

SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES/ 1/15/14

PRESENT: Wilson, Scharp, Sunker, Mulcahey, Johnson, Walker, Vaughn, Skeen, Knapp, Sexton, Crowl, Leavitt, Lipham, Plante, Brown, Gower, Hunn, Maahs, Carr, Cushman, Valdes, Houghton, Noser, Mowad, Upchurch, Gray.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: No comments or corrections except Skipper Cushman is not getting them.

WELCOME: And congratulations to Roger Brown who is taking over as Skipper of Ship 24 and John Maahs who we have not seen in a good while.

SAFETY: So far only *Scout*, and I think Bart's new boat the *John B*, have gotten inspected. Others indicated that they were ready and would make arrangements with one of our inspectors.

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY: Folks still seem to be having trouble visiting the new website that Cassie put together. It is printed in 18 point font at the top of the agenda but you can also go to Google (not Bing) and type in SHAC fleet. The BSA videographers plan to be on hand at SSA again.

BOATS AND GEAR: Bart got wind of a Gulf Coast 20' I think and passed around a laptop with photos. Did not hear of any takers.

2014 EVENTS:

- **SEA SCOUT ACADEMY:** Final details and food distribution were tidied up and the event ran pretty well and smoothly. I was laid low by a virus and turned over the keys to *Scout* to Richard Lipham who not only stepped into my shoes to put on the 'been there, done that' track, but also put over 400 miles on his truck transporting food to the multiple venues.
- **YACHTY GRAS:** February 9. Not sure if Ship 1659 will get much company with this one.
- **SCOUT FAIR:** Debbie took a straw poll and counted seven or eight ships committed to attending. Chris Skeen handed around a theme proposal: This year is the 200th anniversary of the "Star Spangled Banner." The 'original six frigates' commissioned by the Naval Act of 1794 formed the core of a fledgling American Navy which took on the British in the War of 1812. It is proposed that a ship adopt one of the frigates and highlight the history of that frigate as part of the 200 year anniversary of their most storied battles. <http://samhoustonbsa.doubleknot.com/event/scout-fair-2014/1392696>
- **SAIL DAZE:** April 16 at HYC's north cove. Debbie Bryant has agreed to put on lunch again and is rumored to be planning an even better spread than last year.
- **SHIP 1996 SPRING CRUISE:** March 13-18 covering one weekend and a portion of two weeks at the Galveston Boat Club in an effort to make this popular training week available during two different Spring Break weeks. Other ships are invited and a number

are expected to take advantage of this low cost opportunity. \$100 per person for the full program with a likely refund.

- **U.S. POWER SQUADRON SPRING COURSES:** A flier was passed around and is attached to this email.
- **SCOUTING FOR FOOD:** One of the five components of the 100th anniversary of SHAC will take place January 25 and February 1. For details on collection and distribution, contact your district.
- **UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING:** February 8. A good opportunity for new volunteers to get required and topical training.

ROUNDTABLE: Zippy Risley will be coming back soon from her service year and both ships 1996 and 846 look forward to her return. Skipper (emeritus) Chris Skeen formally turned over the helm of Ship 24 to Roger Brown. Eloy reminded all that Scout Sunday is February 23 and that Ship 208 would be a featured unit. Debbie thanked Chris for his Scout Fair proposal. Matt Miller was at the NRA 'Shoot Show' in Vegas. March 15 will be the 100th anniversary of the Battleship Texas and a big celebration is expected. Ship 8 has a Sunfish hull in need of repair available. Application deadline for Texas Flagship submittal and JTE forms to FOTSS for review is extended to the end of the month.

SHAC FLEET FLAGSHIP: Mentioned in passing at the meeting but mainly because I never got my act together for 2013...until now. Also attached to this email are two .xls spreadsheets to be filled out by any Ship wishing to apply for this honor. The forms are meant to supplement the Journey to Excellence form and the JTE form for the Ship is part of the entry. For those who wish to apply for the year 2013, the due date will be this coming February 19. The due date for the 2014 applications will be January 21, 2015. To fill out the form, please fill in all numbers on column 'C.' Where it calls for a percentage, please enter as a decimal. Applications which come with a youth-assembled scrapbook or other tangible photo documentation of the Ship's activity as compiled by the youth will be awarded additional points. For questions (and I'm sure there will be some) email or call me.

VENTURING EXECUTIVE'S MINUTE: A discussion of the issues with updating training records vs. online training. I could not locate the my.scouting.org website (vs. myscouting .org) so I'll hold off on printing that until it is verifiable.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS: Thanks to George Crowl for filling in on the Crisis Afloat course earlier this month.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 2104 until 1930, February 19, 2014 at the Scout office

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." Martin Luther King Jr.

"A good politician is quite as unthinkable as an honest burglar." H.L. Mencken