

SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES - 8/21/13

PRESENT: Wilson, Ready, Welch, Sharp, Shull, Sunker, Plante, Johnson, Noser, Walker, Knapp, Sexton, Woody, Vaughn, Valdes, Mowad, Upchurch, Crowl, Leavitt, Lipham, Sheward, Taylor, Pena.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Collective yawns and silence when asked for comments or corrections. I almost expected a motion to adjourn at that point.

WELCOME: To Steve Sheward, mate with Ship 777, Amy Taylor with Ship 1332, Lupita Pena with Ship 208 and welcome back to Tony Sharp, council adviser who was reassigned back to Venturing/Sea Scouting.

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY: Cassie was with the Bosuns next door but Ron was there to report on Jamboree at which SHAC Sea Scouts were very busy marketing the program. The Holling triplets were there along with Matt Miller so we had the best youth spokesmen and women in the country. Eloy and Greg Carr were around the corner at the Stop Hunger Now booth.

SAFETY: Bart had one boat finally ready for a CME - an S2 on Watergate Pier 19 recently acquired by.....Bart. Kevin Plante said he still had a pile of Type 1 offshore vests he needed to get rid of. It was suggested he bring a few in each month and if there were no takers, consign them to the dumpster.

BOATS AND GEAR: Marcus reiterated the need for marina service if Ships wanted to retain their slips. Slippage rents for \$240 on up per month which is what South Shore forgoes to accommodate Sea Scout boats. That adds up to \$2,880 and up of value per year donated per slip. Some service time to show appreciation is not optional. He also warned that tires on trailers age whether they are used or not and need to be replaced every five or six years regardless of wear. Ron Sunker reported on a 70's runabout in good shape which was being donated. Ship 208 was interested.

MINTO RENDEZVOUS: September 6-8. Early registration ended on August 16.

AGGIE CUP: Sept 28 unless weather or other factors postpone it. Just a month to go and just one crew entry...from Ft. Worth.

FALL REGATTA: This came up during the Roundtable when Skipper Plante pointed out that the currently scheduled date, October 19 is a big UIL weekend and has numerous other conflicts whereas **October 26** looks to be less conflicted. This observation quickly evolved into a motion and agreement to change the date.

FLEET BRIDGE OF HONOR: November 6 at the council office. Please take your ship's pulse so we can see what the demand might be at the September meeting.

TRAINING: Seabadge, Strake Conference Center, November 15-17. Filling up quick. SSALBT will be available September 19. Location is tentatively the Ship 24 Scout House at the corner of 43rd St. and Donna Bell across from St. Stephens Methodist Church.

SEA SCHOOL: October 12, 13,14. The first USPS training weekend structured for adult Sea Scouters can be accessed at:

usps-houston.org/home/joint-sea-scout-hsps-activities/usps-sea-school-2013/

Check out the link; there is something for everyone. Early registration ends September 20.

ROUNDTABLE: About 25% Sea Scouts at the Venturing Summit was the estimate according to George. In the current issue of Scouting Magazine, Matt Miller is shown in whites but it is titled as the new working uniform. The new uniform is based on readily available and affordable Dickies items. Cassie reminded all that the Environmental Institute of Houston Dolphin Monitoring program counts as service time. A discovery was shared that some Hobie rudders can be easily fit onto a Sunfish.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS: Look forward to seeing you all at Minto.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 2108 until September 18 at the Scout office.

"If you don't know what you are doing, it is best to do it quickly."

-Jase Robertson – Duck Dynasty.

"I'm not a member of any organized political party. I'm a Democrat." -Will Rogers