

SAN DIEGO POWER SQUADRON

General Membership Meeting

Minutes of 14 March, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Commander Mraz at 1855. An attendance list was circulated.

There were 35 members present representing a quorum.

Nine guests also attended.

INVOCATION: P/C Hubbard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGANCE: P/C Dave Baer

RECOGNITION of dignitaries.

INTRODUCTION of guests.

Recess for dinner 1900, resumed 1945.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Executive Officer, Lt/C Bombard announced that the Vessel Safety Checks are continuing, with 19 boats passing in 28 checks for the year. Upcoming boat shows require manning of the booths for Day at the Docks on 20 Apr, Harbor Island boat show 24-27 Jul, and Festival of Sail on 20 Aug.

Squadron Educational Officer, Mike Fontaine reported that JN started 12 Feb, 9 students; Seamanship started 4 Mar, 11 students; Boat Smart started 12 Mar. Seminars are continuing at West Marine with the GPS and Weather seminars completed and VHF/DSC planned.

Administrative Officer, Lt/C Nephew reported 27 new members for the year. Raftup planned for 27-29 Jun at La Playa.

Acting Secretary, Bill Frame announced the deadline for Ship's Mail articles for the May-June issue as 15 Apr.

Treasurer, Lt/C Claudia Bowler reported that the Squadron is financially sound. Full report available. Also, there is a new sales team for the stores.

Commander: Cdr Mraz reported that the seminars are continuing with new classes and new instructors. A contribution to the SWYC Benefit on the Bay was suggested and

passed. There are approximately 214 members in the SDSPS. A decision to have a cooperative relationship with the Sea Scouts was announced. A possibility of an outreach program was discussed. The district Star program was discussed. The National Journalism and web site awards were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Opening for a new Secretary and Assistant Secretary, due to the resignation of the previous 2 Secretaries.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS: New members present joined the existing members in the USPS pledge and received membership cards and pins.

PROGRAM: Bill Bridge demonstrated the Weather Seminar for the group.

The next GMM will be a dinner at SWYC on 17 May 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 2145.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Frame

Acting Secretary