



April 15, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was preceded by desserts and beverages. Thanks to all.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05

In attendance were: Nick Butziger, Roz Butziger, Gary Davis, Elizabeth Davis, Bob Van Herpe, Paul Marcaccio, Debbie Pass, Tom Wilcox, Jeff Boardman, Doug Henson, Jon Alvarez, Scott Gardner, Steve O'Rourke, Bill Landry, Garth Dudley, Shirley Dudley

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence for Departed Members

FC Report – Nick Butziger – Division will buy a set of Paddlesports books and give two to each flotilla. The PowerPoint is good. All could teach from it.

Jon Alvarez suggested a kayak store is good for placing fliers.

The Trade Show was here at this marina last Saturday. We already got VSC requests from it. Nick did instruction at it. Brewer's wants May, June, July, and August 2 hr seminars from us Wed nights. Ties in with electronic seminars. Nav, etc, GPS.

April 23 is District Conference at Wakefield, MA. Swim qualifications – float 5 min, swim 30 ft – wearing life vest! Also Paddlecraft training, MS Officers' Workshop. Marine Safety & Environmental Protection. Life Raft and Tug Boat Inspection, Good Mate Program, American Waterway Watch.

Awards Presented to:

Jon Alvarez
Derek Robert – MV Qualification & Instructor
Gary Davis – Instructor Rating
Roz Butziger 52 hours proctoring
Garth Dudley -100 hours
Shirley Dudley 100 hours
Steve O'Rourke – 100 hours

FSO/SR –Minutes sent electronically.

FSO/FN – Garth- presented in written report. Remember any new member has one time \$10 building fee.

VFC – Bob Van Herpe – Staff Reports

PE –Roz- Thanks to Gary and Elizabeth Davis for running the Proctor room. Thurs June 3 is start of our next PE class. Maureen will contact papers and Craig's List. Discussion – should we be on Facebook? National has a page on Facebook, but no flotillas.

FSO/VE-Derek-June 12 is VE Day at this marina. Derek called the VE's and will hold a meeting in May. We also have three VE's in training. We are looking for safety equipment

and hull numbers! DEM is writing people up for missing or incorrect registration, hull number. Also, Division is doing a VE day at the old C-Lark marina with vendors. Nick said MagicJack makes it possible to have computer on line. Message goes to computer if no one answers.

390 – Providence, 308 Narragansett.

If you want to be an Operational Facility – see Derek for an inspection.

FSO/OPS Bob Van said for any new or old boaters a little nervous about going out at night, we'll bring experienced auxiliaries (and the BAG) and learn. More on the BI Cruise, and Memorial Day Weekend at Potter's Cove. Also, Mike is starting patrols. You would need to wear mustangs, since water is too cold.

FSO/Marine Dealer-David Seisel followed through with Benny's. Bob Van is trying for Ocean State Job Lot.

FSO/MT –Crew and Coxswain training continues on Thursday evenings here. All welcome.

FSO/MS – Gary Davis will give a presentation (10 – 15 min) starting at the May meeting, on some piece of Marine Safety. Paul suggested we participate in First Mate Training. Jon Alvarez would like to include kids in this. All agreed to do this and field test it here. Suddenly In Command – how to use radio, fire extinguisher, get tent to get people in. Gary volunteered to spearhead this.

FSO/IS, MA- Mike had emergency at work, but he is holding the PATON training May 5. Many of us signed up for this – We have to do 400 PATON's in Narragansett Bay by early July!

Mike Quinn is in charge of Mt Hope Bay

Frank Cotter is in charge of the central area

Nick Butziger is in charge of Pt Judith area

Social -Debbie LaBonte reported by phone that she is setting up a June 12 Newport Dinner Train event.

FC reminded everyone this conflicts with the VE Day on June 12.

Derek said following weekend won't work either, so cancelled the event. There will be other plans to share soon. Flier to follow.

FC reminded all of Memorial Day Weekend Event – Potter's Cove. Non-boat owners can be ferried over on Saturday – pick up at this marina – returned after supper.

Old Business There is no water or neat. Derek said he would get it done by the next meeting. \$300 authorized, and Derek will give a slip to Garth for a 6 gallon water heater under that amount.

Mooring permit fee. There was a lengthy discussion and an overhead with options. We need to pay for the permit for our mooring as well as Frank's, maintenance, etc. It could be based on use, assessed for all boat owners, or based on participation. With a contribution from Scott's company, we can keep track of hours and use this summer and revisit this in November. Motion to revisit in November made by Derek and seconded by Roz. Passed.

New Business

Bill for \$38.00 for Division refreshments (our flotilla's turn) presented to Garth. Motion to pay by Bob, Garth) passed.

Meeting adjourned 9:50 pm!