

SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES 4/20/2016

Due to persistent flood conditions in some locations I decided that an online meeting was in order. We used freeconferencecall.com for the first time.

PRESENT: Wilson, Ready, Saunders, Gower, Mowad, Sexton, Start, Golman, Sunker, Mulcahey, Johnson, Noser, Lipham, Plante, Thrash, Crowl and maybe a few others whose phone numbers I didn't recognize. We had 20 attendees total.

WELCOME: To council exec Molly Saunders who is coming on for the 'Sea Scout experience.'

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Cassie firmly turned down the opportunity to write the minutes for the indefinite future to no ones' surprise. Otherwise no one objected to anything.

SAFETY: Bart was out of town I believe.

TRAINING: Cassie will be teaching SSALBT on Thursday April 28 in Seabrook at the home of Lawrence Rearick, 903 Baron Ridge Drive. Let Cassie know if any need this training and want to attend.

Sea Badge 2016 is coming up September 23-25 at SSBG. <http://www.bacbsa.org/ssbg/events-2016/seabadge-2016/59199>

Powder Horn 2016 finishes up this coming weekend at SSBG. We are helping out by skippering Sonars and RIBs. David Gower is looking for help giving the flare demonstration.

BOATS AND GEAR: Marcus sent out information on a trawler down at the Galveston marina which I forwarded. Will take a large sum of money to make operable. Donee beware.

PROGRAM:

SAIL DAZE: Skipper Peter Cushman had some difficulty connecting but it looks like we are still in good hands. The Doubleknot link is: <http://samhoustonbsa.doubleknot.com/event/sail-daze-2016/1896034> . Cost is \$10 and it was decided that the budget should cover lunch (hot dogs) to go along with a patch and a few port-a-cans. All we need is the volunteers and equipment to cook it. I believe 1659 bought a propane grill with fleet funds for this event but I don't know where it is.

OTHER BUSINESS:

SYLVAN BEACH FACILITY: Skipper Barton Bennett had been contacted by the managers at Sylvan Beach about the Sea Scout facility at the beach A good number of folks are not familiar with the facility and its contents so we'll take a survey in the coming month. The geographic coordinates of the facility per Google Earth are: 29 degrees 29' 21.62"n and 95 degrees 00' 28.23w. There is a storage building with small porch and a fenced enclosure. The beach is not usually a good place to take inexperienced sailors but can be a good place to take your kids to the beach.

NATIONAL SAILING STANDARDS PROGRAM: The investigational program which was announced late last month has been canceled due to a lack of committed inexperienced sailors. George offered to keep in touch with them and perhaps get better notification and coordination should they ever decide to try again in our area.

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY DAY: May 14 (conflicting with Sail Daze) at SSBG for youth who might be interested in attending the Naval Academy.

ROUNDTABLE: George is about to wind up the USPS Seamanship course and is thinking of offering a weekend class on the Power Squadron itself. I may have missed some other comments. It was asked if anyone planned on attending the Venture Fest which drew no positive responses. Kevin subsequently sent the link which is pasted below.

Here is the Venturing event that was asked about on the call.

<http://www.summitbsa.org/venturingfest/>

VENTURING EXECUTIVE'S MINUTE: Kevin enjoyed Scout Fair and thanked us for our efforts.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS: Thanks to those who participated in Scout Fair and Debbie Vaughn for heading it up.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 2033 until 1930 May 18 at the Scout office.

“For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth. **18** The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water.” Genesis 7:17-18

“The secret to staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly and lie about your age.” Lucille Ball