

North Star Flotilla February 19 2009 Meeting

At 6 pm the meeting was preceded by Pasta Fagiole, Italian bread, Apple pastry, and Red Velvet Cake

Thanks everyone – especially Debbie and Derek for the homemade soup.

At 7pm the meeting was called to order by FC Charles Jenison. In attendance were: Dave Allen, Deb and Tom Wilcox, Rosalind Butziger, Nick Butziger, Derek Robert, Deb LeTourno, Rich Gallipeau, Bob VanHerpe, Michael Quinn, Steve O'Rourke, Elizabeth Davis, Gary Davis

FSO/SEC – Roz emailed minutes to all. Accepted as mailed

FSO/FN – Shirley is on vacation in Florida. Her report was read. One dollar was formally paid to the Brewer's Yacht Marina for the year's rent. It has already been cashed.

Check from Pfizer is in the mail.

FC announced that there has been a 33% reduction in canoe and kayak deaths since our Paddle Smart initiative. It works – so we will be putting in more effort here.

Bob Van suggested we put literature in stores about this. Mike Quinn suggested people take the Marine Dealer exam so they get mission credit when they do.

Saturday March 21 – ICS 210 will be offered in the afternoon (new member displays in the am) Charles will carpool up. Contact him if you wish to go.

2009 VSC stickers are in. Mike has 400.

Providence Boat Show was a big success. 76 stood watch and Bob VanHerpe worked with "Coastie"

He arranged to get Coastie for our Safe Boating Day.

People are needed for the April Salt Water Show.

Castle Hill is asking for watch standers. They will train. If someone passes their qualifications they will get the same credit as ours. Hours are up to you, but they would like it if you can do it once a week. Contact Frank Cotter 401-828-6340

FSO/PS – Debbie reported a new member pending and two more coming along. She is contacting them regularly.

Mike said he will send the new member materials to Nick and Deb.

FSO/PE – Roz reports a loyal crew of 10 people each PE night, but we would welcome more. Our three classes are going along well – had to cancel one class due to a power failure at the school, but we had a PE planning meeting instead but we will do a make-up class and run one week later. Marlinspike is coming up and we need people to help with hands-on knots.

FSO/OPS- Bob VanHerpe said we need to get more crew qualified as soon as possible. Mike said he plans to be in in mid-May but we will still be in mustangs.

FSO/VE – Derek reported that VE Class starts April 16 and runs for 5 consecutive Thursdays. Email Derek to enroll. We will have part hands-on where we go down the docks and actually board boats with a mentor. We are opening this up to the Division, but they need to register with us so we can plan materials, coffee etc.

FSO/MAT-/IS Mike will fix the website data and order books. It takes two weeks to get the books so we need an April 1 registration cut-off date.

Rich Gallipeau suggested we put the newsletter news on the website. Gary Davis suggested that we put the website link on every email.

Go to the flotilla website northstarflotilla.com and look at the list of activities. Email to VFC Nick Butziger your top three choices and/or add one or your own ideas. Let's have fun in 2009!

OLD BUSINESS

Awards

Steve O'Rourke – for passing navigation exam

Mike Quinn for standing watch at Boston Light

Rich Gallipeau for completing TCT training

Derek Robert – Five Years Service Award, and VE Award

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Public Education BS&S Class from June 1 to June 25

Bob Van has Coastie June 7 –

Let's do Safe Boating Day on Sunday for better attendance.

Bill from Derek for \$10.00 for the food. Motion to pay him. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Meeting was followed by TCT training 9 to 10 pm.