

SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES/ 3/19/14

PRESENT: Wilson, Ready, Mulcahey, Walker, Sexton, Crowl, Leavitt,, Plante, Gower, Carr, Cushman, Valdes, Houghton, Noser, Bragger, Bibbey.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Done by Cassie and no complaints or comments other than Skipper Upchurch was left off.

WELCOME: To Don Bragger of the Bay Shore district who got trained at the University of Scouting and to Christine Bibbey of Ship and Crew 208 who showed quite a bit of tolerance towards her unruly fellow leaders.

SAFETY: Bart was off, but Skipper Gower informed us that *Bluebell* was ready for inspection. His tongue was in his cheek because he was not making appointments with any VSC inspector present or absent.

BOATS AND GEAR: Tony had sent out a long-awaited list of boats still held by the council.

SCOUT FAIR: Four Ships are registered to date with three or four more committed to go. Nearly all have adopted the "Five Frigates" theme conceived by Chris Skeen and proposed by Debbie Vaughn. Reliant/(NRG) hall will only be open until 7:00 the previous evening so if you plan on bringing a boat Saturday, it will have to be brought in by hand. That may not be all that difficult given our location. <http://samhoustonbsa.doubleknot.com/event/scout-fair-2014/1392696>

SAIL DAZE: April 26 at HYC's north cove. Lots of small boats committed and three large boats. Most Ships present said they would be coming. [Http://samhoustonbsa.doubleknot.com/event/sail-daze/1508713](http://samhoustonbsa.doubleknot.com/event/sail-daze/1508713)

FLEET STORAGE AND FLEET STOREKEEPER: Kevin Plante has graciously agreed to take on Fleet Storekeeper. Items acquired with council funds for fleet events over the past four or so years will be stored in a central location, inventoried and be available for fleet events.

SOUTHERN REGION BOATSWAIN APPLICATION: Due Friday, March 21 and just made available earlier in the week. Looks like we may get one or two applications in.

SPRING BREAK LONG CRUISE REPORT: Eight Ships from SHAC, Bay Area Council, Alamo Area Council and Capital Area Council sent youth who participated in this event which has now been going on for seven years. Weather was mostly good except for the weekend when they had to resort to the Bolivar Ferry to get on the water safely.

U.S. POWER SQUADRON SCOUT FAIR PLANS: The Power Squadron will be setting up a motor boat exhibit outside to promote and offer Motor Boating Merit Badge to older Scouts as a possible intro into Sea Scouting.

KODIAK COURSE: Ship and Crew 208 will be putting on a Kodiak course at Bay Area Park off of Bay Area Boulevard over two weekends in April; one of which coincides with Sail Daze. They are planning a visit to Sail Daze to have a look at what goes on. Kodiak does not come along all that often so if you have youth who might be interested, contact Skipper Peter Cushman.

ROUNDTABLE: Ship 502 got in a great Spring Break cruise. Silver Beaver nominations are due at the end of May; VLA nominations the following month. Chris Leavitt did some research and found that there are 86000 boats registered and the Council area. He proposed a cross reference with SHAC registration files to see who appears on both lists as a possible recruitment tool.

VENTURING EXECUTIVE'S MINUTE: Kevin was filling in for Tony tonight. He let us know that a new and improved council website of coming on line.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS: Looking forward to some warmer weather to get out on the water.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 2052 until 1930, April 16, 2014 at the Scout office

"An army of principles can penetrate where an army of soldiers cannot" -Thomas Paine

"Reality is the leading cause of stress of those in touch with it" - Lily Tomlin