

Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron
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General Membership Meeting Minutes:

October 18, 2007

Rolling Hills Golf Course Clubhouse
1415 North Mill Avenue
Tempe, AZ

Call to Order: 1840

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America: Led by Rob Anderson.

Quorum: Per Joe Warren, Secretary, a quorum was present.

Attendees: 22 members and guests in attendance.

Approval of Minutes of Preceding General Membership Meeting: **It was moved by Rob Anderson and seconded by John Lusson to accept the minutes of the September 15, 2007 General Membership meeting as presented. The motion passes.**

Reports of Officers:

Executive Officer: Gary Prigge - absent – reports by committee chairpersons

- Boat Show – Terry Gray – No Report.
- Cooperative Charting – Rose Werner absent – Reported by Ron Werner. Not much activity recently. Ron reports that several PSPS members, Rose Werner, Doug Frazier and Ron Werner are on the Cooperative Charting Honor Roll. The 3 are among the top 75 in the USPS nationally.
- Legislative Liason – Bob Hurley – absent – Bob Schloeman reported no report.
- Radio Technical – Bob Schloeman - No Report.
- Public Relations – No Report.
- Safety – Roger Clark – There have been several hypothermia fatalities in Oregon recently. We are approaching winter so be aware of the potential for hypothermia. Dress in layers to help stay warm and be safe and prepared.
- Arizona Safe Boating celebration - Connie Johnson - The Safe Boating awareness celebration schedule is in flux. The event may be held in either March or May 2008.
- Vessel Safety Check – Ron Werner – The examiners are doing good.

Squadron Educational Officer: Tim Harrington – absent – report by Assistant SEO, Art Ashton.

- The JN class with Chuck Peterson and Lee Whitehead as instructors is about halfway thru.
- The Sail 102 class with Dave Allocco instructing is on the home stretch. The weekend on the water sailing event went very well.

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- Other classes and seminars are in various stages of being scheduled so “stay tuned”.

Administrative Officer: Ron Quagliara - reports by committee chairpersons
Membership – Bill Johnson – No new members. Some potential new members in the wings.

Member Involvement – Terry Gray – No Report.

Boating Activities – Several upcoming activities include:

- The Cholla Bay Fish Fry is set for October 26, 27 and 28 at Cholla Bay, Mexico.
- The Turkey fry is set for November 10th at Bartlett Lake. It is a pot luck dinner with the Squadron providing the turkeys. Get your entry pass in advance.
- The Christmas Party is set for December 8th at Papago Park. The party will be a pot luck event so plan to bring a salad or desert. The Squadron will provide the entrée. Our use permit includes beer only, in cans, no bottles allowed. No wine or liquor is permitted in the park. Soft drinks are permitted, but not in glass containers.
- The Santa Cruise is planned for December 15th at Lake Pleasant.
- The Change of Watch is set for February 9, 2008. Note this date is different than what had been previously published. The event will be at the Union Hills Country Club.
- The District Spring Conference is planned for early March at the Thunderbird Inn at 59th Avenue and Greenway. Phoenix is the Host Squadron so plan to help make the event a successful event by participating in the activities and / or volunteering to help with the event.

Secretary: Joe Warren – No Report.

Historian / IT / Website - Bob Schloeman - No Report.

Ensign / **Bos'n's Pipe** – Lee Whitehead – absent – No Report.

Treasurer: Jackie Wanta –

Jackie presented a copy of the Treasurer's Report for October 2007 to the General Membership. A copy is on file with the Secretary's records.

Ships Store - Jan Park - No Report.

Commander: Bill Johnson – items covered in other reports / discussions.

Unfinished Business:

New Business: Bob Schloeman has been researching PSPS member dues and has discussed his ideas with the membership at the September General Membership meeting. Bob has summarized his findings in a document labeled “Dues Amendment” distributed to members during tonight's meeting. The document is on file with the Secretary's records. The document concludes with a motion, repeated herein: **The Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron dues for Additional Actives members shall be**

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changed from zero to 50% of the Primary Active dues/year beginning with the 2008/2009 dues year. This dues change, if adopted and as may be amended herewith, shall be documented in the Squadron Policy and Procedures, Section 17. It was moved by Bob Schloeman and seconded by Rick Bell. The motion carries.

Bob Schloeman indicated he will be looking for member input and support for potential changes to the Squadron's Policy and Procedures as he researches where to include the recently approved "John Yount Sheer Genius" Award.

Good of the Order:

- Congratulations to Nancy Aleksa and Janice Park for having achieved Educational Proficiency.
- Mary Hora is home from the hospital and improving.
- A question was raised that in the past the Squadron had an Award titled the "Princess Henrietta" Award. The question asked what has happened to that award.

Adjournment: 1912 by Joe Warren, Secretary

Program: After the meeting David Allocco gave a fascinating presentation on the Erie Canal. The Erie Canal had a critical role in the economic development during the early days of our country. The Canal was a critical farm to market route in getting agricultural goods from the farm to markets on the East coast and ultimately points beyond. The Canal greatly reduced travel time for these goods. Now days the canal is a travel and tourist opportunity. After seeing Dave's presentation, several members are interested in making the trip along the Erie Canal.