov. Invocation was given by P/C John Shivik. Our guest speaker, Mary Loose DeViney, gave her presentation first because she had a long way to drive home in inclement weather. The meeting followed her presentation commencing at 2007 hrs and adjourning at 2037 hrs.

In attendance:

Bridge:

Commander, CDR George Nartsissov, AP
Executive Officer, Lt/C John Karjala, P
Secretary, Lt/C Sue Karjala, P
Treasurer, Lt/C Steve Hall, AP
Education Officer, Lt/C Rich Unis, JN
Asst. Treasurer, P/C Keith Segerson, P

In attendance:

Members at Large:

P/C G. Jay Nelson, AP
P/C Francis Williamson, AP
P/Lt/C Cathleen Sheffield, AP

Absent:

Lt. Frederick Zugay, JN
Lt. Steven Wanbaugh, S

Past Commanders Present: P/C Gale Alls, SN; P/C Richard Durgin, JN; P/C Francis Williamson, AP; P/C John Shivik, AP; and P/C G. Jay Nelson, AP

Commanders Report: Commander Nartsissov thanked the Nominating Committee for their work assembling nominations for next year's Bridge and Officers. The election of officers will be held at the March meeting when we also will have a full treasurer's report. He read a letter received from Fisher House thanking us for the toys and food items which the Squadron collected and donated to them. Forty-six toys and seventy-nine food items were collected. He reminded everyone of the D/5 Officer Training and Spring Conference to be held March 25-27 in Ocean City, MD, and encouraged everyone to attend. We will again have a hospitality suite.

Secretary's Report: Secretary, Sue Karjala, asked if there were any corrections or additions to the November 10, 2010 minutes. Hearing none, a motion was made by P/C Jay Nelson to accept them as written and seconded by P/Lt/C Cathleen Sheffield. The minutes were approved as written. Stf/C Richard Davis, Chairman of the Nominating Committee was asked to present the Committee's Report in accordance with the by-laws. Voting will take place at the March General Membership Meeting.

Executive Officer's Report: EXO, John Karjala, thanked everyone who helped with the Christmas Dinner Dance. He called attention to an article in the January 2011 "Spin Sheet" which pictured the recipients of our new "Longevity Award" bestowed on seven of our members who contributed over forty years of service with USPS. This award was made at the annual Holiday Dinner Dance. He reminded us that the next social event will be the Change of Watch on March 12th at the American Legion in Fairfax. That event will be followed by the Spring Conference in Ocean City March 25-27. The theme this year is "Navigating the Future".

Treasurer Report: Treasurer, Steven Hall, reported that we had income of \$8,200 this past year and our expenses were \$8,700 so we were \$500 short. However, the Education Fund had income of \$2,200 and expenditures of \$1,700 so they made up for the shortfall. As our one and two year old CD's come due in the CD ladder, he will roll them over into 3 year CD's providing a little more interest income for our savings account.

Education Officer's Report: Education officer, Richard Unis, reported that the Weather Course will start on January 27th at Fairfax High School and will be taught by P/C John Shivik. A Seamanship class has started and a Marine Communications Class will be coming up. He is putting a group together to get more students into our basic boating courses in the spring.

Flower Power Fund: P/C Richard Durgin thanked everyone who donated to the Flower Power Fund this year. \$730 was collected for the fund.

Ship's Store: P/C John Shivik reminded everyone to contact him if they need name tags, ensigns, shirts, or any other items.

Perpetual Awards Report: Chairman, P/C Francis Williamson asked that the Bridge Flags be returned to him and to notify him if you have any recommendations for awards or P/C Jay Nelson who will be assisting him.

Boat Show: Chairman, Lt Ed Phillips, informed us that the Boat Show will be held at the Dulles Expo Center March 11-13 and provided a sign-up sheet for those who could volunteer to work.

Guest Speaker:

CDR George Nartsissov introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Mary Loose DeViney, Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries, Regional Coordinator for Boating Safety Education in our area. She spoke to us about Boating Safety and the latest news regarding Virginia Rules. CDR Nartsissov presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation and a NVSPS tote bag.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Karjala

Lt/C Sue Karjala, P

Secretary

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